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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MONDAY, November 24, 1884,
1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. William P. Kirk, President.

ALDERMEN

Thomas Cleary,
Robert E. De Lacy,
Charles Dempsey,
Michael Duffy,
Patrick Farley,
Frederick Finck,
Ludolph A. Fullgraff,
Hugh J. Grant,

Henry W. Jaehne,
Patrick Kenney,
William H. Miller,
Francis McCabe,
Michael F. McLoughlin,
Arthur J. McQuade,
John C. O'Connor, Jr.,
John O'Neil,

James Pearson,
Charles H. Reilly,
Thomas Rothman,
Henry L. Sayles,
Thomas Sheils,
Charles B. Waite,
Louis Wendel.

The minutes of meetings of November 19 and 20, 1884, were read and approved.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 24, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

The term for which Mr. Henry Smith was appointed a Police Commissioner expired on the 1st day of May, 1877; he died before the expiration of that time and Mr. Joel B. Erhardt was appointed to fill the vacancy thus created. Had Mr. Smith lived his term of office would have expired on the 1st day of May, 1877, and I feel no doubt that the term of his successor necessarily expired on the same day. Under the provisions of section 25, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the successor of Mr. Smith or of Mr. Erhardt was entitled to the office for six years from the first day of May, 1877, or until the first day of May, 1883. I am confirmed in this opinion by the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York" (chapter 410, Laws of 1882), which re-enacts section 25 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, and provides (section 105) that "any person appointed after the commencement of the term as herein prescribed shall hold until the expiration of such term and until a successor is duly appointed and qualified." Mr. Stephen B. French was appointed a Police Commissioner on the 20th day of May, 1879, succeeding Mr. Erhardt, who up to this date had continued to act under no other appointment than that by virtue of which he was to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Smith, and the term for which Mr. Smith was appointed unquestionably expired on the 1st day of May, 1877. Mr. Erhardt was consequently holding beyond his term, and he continued so to hold over until Mr. French's appointment, thereby holding into the term of his successor. There is in my mind no doubt therefore that Mr. French's appointment was but to fill the balance of the term which began on the 1st day of May, 1877, and that the term for which he was appointed expired six years thereafter, namely, on the first day of May, 1883.

On the 1st of May, 1883, I entertained some doubt about the correctness of this proposition and I applied for and obtained eminent legal advice, which, however, failed to remove my doubt. I was nevertheless not unmindful of my duty to appoint a successor to Mr. French within ten days from the expiration of his term, but in view of conflicting opinions I hesitated to make any appointment until after more mature consideration, more careful examination of the laws and consultation with eminent legal gentlemen, all doubt should be removed. I am convinced that my first impression was correct and that Mr. French's term of office expired on the 1st day of May, 1883. It is therefore my duty, the moment this fact is clearly established in my mind, to appoint a successor to Mr. French for the term of six years from the 1st day of May, 1883; therefore,

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate, and by and with your consent appoint Stephen B. French a Police Commissioner of the City of New York, for the term of six years from the 1st day of May, 1883, in the place and stead of Stephen B. French, whose term of office has expired.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

Alderman Waite moved the confirmation of the nomination of S. B. French.
Alderman De Lacy moved that the message from his Honor the Mayor nominating S. B. French as Police Commissioner, be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion to lay over.

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Jaehne, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen De Lacy, Jaehne, McQuade, O'Connor, O'Neil, and Reilly—6.
Negative—The President, Aldermen Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, Pearson, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—17.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Waite to confirm the nomination of S. B. French as Police Commissioner.

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, O'Connor, Pearson, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—18.
Negative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Jaehne, McQuade, O'Neil, and Reilly—6.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 24, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Referring to my communication of this date, respecting the expiration of the term of office of Police Commissioner Stephen B. French, I desire to say that similar reasoning applies with equal force in respect to the expiration of the term of office of Police Commissioner Joel W. Mason. The term of office for which George W. Matsell was appointed a Police Commissioner expired on the 1st day of May, 1878; he was removed before the expiration of his term and DeWitt C. Wheeler was appointed in his place. Under the provisions of section 25, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the successor of Mr. Matsell or of Mr. Wheeler was entitled to the office for six years from the 1st day of May, 1878, or until the 1st day of May, 1884. Mr. Joel W. Mason was appointed a Police Commissioner on the 25th of May, 1880, succeeding Mr. Wheeler, who, up to this date, had continued to act under no other appointment than that by virtue of which he was to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Matsell, and the term for which Mr. Matsell was appointed unquestionably expired on the 1st day of May, 1878. Mr. Wheeler was consequently holding beyond his term, and he continued so to

hold over until Mr. Mason's appointment, thereby holding into the term of his successor. There is in my mind no doubt that Mr. Mason's appointment was but to fill the remainder of the term which began on the 1st of May, 1878, and that the term for which he was appointed expired six years thereafter, or on the 1st of May, 1884. It therefore becomes my duty, these facts being now clearly established in my mind, to appoint a successor to Mr. Mason for the term of six years from the first of May, 1884; therefore,

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate, and by and with your consent appoint John McClave a Police Commissioner of the City of New York for the remainder of the term of six years from the first day of May, 1884, in the place and stead of Joel W. Mason, whose term of office has expired.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

Alderman Miller moved the confirmation of the nomination of John McClave.

Alderman O'Neil moved that the message from his Honor the Mayor, nominating John McClave as Police Commissioner, be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Jaehne, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Jaehne, McQuade, O'Neil, and Reilly—6.
Negative—The President, Aldermen Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, Pearson, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—17.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Miller to confirm the nomination of John McClave as Police Commissioner.

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, O'Connor, Pearson, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—18.
Negative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Jaehne, McQuade, O'Neil, and Reilly—6.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 24, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 13, 1884, granting the consent of the Common Council to the Broadway Surface Railroad Company to construct, maintain, operate and use a street surface railroad in the following-named streets, avenues, and highways in the City of New York, namely: "Commencing at the southerly end of Broadway near the Battery and running thence with double tracks through and along Broadway and across Fourteenth street and along Union Square to a point at or near the intersection of Fifteenth street and West Union Square, together with the necessary connections, switches, sidings, turn-outs, turntables, and suitable stands for the convenient working of said road." This consent is granted upon the following conditions, set forth in detail in the resolutions herewith returned: First, that the proposed railroad shall be constructed according to the most approved plan, with the most approved pattern of rails, so laid as to interfere as little as possible with street traffic, and that all sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables and stands be of the most approved plan and equal to the best of their kind now in use in this city; Second, that the cars shall be operated by horse-power only, and that each car shall be drawn by at least two horses and be provided with a conductor and a driver; Third, that all reasonable ordinances relative to use of the streets, rate of speed, removal of snow, etc., shall be obeyed; that only five cents shall be paid for any single fare to any point on the proposed line or on connecting lines; that the Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall keep in permanent repair the portion of the street which it occupies, "between its tracks, the rails of its tracks and a space two feet in width outside of and adjoining the outside rails of its track or tracks so to be constructed;" Fourth, that the company shall comply with the law in the matter of the payment of percentages of gross receipts into the City Treasury; Fifth, that the company shall, "by way of rent or as additional compensation," pay to the city yearly the sum of forty thousand dollars, and secure the regular annual payment thereof by the bond of the company, with at least two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars; Sixth, that all the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884 be complied with; and, Seventh, that within sixty days after the adoption of these resolutions the aforesaid company shall execute and deliver to the Comptroller an instrument in writing, binding the company to observe the conditions set forth in these resolutions. It is also further provided "that in the event of the failure or neglect of said company to make the said report and the payment of said percentages as hereinbefore directed and required, then and in that event the provisions of section 8 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, providing for a forfeiture of the rights, privileges and franchises of such company, shall be applicable."

On the 15th of August last, I had the honor to submit to your Honorable Body my objections to resolutions, passed by you on the 6th of the same month, which gave the consent of the Common Council to the construction, maintenance and use of a street surface railroad, with double tracks, upon and along the surface of Broadway, from the southerly end thereof to Fifteenth street, by the Broadway Surface Railroad Company. Those resolutions having failed of adoption, the resolutions now under consideration have been passed by your Honorable Body, granting to the same company the consent of the Common Council to construct in all respects a similar road upon the same route. My objections to the former resolutions apply with equal force to these, notwithstanding the fact that the great value of the franchise is now admitted, and the necessity for some conditions as to the style of rail to be used, the kind of cars to be employed, and the construction of sidings, turn-tables, etc., is now recognized.

The "first" subdivision under the second of these resolutions provides that "the said railroad shall be constructed according to the most approved plan for the construction of the city railroads and with the most approved pattern of steel rails * * * and the said connections, switches, sidings * * * shall likewise be constructed after the most approved plan and shall be equal in all respects to the best of their kind now in use on any city railroads in the City of New York;" but there is no provision as to who is to approve of these things or to determine what the most approved plan is. The style of rail to be used is thus left to be determined by the company itself, while no restrictions whatever are placed upon the number and location of the switches, sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables and stands; therefore the plan of construction and the pattern and quality of materials to be used are left as fully at the option of the company as they were in the resolutions of August 6.

The "fifth" subdivision of the second resolution provides that the Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall, in addition to the percentages of gross receipts required by law, at the expiration of the first year from the date at which the operation of the road shall commence, and annually thereafter, pay into the treasury of the city, by way of rent or as additional compensation, the sum of forty thousand dollars per annum, the payment of which is to be secured by bond as therein set forth. I have been unable to find any authority in law which would permit the "local authorities" thus to fix the value of this or any other franchise for a street surface railroad. Such a condition might perhaps be made in the absence of any specific provision of law as to the manner of determining the value of such a franchise; but section 7 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884—the act under which consent is asked to construct this road—explicitly provides the process by which the value of such franchises shall be arrived at by the local authorities of any incorporated city or village, viz.: by public auction. Therefore, in my judgment, to arrive at the value of this franchise in any other way than by public auction would be to assume a power which is not conferred upon the local authorities by the statute. If, however, through a strained interpretation of the meaning of the Legislature as expressed in the act, a doubt may be raised respecting such an interpretation of the statute, still the wisdom of adopting the plan of sale at public auction could not be questioned, for such a course would at once protect the interests of the city and insure the local authorities against unjust suspicion and accusation. Furthermore, it is my conviction that if this franchise shall be sold or rented at private sale or letting, as contemplated in these resolutions, the question will sooner or later be raised as to the power of the Common Council to impose such a condition in such a manner.

