

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following letter was received by the chairman of the Street and Alley committee of our City Council.

GENTLEMEN:—I have had occasion to go to the Park twice a week for some time. Two weeks ago I started to go a half a mile from your depot on your main thoroughfare with a team of horses, and was mired down; stuck fast in the mud. Got out and walked the entire journey, missing the train I wanted to take, sacrificing time, physical and mental energy. The following week I could get no carriage or wagon to take me where I wanted to go, knowing it to be impossible; therefore engaged a horse and rode. It was with great difficulty that I could even ride my horse through the streets, having to ride on the walk nearly all the time.

I have three or four friends whom I have been for a month until the roads would freeze up or dry up, to take to Highland Park to show property to. I fear they will rent or buy elsewhere before I can take them out, on account of the disgraceful condition of our roads. I have always lived in Chicago in the winter, but this winter should like to have gone out the first of April or before, but it would be impossible to do so.

The roads of Highland Park are a disgrace. They do us more injury than all the other inconveniences and evils we have. Every street in the city should be paved. The main thoroughfares should have attention first. I am willing to pay my share of taxes to have good streets and roads, and I believe every other citizen is, if he will investigate it.

Yours truly,  
W. A. ALEXANDER.

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