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NATIONAL HUMANE ALLIANCE FOUNTAIN.

[Corner of Main and Locust streets.]

CITY CAN HAVE A FOUNTAIN

**If It Will Pay the Cost of Plumbing
and Maintenance.**

Mayor Sanderson was informed yesterday through a letter from the national humane alliance of New York that this city can have as a gift from the society a large street fountain costing \$1000 if the city will pay for the plumbing connections and guarantee a continuous water supply for it. The fountain is described as built of Maine granite to a height of six feet eight inches, and the diameter of the bowl from which horses will drink is six feet. The letter and inclosed pamphlet shows that similar fountains have been furnished to many large cities in New York and Ohio, and also further West. In each case it was only necessary for the city to pay for the charges accruing after the fountain arrived ready to be set up. The city, however, has to provide a suitable location, or one from which the fountain can be approached from all sides. The fountain weighs five tons. The mayor will refer the letter to the city council. The intersection of Locust and South Main streets is mentioned as a suitable site.

ACCEPTS FOUNTAIN LOCATION.

National Humane Alliance States Conditions of Gift.

Mayor Sanderson was informed yesterday that the national humane alliance had approved of the intersection of Main and Locust streets as the site for the new drinking fountain which the society will give to the city free providing the city council sanctions certain conditions which are required in connection with the gift. Lewis M. Seaver of the alliance apprised the mayor and the city council of the conditions which the city must fulfill in the following letter:—

Gentlemen: Referring to the matter of donation of one of our fountains to your city, and about which the writer was recently in conference with you there, we now beg to state that our association will deliver one of our fountains to your city free of charge (freight prepaid), provided we are officially apprised of acceptance of the following conditions: That your city will take the fountain from the car, place it on a good foundation at the junction of Main and Locust streets at least 40 feet from any curb or street car rail, put in good water connection (plumbing, etc.), and guarantee good continuous supply and permanent care of said fountain. It is further understood in this connection that the iron fountain now in use some two or three blocks from the site mentioned in this proposition is to be moved to some other point where it will be more needed after this larger fountain is in use at Main and Locust streets. Very truly yours, the National Humane Alliance, LEWIS M. SEAVER, Secretary and Treasurer.

The mayor said the conditions would doubtless be approved at the next session of both boards, but just how soon he did not know. Unless a special gathering of the council is called, the gift will not be accepted finally by the city until September 9.

Approves Proposed Site for Fountain.

Lewis M. Seaver of New York city, the secretary and treasurer of the National humane alliance, visited this city yesterday morning and inspected the location at the corner of Main and Locust streets, which the city favors for the site of the drinking fountain that the alliance is to give free to the city. Before he left he assured the mayor and board of supervisors, who took the inspection trip with him, that the site was satisfactory. The party on their tour also looked over the sites in the Forest park section, including the triangle at the corner of Belmont and Summer avenues. Mr Seaver said on leaving that he thought the Main and Locust-streets site the best one he had seen here. He believes the alliance will give the fountain which had been partly promised to the city depending on the selection of a suitable site. He told the mayor that word would be sent him soon as to the matter. The cost of the fountain, which the alliance delivers free of charge, is \$1000. The city has to take the fountain from the freight car and pay for setting it up and maintaining it.

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Summer and Belmont Aves., Springfield, Mass.

Drinking Fountain Arrives.

The bronze fountain which the National humane alliance has presented to Springfield, and which is to be located at the junction of Main and Locust streets, has arrived at the Boston and Maine freight yards and will be moved to its future site at once. As it comes in five parts, one of which will set well under ground, it is probable that it will be several days before it is put into position. Another cause of delay in its completion will be the putting in of the water and sewer connections. On this account, and because of the present busy season, no arrangements have been made for any formal dedication, but the opinion still prevails that the city's acceptance of such a gift ought not to go unnoticed.

A set of resolutions, expressing the city's formal thanks to the national humane alliance for the handsome granite fountain which has been set up at the corner of Main and Locust streets, is being drawn up and will be presented to the city council for indorsement Monday evening.

One of the victims of the collision of



Sumner and Belmont Aves., Springfield, Mass.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS. Picturesque South Main Street, gateway to the Forest Park Section.