The closing paragraph of the second of these resolutions provides "that in the event of the failure or neglect of the said company to make the said * * * payment of the said percentages, as hereinbefore directed and required," then the provision of the law exacting the forfeiture of the said rights and franchises shall be applicable. It will be noticed that nothing is said in this paragraph relative to the forfeiture of the said rights and franchises in the event of the company's failure to pay the annual rental of forty thousand dollars. In my judgment, this is a serious omission, and one, which taken in connection with the assumption of power to impose such a condition, paves the way to probable litigation respecting the payment of the so-called rent.

Several companies are asking consent to construct a railroad through this great thoroughfare, each claiming to afford better facilities for public travel than the other. It was certainly not the intent of the Legislature, as expressed in the General Street Surface Railroad Act, to permit the "local authorities" designated therein to give, or sell, or rent this enormously valuable franchise on terms agreed upon through private negotiation with any company, and to reject the requests and

claims of all others. The Broadway Surface Railroad Company cannot justly claim any rights superior to those of other companies seeking similar consent.

In conclusion I desire to repeat the conviction I have frequently expressed that to permit any railroad to be built in Broadway will prove a serious error. This noble avenue is the great thoroughfare of our metropolis, and as a public highway has no equal in the United States; it is the only continuous and uninterrupted street extending from the Battery to Union Square; its character as a commercial centre has made it famous throughout the world; its easy grade and central position make it the natural and necessary highway for the vast traffic of the city, for which now no other avenue is left. In view of these facts the local authorities are bound, as public guardians of the corporate property, to act only after the most thorough, deliberate and exhaustive consideration; and with this view such maps, plans and specifications should be prepared as will show the exact location of the proposed road in all its details, and specify with particularity the method of construction, the pattern of rail to be used, the kind of cars to be employed, and all other things which would tend to insure the public convenience and prevent the unnecessary desecration and obstruction of our oldest and grandest thoroughfare. A little delay in properly disposing of this question can do no harm, but on the other hand may ward off evils in which too great haste is almost certain to involve the city. And, if it shall finally appear that public interests demand that the city shall give up this highway to a private corporation, let it be so done as to leave no doubt in the mind of any citizen that the interests of the city have been guarded with the most jealous and conscientious fidelity by those to whom such interests are entrusted.

For these reasons I am constrained to withhold my approval of the resolutions herewith returned.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

Whereas, The Broadway Surface Railroad Company heretofore made application in writing to the Common Council of the City of New York for its consent and permission to be granted to the said Company, to construct, maintain, operate and use a street surface railroad, to be operated by horse power, upon and along the surface of the streets, avenues and highways in the City of New York, and upon the route mentioned in the petition of said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company, dated October 3, 1884, addressed to the said Common Council, and duly verified on the same day by James A. Richmond, President of the said company; and

Whereas, On receipt of the said petition in writing, containing the aforesaid application of the said company for the consent of the Common Council to the construction, operation and use by said company of its proposed railroad upon the route mentioned in said petition, the Common Council caused public notice of such application, and of the time and place when the same would be first considered, to be published daily for at least fourteen days in two daily newspapers of the City of New York, to wit, in the New York "World" and the "Evening Post," which papers were designated for that purpose by his Honor the Mayor, and the said notice having been likewise published daily at least fourteen days in the newspaper published in the City of New York called the "Daily Register;" and

Whereas, On the 20th day of October, 1884, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, that being the time and place designated in said notice, a meeting of the Common Council was had to first consider the aforesaid application of said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company, and the said application and the accompanying papers having been thereupon referred to the Committee on Railroads, in order that all persons interested might have a hearing, and the said Committee having had several protracted sessions at which every person interested either for or against the application, who desired to be heard, was heard, and the said Committee having listened to, and received all arguments or evidence offered in support of or against the said application, and having made their report to this Board, dated November 16, 1884, accompanied by a stenographic or printed record of the proceedings before the Committee, together with all documents or exhibits offered by any or either of the parties, and the said report and record and the accompanying papers having been duly considered by the Board; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the Common Council, an urgent necessity exists for a railroad in Broadway, between the Battery and Union Square, for the accommodation of the general public; and

Whereas, In the judgment of this Board it is not expedient to make an auction sale of the consent or permission which alone the Common Council has power to grant for the construction of the proposed railroad, but this Board has determined to exact from any company to whom its consent for the construction of a railroad on Broadway shall be granted, in addition to the percentages on gross receipts, which by law is required to be paid into the City Treasury, such further compensation as shall be just and fair, bearing in mind that the object to be attained is not chiefly revenue, but the promotion of the public interest, by securing an efficient and well conducted railroad, which will afford the greatest accommodation to the public with the least interference with the present use of the street or the pavement thereof or the structures underneath the same; and

Whereas, A horse railroad can be easily constructed on Broadway, without any protracted interference with the public travel on said street or with the use thereof by carriages, trucks and other vehicles; and

Whereas, In the judgment of the Common Council the public inducements offered by the petitioner in the proposed construction and operation of its railroad are superior to those which under the law can be offered by any other company; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the consent of this Board be and the same is hereby granted and permission of the Common Council is hereby given to said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company to construct, maintain, operate and use a street surface railroad for public use in the conveyance of persons and property in cars upon and along the surface of the following streets, avenues and highways in the City of New York, to wit: Commencing at the southerly end of Broadway near the Battery and running thence with double tracks through and along Broadway and across Fourteenth street to and along Union Square to a point at or near the intersection of Fifteenth street and West Union Square, together with the necessary connections, switches, sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables and suitable stands for the convenient working of said road; and it is hereby further

Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council is given and granted to said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company for the construction, maintenance and use of its proposed railroad, as aforesaid, upon the streets, avenues and route hereinbefore mentioned, expressly upon the following conditions and not otherwise:

First—The said railroad shall be constructed according to the most approved plan for the construction of city railroads and with the most approved pattern of steel rails, which shall be laid in such manner as to interfere as little as possible with the use of the surface of the street by trucks, carriages and other ordinary vehicles, and the said connections, switches, sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables and suitable stands which shall be necessary for the convenient working of said road, shall likewise be constructed after the most approved plan, and shall be equal in all respects to the best of their kind now in use on any city railroads in the City of New York.

Second—The said railroad shall be operated by horse-power only, and the cars to be run on said railroad shall be drawn by not less than two horses, and shall each be provided with a conductor as well as a driver; provided, however, that the said company may make use of any motive power suitable for the purposes of a street surface railroad other than locomotive steam power, which may hereafter be consented to by the local authorities and by a majority of the property-owners obtained in accordance with the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884.

Third—The said company shall comply with all reasonable ordinances or regulations which the local authorities having charge of streets, avenues, roads or highways in the City of New York shall make as to the rate of speed, mode of use of tracks and removal of ice and snow from said tracks as the interest and convenience of the public may require; and this consent is likewise given upon the express condition that said company shall not charge any passenger more than five cents for one continuous ride from any point on its road or on any road or line or branch operated by it or under its control, to any other point thereon, or on any connecting branch thereof, within the limits of the City of New York, and if said company has acquired, or shall hereafter obtain, the right to run its cars upon the existing tracks of The Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company, or if The Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company has heretofore acquired, or shall hereafter obtain, the right to run its cars on the said railroad tracks proposed to be constructed by The Broadway Surface Railroad Company, but one fare of five cents shall be charged for the transportation of a single passenger over the whole or any portion of said respective tracks when run in such connection. Provided, further, that no railroad company shall be permitted to run any cars upon or over any portion of Broadway, below Fifteenth street, unless upon the express condition of payment being made into the City Treasury of three per cent. during the first five years, and five per cent. thereafter, of the gross receipts from passengers riding upon any portion of the railroad tracks which may be constructed pursuant to this consent or permission. And said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall also, whenever and as required, and under the supervision of the proper local authorities, have and keep in permanent repair the portion of every street and avenue or highway upon which its tracks shall be constructed pursuant to this consent, between its tracks, the rails of its tracks, and a space two feet in width outside of and adjoining the outside rails of its track or tracks so to be constructed, so long as it shall continue to use such tracks so constructed under the provisions of this resolution and consent.

Fourth—The said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall, for and during the first five years after the commencement of the operation of any portion of its railroad constructed pursuant to this consent and permission, annually on the first day of November in each year, pay into the treasury of the City of New York, to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, three per cent. of its gross receipts for and during the year ending the next preceding thirtieth day of September, and also after the expiration of said five years make a like annual payment of five per cent. of its gross receipts into the treasury of said city to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, instead of three per cent.; and if, under any provision of law, The Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall permit the cars of any other street surface railroad company to run upon the railroad tracks to be constructed pursuant to this consent and permission, it shall likewise be the duty of said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company to pay or cause to be paid into the treasury of this city, to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, during the first five years,

an amount equal to three per cent., and after the expiration of five years an amount equal to five per cent. of the gross receipts of such other railroad company derived from passengers riding in any of its cars on any portion of Broadway south of Fifteenth street, and that, too, whether any of such passengers enter or leave the said cars above or below Fifteenth street. And it shall be the duty of the President and Treasurer of said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company, on or before the first day of November in each year, to make a verified report to the Comptroller of the City of New York of the gross amount of its receipts derived from passengers riding in its cars for the year ending the next preceding 30th day of September, and the books of said company shall be open to inspection and examination by said Comptroller or his duly appointed agent, at all reasonable times, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of said report as to said gross receipts; and it shall be the further duty of The Broadway Surface Railroad Company to ascertain and keep, or cause to be kept, an account of the number of passengers carried in the cars of any other railroad company over any portion of the tracks of The Broadway Surface Railroad Company constructed and laid pursuant to the provisions of this consent, in such manner as shall be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York. And it is the intention of this provision that for the purpose of computing the percentages to be paid into the City Treasury, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the consent or permission of the Common Council hereby given, each and every passenger riding in either direction on any part of Broadway south of Fifteenth street upon or over any portion of the railroad tracks which shall be constructed by The Broadway Surface Railroad Company pursuant to this consent shall be regarded as having paid five cents fare to the company in whose car he shall ride, and for the payment of the percentages on all fares received from such passengers by any railroad company using such tracks The Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall be responsible.

