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of school buildings. We wish particularly to know whether broken windows cannot be mended under the supervision and direction of this officer; whether heating and plumbing apparatus found to be in a condition needing immediate attention, which may include repairs to the same, in order to protect the school buildings of the City and to insure the safety of school children, and to prevent sickness among teachers and pupils, may not be put into proper condition by the said Supervisor, under the direction of the School Board. A situation now exists in certain of the schools which makes it imperative for the School Board to act at once, through its Supervisor, regarding certain school buildings, without referring the question whether the changes in the heating, plumbing and ventilation of the buildings shall be submitted to the Inspector of Public Buildings, unless you should rule that such action by the School Board would be illegal. It will be evident to you, I think, without a detailed statement of the condition of certain of the school buildings, or without any argument from me, that it will be an unfortunate thing if, when a lock is off a door, or a pane out of a window, or a steam pipe is in such condition that an entire school building is cold and confortless for its tenants, or plumbing is in an unsanitary condition, the School Board, who has a Supervisor appointed to remedy such defects, would have to refer these questions to an officer whose time is so thoroughly occupied with important municipal duties, as is the case with the Inspector of Public Buildings.

I am,

Yours very truly, (Signed) B. Howard Haman

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I had a satisfactory talk with Mr. Preston yesterday: Mr. Preston called my attention to an expression in section 101 of the Charter, which, however, I do not think is material to the question I submitted to you. His reference was to the sentence which expresses"

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