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**THE WATER WORKS COMMISSION.**—The newly appointed Water Works Commission have entered upon their work by seeking information from other cities as to their experience in water. A circular has been prepared with evident care, to be addressed to the authorities of all the cities of the United States. The answers received to the inquiries made ought to put the Commission in possession of sufficient facts upon which to warrant a conclusion as to the best method of distributing water to meet all the wants of this city.

The following is a copy of the circular addressed to the Mayors of cities:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 1, 1872. }

*Honorable the Mayor :*

Dear Sir: The city of Rochester proposes to make some provision for supplying itself with water, either through a private corporation or the construction of the works. We are desirous, therefore, of obtaining all the information possible upon the subject, and would esteem it a great favor if you would give us a reply to the following interrogations:

First—Is your city supplied by the city or by private corporation?

Second—If supplied by private corporation, does it work to the advantage of the city? What rates do citizens pay and what does your city pay for public use?

Third—If once supplied by private corporation and now by your city, why was the change made?

Fourth—What is the total cost of your works?

Fifth—How many miles of pipe have you outside of your city limits, and how many inside?

Sixth—What is the net income of your works?

Seventh—Is your water supplied by gravitation alone, or by pumping also, and if by pumping, by what plan?

Eighth—Were insurance rates reduced on the opening of your water works, or soon thereafter, and if so, how much?

Ninth—Have you any statistics showing comparison of losses by fire before your water works were in operation and since, if so, will you please furnish them?

Tenth—Have you also statistics regarding health, showing comparison before and after water works were in operation in your city, and if so, please furnish them?

Eleventh—How many gallons of water do your citizens consume annually, and how many are used for public purposes?

Your obedient servant,

A. CARTER WILDER, Mayor.

ROSWELL HART,

President Rochester Board Water Com'rs.