Fifth—And this consent of the Common Council is likewise given upon the express condition that said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company, in addition to the percentages of gross receipts heretofore required to be paid by it into the City Treasury, shall, at the expiration of the first year from the date when the operation of its railroad shall commence, and annually thereafter, pay into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, by way of rent or as additional compensation, the sum of forty thousand dollars per annum, being equivalent to the interest on one million dollars at four per cent., and said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall execute to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York a bond, with at least two sufficient sureties, to be approved as to form and sufficiency of the sureties by any justice of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District and Department, in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the due and regular payment of said annual sum of forty thousand dollars, and for the due and regular payment of the aforesaid percentages on gross receipts.

Sixth—And the consent herein given is granted likewise on the express condition that all the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertinent thereto, shall be complied with.

Seventh—And this consent and permission is given upon the further condition that said The Broadway Surface Railroad Company shall, within sixty days after the adoption by the Common Council of the foregoing resolutions, execute, under its corporate seal, to be attested by its President or Treasurer, and by virtue of a resolution of its Board of Directors, an instrument in writing, which shall be delivered to the Comptroller of the City of New York, and which shall contain and express the acceptance by said company of the aforesaid consent and permission of the Common Council for the construction, use and operation by said company of its proposed railroad upon the streets and route above mentioned, upon the aforesaid terms and conditions upon which the said consent or permission is granted and binding, the said company to abide by, comply with, fulfill, perform and keep the terms and conditions aforesaid, and also binding the said company to build, equip and commence to operate its proposed railroad within one year after it shall obtain the consent of the requisite number of property-owners, or the report of Commissioners confirmed by the Court, as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and likewise binding the said company to prosecute with diligence all necessary proceedings to perfect its right to build, construct and operate its proposed railroad, but no delays which may occur by reason of injunctions or hostile legal proceedings shall affect in any manner the consent or permission hereby granted, provided the said company shall proceed with reasonable diligence to build, complete and commence to operate its proposed railroad after the removal of such legal obstacles, and shall execute and deliver to the Comptroller the obligation or instrument of acceptance aforesaid within sixty days after the removal of such legal obstacles.

But it is further provided that in the event of the failure or neglect of the said company to make the said report and the payment of the said percentages as hereinbefore directed and required, then and in that event the provisions of section 8 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, providing for a forfeiture of the rights, privileges and franchises of such company, shall be applicable.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(G. O. 504.)

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the north side of Eighty-first street, commencing about two hundred feet west of First avenue and running westerly about two hundred and fifty feet, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 505.)

By Alderman Duffy—

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in One Hundred and Second street, from Fourth to Lexington avenue, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Grant—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirty-third street, between Eighth and St. Nicholas avenues, be regulated and graded, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Resolved, That Peter P. Brady be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That Frank Neumann be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

(G. O. 506.)

By Alderman Duffy—

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Fourth to Madison avenue, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 507.)

By Alderman Grant—

Resolved, That the hydrant now located at the southeast corner of the Boulevard and One Hundred and Second street, be removed and placed at the northeast corner of said Boulevard and One Hundred and Second street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman McCabe—

Resolved, That Henry W. Vogel be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—23.

By Alderman Sayles—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid across Sixth avenue on the southerly and northerly sides of Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Fullgraff—

Resolved, That the Commission for lighting the city be requested to light North Third avenue, from Harlem Bridge to One Hundred and Seventieth street, with electric lights.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That the name of David J. Acker, Jr., recently superseded by Philip H. Fett as a Commissioner of Deeds, be corrected so as to read David D. Acker, Jr.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 508.)

By Alderman Jaehne—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby appointed and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the following-named persons, for the sums set opposite their names, respectively, for services rendered to the Board of County Canvassers, and charge the same to the appropriation for "Election Expenses":

John N. Outwater, Accountant.....	\$350 00
S. A. Sanderson, Tabulator.....	125 00
Theodore A. Kirk,	100 00
Patrick Moore, Recapitulator.....	100 00
Patrick Burns, Sergeant-at-Arms.....	75 00
Edward C. Simon, Assistant to Tabulators.....	75 00
Patrick A. Whitney,	75 00
James W. Bell,	75 00
William Guilloyle,	75 00
Thomas J. Kenny,	75 00
Emanuel A. Schwarz,	75 00
Bernard McIntyre,	50 00
William T. O'Brien,	50 00
John Nimphius,	50 00
James W. McGowan,	50 00
Abraham Feeley, Clerk to Committee on Corrected Returns.....	50 00
S. L. Phillips, Clerk.....	40 00
John Stack,	40 00
Henry A. Van Pelt, Clerk.....	40 00
John Rafferty,	40 00
William P. McDonald,	40 00
H. P. Trainor, Clerk.....	40 00
Nicholas Langdon, Clerk.....	40 00
Simon Gavin,	40 00
George Corbet,	40 00
James Hughes,	40 00
Albert C. Waite,	40 00
William M. Taylor,	40 00
Charles Kane,	40 00
James Corrigan,	40 00
Charles H. De Lamater, Clerk.....	40 00
Michael Flanagan,	40 00
John McCormick,	40 00
Bryan Henry,	40 00
Horatio Sands,	40 00
John Turner,	40 00
Daniel Englehardt,	40 00
George Levy,	40 00
George M. Steinhardt,	40 00
John Fagan,	40 00
Jacob Ramsay, Jr., Messenger.....	40 00
Denis H. Foley,	40 00
Emanuel Siess,	40 00

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Duffy—

Resolved, That the Relief Committee of the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of the City of New York be and they hereby are allowed to use and occupy desk-room in Room No. 11, City Hall, for the transaction of their business as such Relief Committee, such occupation to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

By Alderman McLoughlin—

Resolved, That Louis Baum be and is hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

(G. O. 509.)

By Alderman Farley—

Resolved, That the fire-hydrant now located in front of No. 188 Henry street be removed and placed in front of No. 194, in said street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to the Corporation of Trinity Church to lay pipes under and across Desbrosses street, from their premises Nos. 9 and 11 Desbrosses street, on the south side, to their premises, No. 10 Desbrosses street, on the north side, for the purpose of conducting steam between said two buildings, the said corporation being owners of two-thirds in extent of the front feet of the block on Desbrosses street, upon which said buildings are situated, and having petitioned the Common Council in favor thereof in writing, proved or acknowledged in the manner required by law for the proof or acknowledgment of deeds to be recorded.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That Garniss E. Baker be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds, in place of Garniss E. Baker, term expired November 21, 1884.

By Alderman Grant—

Resolved, That Charles P. Kearney be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expired November 23, 1884.

By Alderman Dempsey—

Resolved, That George Stewart be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of George Stewart, who has failed to qualify.

By Alderman McQuade—

Resolved, That Bernard J. McDewitt be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Charles V. Peckham, who has failed to qualify.

By Alderman Grant—

Resolved, That Andrew J. Roe be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expired November 23, 1884.

By Alderman Finck—

Resolved, That Jacob Bissinger be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Jacob Bissinger, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Dempsey—

Resolved, That E. A. Huber be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of E. A. Huber, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Sayles—

Resolved, That T. Judson Kilpatrick be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John J. Marr, who has failed to qualify.

By Alderman De Lacy—

Resolved, That William F. Ewing be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Henry F. Miller, who has failed to qualify.

By Alderman Dempsey—

Resolved, That Max S. Korn be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Max S. Korn, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Grant—

Resolved, That Edward McCue be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Edward McCue, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Farley—

Resolved, That Cornelius Farley be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Cassius C. Peck, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Duffy—

Resolved, That Hobart Oakley be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Philip J. Joachumsen, whose term of office has expired.

By the President—

Resolved, That Joseph Haag be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Joseph Haag, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That Henry C. Bowers be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of A. C. Burnham, who has failed to qualify.

By Alderman McCabe—

Resignation of Joseph C. Wolff as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

Resolved, That Thomas H. Bagwell, Jr., be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Joseph C. Wolff, who has resigned.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said several resolutions.

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McQuade, O'Connor, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—23.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman O'Neil, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 497, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a lamp-post be erected and street-lamp placed thereon and lighted in front of the Volunteer Firemen's Association's premises, No. 143 East Eighth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Fullgraff, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Connor, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—22.

Alderman Waite, by unanimous consent, called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 249), being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given McKeever Brothers to place and keep a storm-door over the entrance to their premises on the southeast corner of West and Christopher streets; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—23.

Alderman Cleary, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 499, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the New York Cotton Exchange to extend the vault in front of their premises on the northerly side of Pearl street, and commencing thirty-two feet ten inches east of William street, a distance of nine feet five inches beyond the curb-line as shown in the accompanying diagram, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the work be done in a durable and substantial manner, and that the said New York Cotton Exchange shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the city harmless from any loss or damage that may occur in consequence of the building or extension of said vault, during the progress or subsequent to the completion of the work, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Whereupon Alderman Cleary offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the New York Cotton Exchange to extend the vault in front of their premises on the northerly side of Pearl street, commencing at William street, a distance of ten feet beyond the curb-line, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the work be done in a durable and substantial manner, and that the said New York Cotton Exchange shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the city harmless from any loss or damage that may occur in consequence of the building or extension of said vault during the progress of or subsequent to the completion of the work, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the substitute offered by Alderman Cleary.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree to adopt the said substitute.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Finance:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 22, 1884.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 189, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, for carrying on the Common Council from January 1 to December 31, 1884, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof, for and on account of each appropriation, and the amount of unexpended balances.

