

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR OF NEWS—

In the issue of Dec. 9th, under head of "Pumping Station Report," there appears the following: "The cost of pumping the water wasted in frequent flushings of the water main for the month would at least pay half the cost of a filtering bed."

This is not as it appeared in my report, and is entirely different in its meaning. My report contained the following: "The cost of water used in flushing mains would pay half the cost of filtering the whole pumpage for the month;" or in other words it would pay the cost of keeping a filter bed in operation for the month. A filter bed would cost something like \$10,000, while the cost of operating it would probably be about half a cent per thousand gallons."

EDWARD LAING,  
Supt. of Water Works.

NOTE — We meant just what Mr. Laing says, only in our paragraph the word "operating" was left out. The cost of a filtering bed is one thing; the cost of operating is quite another.

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