Title of Appropriations.	Amount of Appropriations.	Payments.	Amount of Unexpended Balances.
City Contingencies.....	\$1,000 00	\$210 88	\$789 12
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.....	250 00	68 34	181 66
Salaries—Common Council.....	69,000 00	56,593 90	12,406 10

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 24, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 13, 1884, permitting the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railroad Company to place and keep a starter's box on the sidewalk at the southwest corner of Forty-second street and Fourth avenue, said box not to exceed four by six feet in size.

The southwest corner of Forty-second street and Fourth avenue is opposite the exit from the Grand Central Depot, a point which is frequently crowded with pedestrians and persons seeking conveyances to their respective destinations on arrival in the city by rail; moreover the walk at this point is not of sufficient width to admit, in the circumstances, of the appropriation of any part of it for the purpose named in this resolution.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railroad Company to place and keep a starter's box on the sidewalk at the southwest corner of Forty-second street and Fourth avenue, such box not to exceed four by six feet; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 19, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 10, 1884, permitting Christ. Riebesell to erect a stand on the northeast corner of Maiden Lane and Front street, said stand to be sixteen feet long, four feet wide and ten feet high, and to be within the stoop-line.

A structure of these dimensions is not a stand in the ordinary sense but is rather a small store built in the public street. Such buildings form unjustifiable obstructions, and to grant permission to erect them is to favor certain individuals at the expense of the public convenience. If Mr. Riebesell desires to keep an eating house—the purpose for which I am informed he desires to use this structure—he should secure a room in some building and do business as his neighbors are obliged to do.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Christ. Riebeschl to erect a stand on the northeast corner of Maiden Lane and Front street, said stand to be sixteen feet long, four feet wide and ten feet high in Front street; also, said stand not to be erected outside the stoop-line of said building, the work done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 19, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 10, 1884, that Croton water-pipes be laid in One Hundred and Thirteenth street, between the Boulevard and the Riverside Drive.

This comprises a distance of six hundred feet, upon which there is only one house; moreover, as there are no water-mains at One Hundred and Thirteenth street, either in the Boulevard or the Riverside Drive, it would accomplish nothing to lay the mains as proposed herein. The resolution is premature.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

Resolved, That Croton water-pipes be laid in One Hundred and Thirteenth, between the Boulevard and the Riverside Drive, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

REPORTS.

To the Common Council of the City of New York:

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the application in writing of The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, contained or mentioned in its petition dated and verified August 9, 1884, and addressed to the Common Council of the City of New York, praying for the consent and permission of the Common Council that said company may construct, maintain, operate and use an extension or branch of the railroad of said company in and through Mail street, from Park Row to Broadway, and upon the route mentioned in said petition, do respectfully

REPORT

as follows:

Pursuant to public notice of such application, designating the time and place when such application would be first considered, which notice was published daily for at least fourteen days in two daily newspapers published in this city, to wit: The "New York Star" and the "New York Daily Commercial Bulletin," which papers were designated for that purpose by his Honor the Mayor of this city, your Committee, on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, 1884, met at 11 o'clock A. M., in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen, such being the time and place designated in such notice, to first consider such application, and thereupon and thereafter the hearing in the matter of said application was regularly postponed from time to time until, on the 11th day of November, 1884, when hearing was had before your Committee by the persons representing the petitioner, no one appearing to oppose, although your Committee has afforded to any person desiring to be heard in opposition abundant opportunity for hearing.

And your Committee further report that after a hearing of the parties in interest, your Committee are of the opinion that public convenience will be promoted by the proposed extension of the railroad of said petitioner, and your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following resolution, giving and granting to the petitioner the consent of the Common Council that said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company may construct, maintain, operate and use the proposed extension of its railroad upon the terms and conditions mentioned in said resolution.

Resolved, That the consent of this Board be and the same is hereby granted and permission of the Common Council is hereby given to The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company to construct, maintain, operate and use an extension or branch of the railroad of said company for public use in the conveyance of persons and property in cars upon and along the surface of the following streets, avenues and highways in the City of New York, to wit: Commencing at the tracks of said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company in Park Row, opposite the street or highway bounding the southerly side of City Hall Park, and which said street is known as Mail street, and running thence westerly across Park Row and through and along the said street bounding the southerly side of City Hall Park, and known as Mail street, to the middle of Broadway, the said extension or branch to be constructed in such manner as that there will be a single or double track in said street bounding the southerly side of City Hall Park and known as Mail street, from the tracks of said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company in Park Row to any tracks that may be constructed in Broadway, together with such switches, curves, sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables and suitable stands as may be necessary for the convenient working of such road and such extension or branch in connection with the aforesaid road owned by said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company and which is now used and operated by its lessee; and it is further

Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council is given and granted to said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company for the construction, maintenance and use of the proposed extension of its railroad as aforesaid upon the streets, avenues and route hereinbefore mentioned, expressly upon the following conditions and not otherwise:

First—The said extension shall be constructed according to the most approved plan for the construction of city railroads and with the most approved pattern of steel rails, which shall be laid in such manner as to interfere as little as possible with the use of the surface of the street by trucks, carriages and other ordinary vehicles; and said connections, switches, sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables and suitable stands which shall be necessary for the convenient working of such road and extension shall likewise be constructed after the most improved plan, and shall be equal in all respects, to the best of their kind now in use on any such railroad in the City of New York.

Second—The said railroad extension shall be operated by horse-power only, provided, however, that said company may make use of any motive power suitable for the purposes of street surface railroads, other than locomotive steam-power, which may hereafter be consented to by the local authorities and by a majority of the property-owners obtained in accordance with the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884.

Third—The said company shall comply with all reasonable ordinances and regulations which the local authorities having control of the streets, avenues, roads or highways in the City of New York shall make as to rate of speed, mode of use of tracks and removal of ice and snow from said extension as the interests and convenience of the public may require. And this consent is likewise given upon the express condition that said company shall not charge any passenger more than five cents for one continuous ride from any point on its road or any road, line or branch operated by it or under its control, or operated or controlled by its lessee, to any other point thereon, or on any connecting branch thereof within the limits of the City of New York, the intention being that but one fare of five cents shall be charged for the transportation of a single passenger over the whole or any portion of the railroad route of said company when the extension, for the construction of which permission is hereby granted, shall be made. And this consent is likewise given upon the express condition that said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company shall also whenever and as required, and under the supervision of the proper local authorities, have and keep in permanent repair the portion of every street, avenue or highway upon which its tracks shall be extended and constructed pursuant to this consent, between its tracks, the rails of its tracks and a space two feet in width outside of and adjoining the outside rail of its track or tracks so to be extended and constructed so long as it shall continue to use such extended tracks constructed under the provisions of this resolution and consent.

Fourth—Said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company shall for and during the first five years after the commencement of the operation of said extension of its railroad to be constructed pursuant to this consent and permission, annually, on the first day of November in each year, pay into the Treasury of the City of New York, to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, three per cent. of its gross receipts for and during the year ending the next preceding thirtieth day of September, and also after the expiration of said five years make a like annual payment of three per cent. of its gross receipts into the Treasury of said city, to the credit of the Sinking Fund thereof, instead of three per cent., provided, however, that said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, or its lessee shall pay such percentages as aforesaid only upon such portion of its gross receipts as shall bear the same proportion to the whole value thereof as the length of such construction and branch shall bear to the entire length of its tracks, as provided by section 8 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884. And it shall be the duty of the President and Treasurer of said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, on or before the first day of November in each year, to make a verified report to the Comptroller of the City of New York of the gross amount of its receipts for the year ending the next preceding thirtieth day of September, and the books of said company shall be open to inspection and examination by said Comptroller or his duly appointed agent for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of said report as to said gross receipts.

Fifth—And this consent of the Common Council is likewise given upon the express condition that all the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertaining to the extension for the construction of which the permission of the Common Council is hereby given, shall be in all things complied with by said The Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, or its lessee.

M. F. McLOUGHLIN,
CHARLES DEMPSEY,
C. B. WAITE,
ROBERT E. DE LACY,
WILLIAM H. MILLER,

Committee
on
Railroads.

Alderman Miller moved to amend by striking out the word "three," after the words, "annual payment of," in the fourth condition.

Alderman O'Connor moved that the report be recommitted to the Committee, in order to make the necessary correction.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Miller to amend.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Grant moved that the report and resolution, as amended, be laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Grant, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen Grant and O'Connor—2.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Finck, Fullgraff, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—21.

Alderman De Lacy moved that the report and resolution, as amended, be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman O'Connor, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley Finck, Fullgraff, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—22.

Negative—Aldermen Grant and O'Connor—2.

(G. O. 510.)

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the annexed bill of W. L. Ormsby, for services rendered as a Stenographer in reporting two sessions of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, held February 2 and February 9, 1884, amounting to thirty-eight dollars, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee find the services as charged for were rendered, and that the claim is at the regular rates charged for such services. Your Committee, therefore, think the claim is a just one and should be paid, and accordingly offer for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of W. L. Ormsby for the sum of thirty-eight dollars, to be in full payment of bill hereto annexed, and charge the amount to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

HUGH J. GRANT, } Committee
L. A. FULLGRAFF, } on
HENRY L. SAYLES, } Finance.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 511.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-third to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to cause street-lamps to be placed and lighted on the lamp-posts on the west side of Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-third to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

LOUIS WENDEL, } Committee
FRANCIS McCABE, } on
MICHAEL DUFFY, } Lamps and Gas.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 512.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting Ninety-fifth street, from Ninth to Tenth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Ninety-fifth street, from Ninth to Tenth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

LOUIS WENDEL, } Committee
FRANCIS McCABE, } on
MICHAEL DUFFY, } Lamps and Gas.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 513.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting Boston avenue, from Central avenue to Van Courtland depot, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they find the name of the avenue to be lighted is erroneously given as Boston avenue. It should be Van Courtland avenue. Your Committee believe the proposed lighting to be a decided and much needed improvement. They therefore recommend that the said resolution as amended by the Committee be adopted.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Van Courtland avenue, from Central avenue to Van Courtland Depot, the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

LOUIS WENDEL, } Committee
FRANCIS McCABE, } on
MICHAEL DUFFY, } Lamps and Gas.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 514.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting Eighth avenue, from One Hundred and Fiftieth to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and lamps lighted in Eighth avenue, from One Hundred and Fiftieth to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

LOUIS WENDEL, } Committee
FRANCIS McCABE, } on
MICHAEL DUFFY, } Lamps and Gas.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 515.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Third avenue to Washington avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Third avenue to Washington avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

LOUIS WENDEL, } Committee
FRANCIS McCABE, } on
MICHAEL DUFFY, } Lamps and Gas.

Which was laid over.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Sayles—

Resolved, That permission is hereby given to the proprietors of the Bijou Theatre to erect a net banner in Broadway, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets, said permission to be granted during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman McCabe, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 500, being a preamble and resolution, as follows:

Whereas, Oppermann & Muller are desirous of permission to lay a four-inch iron pipe under Forty-fifth street, from the East river to their premises on the south side of East Forty-fifth street, about one hundred and seventy-five feet from First Avenue, for the purpose of conveying salt water only from said river to their said premises for use in case of fire, for use in ice machine, and for cooling and other purposes; and

Whereas, Two-thirds in number of the owners of the real estate fronting on that part of said Forty-fifth street under which said four-inch pipe is intended to be laid, and to which such permission relates, who are also owners of two-thirds in interest of the front feet of such part of said East Forty-fifth street, desired as aforesaid to be occupied as aforesaid by such four-inch pipe, have petitioned the Common Council in favor thereof in writing, proved and acknowledged in the manner required by law for the proof and acknowledgment of deeds to be recorded; and

Whereas, Said Oppermann & Muller are and have been residents of New York City and of no other city, doing business therein and in no other city, and propose no enterprise, but simply ask permission to convey elemental water from and to given point for natural purposes common to all and every day use, and involving no scientific principle; therefore be it

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Oppermann & Muller to connect their premises on the south side of East Forty-fifth street, one hundred and seventy-five feet west of First Avenue, with the East river, by a four-inch iron pipe, for the purpose only of conveying salt water from the river for use only in case of fire, and for cooling purposes, and ice machine and cleaning purposes in their brewery, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President called up G. O. 494, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a lamp-post be erected and a street-lamp lighted on the top of the stairs at Eagle Avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Kenney, Miller, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Connor, O'Neil, Pearson, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, and Waite—19.

Negative—Aldermen De Lacy and Reilly—2.

Alderman De Lacy called up G. O. 428, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Croton water-pipes be laid in Cheston Avenue, from High Bridge road to One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Connor, O'Neil, Pearson, Rothman, Sayles, Waite, and Wendel—19.

Negative—Aldermen Dempsey and Reilly—2.

Alderman Wendel called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 250), being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John S. Lutz & Co. to erect and maintain a watering-trough in front of their premises, No. 424 Fourth Avenue, corner Twenty-ninth street, the water to be supplied and work done at their own expense, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, and Wendel—19.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman McLoughlin moved that when the Board adjourns it do so to meet on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Cleary called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor, No. 258, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George H. Brennan to place and keep a watering-trough on the northwest corner of West Broadway and North Moore street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Kenney, Miller, McLoughlin, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, and Waite—17.

Alderman Sayles called up G. O. 495, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of Seventy-seventh street, between Fourth and Madison Avenues, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Finck, Fullgraff, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McQuade, O'Neil, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Waite, and Wendel—18.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Finck moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

No. 27 CHAMBERS STREET,
WEDNESDAY, November 12, 1884—2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission created by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, to revise, vacate, or modify assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Commissioners Daniel Lord, Jr. (Chairman), John Kelly, Allan Campbell, and Joseph Garry.

The Clerk presented copies of the CITY RECORD and "Daily Register" of November 11 and 12, 1884, showing the publication of notices of the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings held on October 28 and November 7, 1884, were read and approved.

Commissioner Lord presented the following opinion of the General Term, Supreme Court, on writ of certiorari issued to review the decision in the case of Juliet Douglas, reducing assessment for St. Nicholas Avenue regulating, grading, etc., between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets; confirmed February 3, 1876, viz.:

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

FIRST DEPARTMENT—MAY, 1884.

Present—NOAH DAVIS, P. J.; JNO. R. BRADY, J.

People, ex rel. The Mayor, etc.,

against

John Kelly, Allan Campbell and Daniel Lord, Jr., Assessment Commissioners.

Certiorari to review a determination of the Commissioners of Assessments, made under chapter 550, Laws of 1880, reducing assessment confirmed February 3, 1876, on lands of Juliet Douglas for regulating, grading, etc., Avenue St. Nicholas.

JOHN A. BEALL, for Appellant.

JAS. A. DEERING, for Respondent.

The objection presented for consideration in this case is that Mr. Commissioner Kelly, whilst the proceedings under the petition of Juliet Douglas were pending and at the time he rendered his

decision in union with Mr. Commissioner Lord, was the owner of a plot of land about one hundred feet in width on Avenue St. Nicholas, which was assessed for the improvement in the sum of upwards of thirty-three hundred dollars. There is no doubt that his position in this respect was referred to before the decision was made, not perhaps by any formal objection taken, but it was understood and alluded to and at one time considered by him to be an insuperable obstacle to his taking part in the investigation and decision. But he satisfied himself upon reflection and on taking the advice of those who were considered competent to give it, that he ought to participate in the decision. And he stated on this subject, as appears from the return: "The only possible interest I can have in this assessment would be an award which might come to me, if any award whatever should be made, for an assessment for this improvement, paid many years ago upon a piece of property originally taken by me for the benefit of others."

It appears from the return that the assessment referred to by Mr. Commissioner Kelly was paid by him in 1876. It does not appear, however, that any notice under the provisions of the act was filed by Mr. Kelly. Indeed, it is stated in the answer to the writ that no petition has been filed with the Commissioners for the return of the assessment on his lots, and that no objections had been filed to the assessment by him; and therefore at the time of the decision rendered by him he could not have any possible interest whatever in the result of the petition in the determination of which he took part. He had taken no proceeding to secure the return of any portion of the assessment which he had paid, which was necessary before he could be entitled to any consideration as to such payment.

The objection having been taken to his acting as a Commissioner with reference to the subject matter involved in the petition of Juliet Douglas, it was necessary to show that he had an interest, and this was not done. The objection would be valid if it were predicated of a fact sustaining it, inasmuch as the Commissioners under the Act of 1880 act judicially. And of this proposition no doubt is entertained, for the reason that it is made the duty of the Commissioners to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to any assessment, to hear the evidence in support of objections made, to administer oaths, and, after duly considering the evidence, to determine whether substantial injustice was caused by the confirmation of such assessment; and they may award such relief to the parties filing applications as shall be, under the circumstances and on the evidence, just and equitable. It is assumed, however, by the relator, that inasmuch as the rule adopted in reference to the application of Juliet Douglas, may be one of general application to kindred cases, Commissioner Kelly was deciding in his own favor in case he should at any time make an application similar to that of Juliet Douglas; and there would be force in this objection if it were not there is no provision of the Statute of 1883, under which the proceedings take place, by which any one case is made decisive of another. And the Court of last resort has declared that in proceedings of this kind each owner must make a separate and independent application, the relief to be given depending in each case upon the facts and circumstances by which it is distinguished. (In re De Lancey, 52 N. Y., 80; Purcell v. Mayor, 85 N. Y., 534.)

The jurisdiction given to the Commissioners under the act is acquired only when the owner or owners of real estate affected by the assessment or other party or parties affected thereby shall have filed with the Comptroller a notice specifying the particular assessment complained of, and in a brief and concise manner the objection thereto showing or tending to show that the assessment was unfair or unjust in respect to such real estate; and then, by Section Three, they are required to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to any assessment to which objections may be made or notice filed as aforesaid, and to hear the evidence in support of such objections and in opposition thereto. Non constat that a claim may ever be filed by Mr. Kelly as contemplated by the act. And it is further provided by Section Six, that the Commissioners shall award such relief as in their judgment is just and equitable in view of the circumstances of each case brought before them, and what relief, if any, is to be awarded in respect to each lot or parcel of land. So that it is quite apparent, not only from the provisions of the statute, but from the decisions in reference to applications of this character, as already suggested, that the aggrieved owner or party must make, as also suggested, an independent application, and must succeed or fail according to the facts and circumstances attending it, and not according to the facts and circumstances in another proceeding of a kindred character.

A consideration of this case has led to the examination of many adjudications bearing upon the elements which constitute the disqualification affecting judicial or quasi-judicial officers, to which, however, it is not necessary to make any particular reference. The utmost that can be said in urging the disqualification of Commissioner Kelly, arising from the result of the proceeding under consideration, is that the principle declared, if generally applied, would affect a class of which he might become one by a direct proceeding on his own behalf. As said by Justice Strong in the People v. Edmunds (15 Barb., 530), a Judge is precluded from acting in his official capacity in any cause to which he is a party or in which he is interested. But the prohibition does not extend to cases where the interest is simply in some question of law involved in the controversy. The statute very properly stops short of that, as Judges must often and necessarily consider and decide questions which may be applicable to their own rights or to their property, should they be fortunate enough to possess any. Thus the Judges residing in this district have an extensive interest in the pecuniary affairs of the city, yet they frequently decide cases of considerable magnitude in which the corporation is a party.

Having arrived at the conclusion stated, it is unnecessary to consider whether the decision of Commissioners Kelly and Lord in the Douglas matter was a necessity resulting from the facts and circumstances disclosed in reference to the organization of the Court at the time and urgency of the application. The writ should be dismissed and the decision of the Assessment Commissioners in the case of Juliet Douglas affirmed.

I concur.—N. D.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes and placed on file.

Calendar.

No. 3784. Matter of Thos. H. Walter et al.—Assessment for One Hundred and Fourth street regulating, grading, etc., between Fifth Avenue and Harlem river; confirmed November 14, 1876.

T. H. Baldwin, Esq., attorney, presented additional evidence on behalf of the petitioner, and closed his case. The further hearing of the case was adjourned to the next meeting.

Decisions.

Commissioner Kelly presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the decision rendered by the Commissioners, on March 27, 1884, reducing the assessment for Ninth Avenue regulating, grading, etc., between Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, confirmed June 1, 1876, be made the decision of the Commissioners in the following similar case, proof of title having been furnished, viz.:

No. 1691. The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.....reduced from \$2,909 33 to \$1,687 41

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Kelly, Campbell, and Garry—3.

Commissioner Lord not voting.

Commissioner Lord presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the decisions rendered by the Commissioners on November 14, 1882, November 9 and December 4, 1883, and on March 27, 1884, reducing certain assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, be made the decisions of the Commissioners in the following similar cases, proof of title having been furnished, viz.:

Assessment for Boulevard Regulating, Grading, etc., between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Streets; confirmed December 29, 1879.

No. 1957. Margaret M. Brennan.....reduced from \$3,264 97 to \$2,122 24

Assessment for New Avenue, East and West, Regulating, Grading, etc., between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Streets; confirmed February 3, 1876.

No. 2091. George Brandon.....reduced from \$1,500 07 to \$930 04

Assessment for Eighth Avenue Regulating, Grading, etc., between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Twenty-second Streets; confirmed June 16, 1876.

No. 2107. Joseph Freedman.....reduced from \$56 25 to \$46 13

Assessment for Ninth Avenue Regulating, Grading, etc., between Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Tenth Streets; confirmed June 1, 1876.

No. 1673. Samuel Schafer.....reduced from \$1,061 55 to \$615 70

" 1674. Augustus Blumenthal..... " 956 31 " 554 46

" 2160. Smith Ely, Jr..... " 488 45 " 283 30

" 2161. Catharine A. Anthony..... " 306 68 " 177 88

" 3538. Michael H. Cashman..... " 1,377 67 " 799 04

" 4011. Joseph Bierhof..... " 1,372 48 " 796 05

" 4869. George W. Douglas..... " 460 02 " 266 82

" 4870. James F. Ruggles..... " 12 76 " 7 40

" 4871. Edward G. Moran..... " 1,377 67 " 799 04

" 4872. Anna M. Menke..... " 985 50 " 571 58

" 4873. Charles A. Hamilton..... " 7 42 " 4 30

" 4874. The Citizens' Fire Insurance Co..... " 1,377 67 " 799 04

" 4876. James Murtagh..... " 675 14 " 391 57

" 4878. Gustav Ramsperger..... " 675 12 " 391 57

" 4880. Simon Wormser..... " 79 28 " 45 98

" 4881. James C. Fitzpatrick..... " 472 46 " 274 02

" 4959. Charles F. Chickering and another..... " 941 86 " 546 27

" 4960. John B. Conley..... " 82 40 " 47 80

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:
 Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Kelly, Campbell and Garry—4.
 Commissioner Campbell presented the following decision, viz.:
 No. 3796. Matter of George Booth et al.—Assessment for One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street regulating, grading, etc., between Fourth and Eighth avenues; confirmed February 20, 1873.
 No. 3579. Matter of Ella Francke et al.—Assessment for One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street regulating, grading, etc., between Fourth and Eighth avenues; confirmed February 20, 1873.
 The petitioners in this case claim a reduction, on the ground that the bids were unbalanced and that the price of filling particularly was excessive. We concur in this, and think that the proper way to proceed is to determine the cost of all of the items of the work done by establishing the fair prices for such work prevailing at that time.

In doing so, we find that the aggregate would equal if not exceed the amount assessed on the property benefited by the improvement. Substantial justice does not require that the assessment should be reduced; the petition is therefore denied.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Kelly, Campbell and Garry—4.

Motions.

No. 1416. Matter of Richard Arnold et al.—Assessment for Fifth avenue regulating, grading, etc., between Ninetieth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets; confirmed December 28, 1876.

On motion of Commissioner Campbell, the motion made by Charles E. Miller, Esq., counsel for the petitioners, on September 30, 1884, to amend the petition by including lots known as Block No. 481, Ward Nos. 66 to 71, and that the decision made by the Commissioners on November 27, 1883, reducing this assessment, be made applicable, was granted.

On motion of Commissioner Lord, the seventh rule, relating to meetings of the Commission, was suspended, and, on his motion, it was

Resolved, That when the Commission adjourns it do so to meet on Wednesday, November 19, 1884, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Bill.

The Clerk reported that he had withdrawn from the Finance Department the bill of Richard Seybold, \$388.50, approved on September 23, 1884, for preparing statement of the bids received by the Department of Public Works, on contracts let for paving and sewers, from 1870 to 1876, inclusive.

The following bill was, on motion of Commissioner Lord, approved and ordered to be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, viz.:

James J. Martin, \$388.50, for expense of having prepared for the use of the Assessment Commission a statement of the bids received by the Department of Public Works, on contracts let for the construction of sewers, and for paving streets and avenues, from 1870 to 1876, inclusive.

Motion.

On motion of Commissioner Garry, the Commission adjourned.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

NO. 27 CHAMBERS STREET,
 WEDNESDAY, November 19, 1884—2 o'clock P. M.

The Commission created by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, to revise, vacate, or modify assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Commissioners Daniel Lord, Jr. (Chairman), Allan Campbell and Joseph Garry.
 The Clerk presented copies of the CITY RECORD and "Daily Register" of November 18 and 19, 1884, showing the publication of notices of the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Lord, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 1884, was dispensed with.

The Clerk reported that he had filed in the Finance Department, on November 17, 1884, certificates reducing assessments in the cases specified in resolution adopted on November 12, 1884.

Calendar.

No. 1093. Matter of Minnie Sayres—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue regulating, grading, etc., between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets; confirmed February 3, 1876.

No. 1094. Matter of Simon Wormser et al.—Same assessment.

No. 2003. Matter of C. B. Richards—Same assessment.

No. 2005. Matter of Emanuel Boas—Same assessment.

No. 2013. Matter of George M. Miller—Same assessment.

No. 2017. Matter of Emanuel Walter—Same assessment.

No. 2020. Matter of John H. Watson—Same assessment.

No. 2021. Matter of Charles Schultz—Same assessment.

No. 2023. Matter of Mary Conklin—Same assessment.

No. 2024. Matter of William H. Hart—Same assessment.

No. 3679. Matter of Lemuel B. Clarke—Same assessment.

James A. Deering, Esq., counsel for the petitioners, moved that the decision made by the Commissioners, on March 25, 1884, reducing this assessment, be made applicable to these cases. The motion was laid over.

No. 3540. Matter of Erastus Littlefield—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue regulating, grading, etc., between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets; confirmed February 3, 1876.

No. 3541. Matter of George F. Gantz—Same assessment.

Michael Canfield, Esq., counsel for the petitioners, moved that the decision made by the Commissioners, on March 25, 1884, reducing this assessment, be made applicable to these cases. The motion was laid over.

No. 2155. Matter of August Belmont—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue regulating, grading, etc., between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets; confirmed February 3, 1876.

No. 2154. Matter of Smith Ely, Jr.—Same assessment.

Peter A. Hargous, Esq., counsel for the petitioners, moved that the decision made by the Commissioners, on March 25, 1884, reducing this assessment, be made applicable to these cases. The motion was laid over.

No. 3784. Matter of Thomas H. Walter et al.—Assessment for One Hundred and Fourth street regulating, grading, etc., between Fifth avenue and Harlem river; confirmed November 14, 1876.

T. H. Baldwin, Esq., attorney, presented additional evidence on behalf of the petitioner, and closed his case, after which the further hearing was adjourned.

No. 3773. Mary C. Wood—Assessment for Madison avenue regulating, grading, etc., between One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth streets; confirmed April 6, 1876.

No. 3774. Matter of William H. Scott—Same assessment.

No. 3772. Matter of William Westerfield—Same assessment.

T. H. Baldwin, Esq., attorney, presented additional evidence on behalf of the petitioners, and closed his case, after which the further hearing was adjourned.

Decision.

Commissioner Garry presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the decisions made by the Commissioners on December 4, 1883, reducing the assessment for Eighth avenue regulating, grading, etc., between Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets, confirmed June 16, 1876, be made the decision of the Commissioners in the following similar case, proof of title having been furnished, viz.:

No. 4159. Samuel Lockwood.....reduced from \$777 76 to \$637 76

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell and Garry—3.

Awards.

Commissioner Campbell presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 10, chapter 550, Laws of 1880, and under decisions rendered by the Commissioners, on March 27, 1884, reducing the assessment for Ninth avenue regulating, grading, etc., between Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, confirmed June 1, 1876, the following amounts are hereby awarded and adjudged to the following persons who paid, prior to June 9, 1880, assessments on their property for said improvements, viz.:

No. 5238. Edward Kearney, executor, etc.	amount paid, \$150 82; amount of award, \$63 34
" 5239. Edward Kearney.....	" 715 15 " 300 36
" 5240. Bernard Cohen.....	" 135 55 " 56 93
" 5241. Bernard Cohen.....	" 255 00 " 107 10
" 5242. John L. Hasbrouck.....	" 82 10 " 34 48
" 5243. John Nicholson.....	" 11 72 " 4 92
" 5244. Michael H. Cashman.....	" 930 99 " 391 02
" 5245. Maria L. Paterson and Anna N. Aeby	" 1,299 66 " 545 98
" 5246. William Hogan.....	" 356 35 " 149 67
" 5247. B. K. Murphy.....	" 20 60 " 8 65
" 5248. John H. Tingue.....	" 930 99 " 391 02
" 5281. William Bruce.....	" 316 45 " 132 91

No. 5282. John N. Hayward.....	amount paid, \$26 43; amount of award \$11 10
" 5283. John L. Carbery.....	" 24 80 " 10 42
" 5284. Hester H. Railton.....	" 26 43 " 11 10
" 5285. Philander Palmer.....	" 237 24 " 99 64
" 5286. John Boyd.....	" 24 80 " 10 42
" 5287. George W. Powers.....	" 53 09 " 22 30
" 5288. Mary B. De Frece.....	" 403 31 " 194 59
" 5289. Samuel H. Waugh.....	" 69 59 " 29 23
" 5291. Mary E. Barry.....	" 69 59 " 29 23
" 5292. Perry Coe, administrator, etc.....	" 69 59 " 29 23
" 5293. Coleman Benedict, executor, etc.....	" 236 30 " 99 25
" 5294. Mary Diersen, executrix, etc.....	" 523 28 " 219 78
" 5295. Isaac and Simon Bernheimer.....	" 3,781 37 " 1,588 17
" 5296. Ignatz Goetz.....	" 705 59 " 296 35
" 5297. Pearson S. Halstead, executor, etc.....	" 2,150 72 " 903 30
" 5298. Susan A. King.....	" 326 40 " 137 09
" 5299. Robert Kennedy.....	" 281 37 " 118 18

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, and Garry—3.

Decision.

Commissioner Lord presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 3777. Matter of Amanda D. Silsbee—Assessment for Seventy-second street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Fifth avenue (Eastern Boulevard); confirmed July 12, 1878.

No. 3790. Matter of Florent Feltz—Assessment for One Hundred and Sixteenth street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Sixth avenue (Eastern Boulevard); confirmed July 12, 1878.

No. 3887. Matter of Joseph Hahn—Assessment for Avenue A regulating, grading, etc., between Fifty-seventh and Eighty-sixth streets (Eastern Boulevard); confirmed July 12, 1878.

The evidence taken in these cases shows that the greater part of the work on these improvements was done by day's work, at an extravagant cost to the owners of property benefited.

We find the following to be fair prices for the work done, viz.:

Rock excavation, per cubic yard.....	\$1 60
Earth excavation, ".....	40
Filling, ".....	80
Curb and gutter, per lineal foot.....	1 00
Curb and gutter, resetting, per lineal foot.....	15
Flagging, per square yard.....	30
Flagging, relaying, per square yard.....	05
Telford-Macadam pavement, per square yard.....	2 35

On this basis we find the fair value of the work done on each of these improvements, including the amounts originally allowed for Surveyor's fees, etc., to be as follows:

Seventy-second street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Fifth avenue, \$75,716.12.

One Hundred and Sixteenth street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Sixth avenue, \$113,647.93.

Avenue A regulating, grading, etc., between Fifty-seventh and Eighty-sixth streets, \$198,823.65.

When the assessment lists for these improvements were first made up by the Board of Assessors, and transmitted to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, the cost of the work was found to be so excessive that the assessment lists were returned to the Board of Assessors with directions to largely reduce the same. The following statement will show the assessment lists as originally made up, the amounts deducted for excessive cost, the amounts charged to the city under the act of 1840, and the amounts finally assessed on the property benefited.

IMPROVEMENTS.	AMOUNT OF FIRST ASSESSMENT LIST.	AMOUNT REDUCED BY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.	AMOUNT CHARGED TO CITY UNDER ACT OF 1840.	AMOUNT ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.
Seventy-second street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Fifth avenue.....	\$141,709 50	\$40,000 00	\$1,094 06	\$100,615 44
One Hundred and Sixteenth street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Sixth avenue.....	185,046 15	52,000 00	2,959 62	130,866 53
Avenue A regulating, grading, etc., between Fifty-seventh and Eighty-sixth streets.....	305,151 02	75,255 85	1,467 73	228,427 44

Comparing the fair value of the work done on these improvements as established by us, with the amounts assessed on the property, the percentage of reduction is as follows:

Seventy-second street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Fifth avenue, twenty-five per cent.

One Hundred and Sixteenth street regulating, grading, etc., between Avenue A and Sixth avenue, thirteen per cent.

Avenue A regulating, grading, etc., between Fifty-seventh and Eighty-sixth streets, thirteen per cent.

The assessments imposed on the property of the petitioners will be reduced accordingly.

The Chairman put the question whether the decision, as presented, shall stand as the decision of the Commissioners.

Which was decided in the affirmative, a majority of all the Commissioners voting in favor thereof, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell and Garry—3.

Resolution.

Commissioner Lord presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to return to the Comptroller the certificates reducing the assessment for One Hundred and Fifty-second street regulating, grading, etc., between Boulevard and Hudson river, confirmed April 28, 1881, on property belonging to Michael J. Kelly, Thomas Kelly, and John L. Wall, transmitted to the Commission with communication of June 25, 1884, on the ground that the Commission has no power to change the decision made reducing this assessment, or to act upon the suggestions contained in the communication of the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, and Garry—3.

Motions.

On motion of Commissioner Lord, the seventh rule, relating to meetings of the Commission, was suspended, and, on his motion, it was

Resolved, That when the Commission adjourns it do so to meet on Wednesday, November 26, 1884, at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Commissioner Garry, the Commission adjourned.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
 NEW YORK, November 13, 1884.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending November 8, 1884:

Public Monies Received and Deposited in the City Treasury.

For Croton water rents.....	\$5,463 89
For penalties on water rents.....	209 15
For tapping Croton pipes.....	180 50
For sewer permits.....	350 40
For vault permits.....	861 38
For redemption of obstructions seized.....	12 50
For restoring and repaving—Special Fund.....	416 00
Total.....	\$7,502 82

Public Lamps.

2 lamps discontinued.	
3 lamp-posts removed.	
3 lamp-posts reset.	
3 lamp-posts straightened.	
2 lamps refitted.	

Report of Photometrical Examinations of Illuminating Gas, for the week ending November 8, 1884, made at the Photometrical Rooms of the Department of Public Works.

DATE.	TIME.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	GAS COMPANY.	BURNER.	Pressure as Delivered to Burner.	Consumption of Gas, Rate per hour.	Consumption of Gas, per hour.	ILLUMINATING POWER.	
									Observed.	Corrected.
Nov. 3	4 P.M.	70.	30.44	Manhattan	Empire 5 ft.	.89	5.00	121.2	18.74	18.93
" 5	3 P.M.	76.	29.76	"	"	.86	5.00	122.4	18.22	18.53
" 6	4 P.M.	74.	30.15	"	"	.88	5.00	125.4	18.08	18.89
" 7	3 P.M.	71.	30.11	"	"	.89	5.00	120.0	19.08	19.08
" 8	3:30 P.M.	69.	30.11	"	"	.87	5.00	121.2	17.62	17.78
									Average.	18.65
Nov. 3	6 P.M.	66.	30.44	Harlem	"	.74	5.00	121.2	18.62	18.80
" 5	3:30 P.M.	69.	29.79	"	"	.74	5.00	125.4	17.96	18.77
" 6	7:30 P.M.	62.	30.24	"	"	.73	5.00	120.0	19.15	19.15
" 7	5:30 P.M.	60.	30.06	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
" 8	1 P.M.	65.	30.14	"	"	.76	5.00	123.6	17.96	18.50
									Average.	18.80
Nov. 3	2 P.M.	70.	30.44	New York	Bray's Silt Union, 7	.92	5.00	117.6	26.04	25.52
" 5	3:30 P.M.	76.	29.76	"	"	.92	5.00	120.0	25.02	25.02
" 6	3:30 P.M.	74.	30.15	"	"	.92	5.00	121.2	23.96	24.20
" 7	3:30 P.M.	71.	30.11	"	"	.92	5.00	119.4	23.70	23.58
" 8	2:30 P.M.	69.	30.11	"	"	.92	5.00	123.0	22.84	23.41
									Average.	24.34
Nov. 3	3:30 P.M.	70.	30.44	N. Y. Mutual	"	.96	5.00	126.0	27.82	29.21
" 5	4:30 P.M.	76.	29.76	"	"	.96	5.00	124.2	27.28	28.23
" 6	2:30 P.M.	74.	30.15	"	"	.96	5.00	120.6	29.76	29.91
" 7	4:30 P.M.	71.	30.11	"	"	.96	5.00	120.0	28.80	28.80
" 8	3 P.M.	69.	30.11	"	"	.96	5.00	123.0	28.26	28.96
									Average.	29.02
Nov. 3	3 P.M.	70.	30.44	Municipal	"	.93	5.00	121.2	28.50	28.78
" 5	4 P.M.	76.	29.76	"	"	.92	5.00	121.2	28.06	28.34
" 6	3 P.M.	74.	30.15	"	"	.92	5.00	126.0	27.56	28.04
" 7	4 P.M.	71.	30.11	"	"	.92	5.00	121.8	26.88	27.28
" 8	2 P.M.	69.	30.11	"	"	.93	5.00	119.4	27.88	27.74
									Average.	28.21
Nov. 3	5:30 P.M.	66.	30.44	Metropolitan	No. 6.	.68	5.00	124.2	21.98	22.75
" 5	4 P.M.	70.	29.79	"	"	.68	5.00	114.6	24.22	23.13
" 6	5:30 P.M.	61.	30.24	"	"	.69	5.00	115.8	23.16	22.35
" 7	6 P.M.	64.	30.06	"	"	.70	5.00	115.8	23.30	22.48
" 8	12:30 P.M.	63.	30.14	"	"	.69	5.00	114.0	23.06	21.91
									Average.	22.52

* Pressure too low for testing.

E. G. LOVE, PH. D., Gas Examiner.

Permits Issued.

- 39 permits to tap Croton pipes.
- 70 permits to open streets.
- 15 permits to make sewer connections.
- 12 permits to repair sewer connections.
- 3 permits to construct street vaults.
- 73 permits to place building material on streets.
- 5 permits—special.

Repairing and Cleaning Sewers.

- 27 receiving-basins and culverts cleaned.
- 9 lineal feet of spur-pipe laid.
- 4 lineal feet of culvert rebuilt.
- 2 basins repaired.
- 4 manholes repaired.
- 3 new manhole heads and covers put on.
- 1 manhole reset.
- 14 cubic yards of earth excavated and refilled.
- 18 square yards of pavement relaid.
- 2 cart loads of earth refilled.
- 89 cart loads of dirt removed.

Pavement Repairs.

- In Eighty-fifth street, between First avenue and Avenue A.
- In front of No. 345 East Seventy-seventh street.
- In Eighty-sixth street, corner Avenue A.
- In Seventy-eighth street, between First avenue and Avenue A.
- In One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
- In One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, corner Seventh avenue.
- In One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, corner Seventh avenue.
- In front of No. 2254 Second avenue.
- In Fifty-seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
- In Lexington avenue, between Seventy-second and Seventy-third streets.
- In front of Nos. 146 to 148 East Seventy-first street.
- In front of Nos. 221 to 245 East Sixty-fourth street.
- In Park avenue, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets.
- In Park avenue, between Seventy-first and Seventy-second streets.
- In Avenue B, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.
- In Ninth avenue, corner Seventy-second street.
- In Fifty-fourth street, between First avenue and Avenue A.
- In Fourth avenue, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.
- In Twenty-fifth street, between Fourth and Madison avenues.
- In Fifth avenue, between Fifty-second and Fifty-seventh streets.
- In front of No. 346 West Thirty-ninth street.
- In Thirty-ninth street, between Broadway and Seventh avenue.
- In Forty-fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
- In front of Nos. 605 and 607 West Forty-sixth street.
- In Forty-ninth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues.
- In Twenty-first street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.
- In Fifty-second street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues.
- In Twenty-fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.
- In front of No. 61 West Twenty-fourth street.
- In Ninth avenue, corner Seventy-third street.

- In Gouverneur Slip, between South and Front streets.
- In Fifty-second street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
- In Fifty-seventh street, between Second and Third avenues.
- In front of No. 26 East Forty-sixth street.
- In West Tenth street, between Bleeker and Fourth streets.
- In Washington street, between Perry and Charles streets.
- In front of No. 16 West Twentieth street.
- In front of Nos. 307 and 309 West Twenty-first street.
- In Eighth avenue, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.
- In Thirtieth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues.
- In Cortlandt street, between Broadway and Church street.
- In Washington street, between Liberty and Cortlandt streets.
- In Fourteenth street, corner Thirtieth avenue.
- In Ninth avenue, corners Fourteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth streets.
- In Suffolk street, between Division and Hester streets.
- In Washington street, between Duane and Chambers streets.
- In Varick street, between Franklin and North Moore streets.
- In Park Row, corner Mail street.
- In front of No. 204 Water street.
- In Theatre alley, between Beekman and Ann streets.
- In Ann street, between Nassau street and Theatre alley.
- In front of No. 58 Cedar street.
- In Third avenue, between Sixth and Eighth streets.
- In Monroe street, between Rutgers and Jackson streets.
- In Essex street, between Broome and Delancey streets.
- In Grand street, between Bowery and Elizabeth street.
- In Reade street, between Washington and West streets.
- In South street, between Old and Burling Slips.
- In front of Pier 26, East river.
- In front of No. 52 Ferry street.
- In Fifty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
- In Fifth street, between First and Second avenues.
- In front of No. 219 East Sixth street.
- In Second avenue, between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets.
- In One Hundred and Sixteenth street, corner Second avenue.
- In One Hundred and Fifteenth street, corner Third avenue.
- In One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Fourth and Lexington avenues.
- In front of No. 1776 Lexington avenue.
- In Second avenue, corner Thirteenth street.
- In Second avenue, corner Fifteenth street.
- In Second avenue, corner Seventeenth street.
- In Duane street, between New Chambers and Rose streets.
- In Second avenue, between Thirty-second and Thirty-fourth streets.
- In Second avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-fourth streets.

Contracts Entered Into.

DATE.	NATURE AND LOCATION OF WORK.	CONTRACTOR.	SURETIES.
Oct. 1	Receiving-basin on northeast corner Beaver and William streets.....	J. D. Nutt, 34 John street.....	A. Milne, Foot of 29th street.
" 9	Paving Rivington street, between Clinton street and East river, with trap-block pavement.....	W. A. Cumming, 5 Dey street.....	James Mulry, 307 E. 12th street.
" 13	Laying water-mains in One Hundred and Forty-sixth, Bridge, One Hundred and Fortieth, Ninety-fourth, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth, One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Forty-fifth streets, and Marcher, Claremont, etc., avenues.....	Morton & Fay, 308 E. 54d street.....	James Fay, 406 E. 79th street. Thomas Roche, 339 E. 49th street.
" 13	Paving Water street, between Clinton street and Corlears street, with trap-block pavement.....	Thomas Gearty, 135 E. 83d street.....	P. H. McCullagh, 249 E. 32d street. Jas. Reilly, 1475 First avenue. Samuel Booth, 550 W. 36th street.
" 15	Paving Ninth street, between Avenues B and D, with trap-block pavement.....	John White, 536 W. 40th street.....	P. H. Fitzgerald, 534 W. 35th street.
" 15	Paving One Hundred and Fifty-second street, from St. Nicholas place to Avenue St. Nicholas, with macadam pavement.....	Geo. F. Doak, Broadway and 29th street.....	58 Cedar street. Ransom Parker, 221 W. 11th street.
" 15	Paving One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from St. Nicholas place to Avenue St. Nicholas, with macadam pavement.....	Geo. F. Doak, Broadway and 29th street.....	58 Cedar street. Ransom Parker, 221 W. 11th street.
" 15	Paving St. Nicholas place, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to intersection of St. Nicholas place with Avenue St. Nicholas.....	Geo. F. Doak, Broadway and 29th street.....	58 Cedar street. Ransom Parker, 221 W. 11th street.
" 15	Paving First avenue, from Ninety-second to One Hundred and Ninth street, with granite-block pavement.....	Mat. Baird, Broadway and 29th street.....	Jas. Baird, 310 E. 27th street. Chas. R. Parfitt, 87 Lexington ave.
" 16	Flagging sidewalks of Tenth avenue, from One Hundred and Seventh to One Hundred and Tenth street.....	Andrew Low, 162 E. 70th street.....	D. W. Moran, 349 E. 72d street. Thos. D. Hy, 1328 Lexington ave.
" 16	Furnishing materials and performing work in putting up eleven new ventilators and painting and repairing roof of New County Court-house.....	John Flanagan, 392 Fourth avenue.....	Thos. Smith, 1628 Lexington ave. Thos. D. Hy, 1328 Lexington ave.
" 14	Flagging sidewalks on east side Boulevard, from Sixty-seventh to Seventy-fifth street.....	Dennis W. Moran, 349 E. 72d street.....	John McQuade, 1328 Lexington ave. Peter McGinniss, 156 Fourth avenue.
" 14	Furnishing and delivering stop-cocks, stop-cock boxes, covers and hydrants.....	James A. Branegan, 179 Willoughby st.....	Jacob Graff, 622 E. 14th street. Geo. B. Marx, 410 E. 13th street.
" 17	Receiving-basin on southwest corner One Hundred and Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue.....	John S. Masterson, 110 W. 130th street.....	M. B. Flynn.
" 17	Sewers in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, and between Eighth avenue and summit east of Eighth avenue.....	Michael Casey, 170th st. & Cottage pl.	M. Hughes, 170th st. & Cottage pl. H. Bohlen, 240 E. 83d street.
" 17	Sewer in One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, between Convent avenue and Lawrence street.....	Michael Casey, 170th st. & Cottage pl.	M. Hughes, 170th st. & Cottage pl. H. Bohlen, 240 E. 83d street.
" 17	Repairs to sewer in Sixty-third street, between Madison and Fifth avenues.....	C. Smith, 418 E. 75th street.....	M. Casey, 170th st. & Cottage pl. C. C. Ellis, 443 Ninth avenue.
" 17	Furnishing 1,200 gross tons broken size Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal and 25 tons English cannon coal.....	Henry E. Bownes, 111 Broadway.....	E. A. Parker, 432 E. 64th street. D. B. Duncun, 111 Broadway.
" 17	Laying 36-inch waste-weir in City of New York, through the lands late of Van Cortlandt estate, from Croton Aqueduct to Tibbett's brook.....	B. Mahon, 105 W. 124th street.....	M. B. Flynn, 543 Madison avenue. Thos. Gearty, 135 E. 83d street.
" 17	Paving One Hundred and Eleventh street, from Seventh avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas, with granite-block pavement.....	M. Shannon, 129 Hoboken avenue.....	W. A. Sweeney, 229 Broadway. Thos. Gearty, 135 E. 83d street.
" 17	Paving One Hundred and Eighth street, from Second to Third avenue, with granite-block pavement.....	M. Shannon, 129 Hoboken avenue.....	W. A. Sweeney, 229 Broadway. Thos. Gearty, 135 E. 83d street.
" 17	Regulating and grading One Hundred and Seventeenth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue.....	J. W. & J. Phelan, 205 W. 124th street.....	Heman Clark, 2066 Fifth avenue. T. F. Toney, 130th st. and N. R.
" 20	Regulating and grading Ninety-fourth street, from Second to Third avenue.....	J. W. & J. Phelan, 205 W. 124th street.....	Theodore F. Toney, 130th st. and N. R. Theodore F. Toney, 130th st. and N. R.
" 20	Regulating and grading One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue.....	Thomas Murray, 130th st. and 10th ave.	John Becker, 130th st. and N. R. M. McGrath, 231 E. 79th street.
" 31	Regulating and grading One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from First to Second avenue.....	D. W. Moran, 349 E. 72d street.....	P. Neary, 438 E. 82d street.

Assessment Lists for Completed Improvements transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Fencing vacant lots on northeast corner of One Hundred and Twenty-second street and Fourth avenue.....	\$122 90
Sewers in One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets, between Seventh avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.....	6,651 39
Sewer in Eighty-ninth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.....	6,810 75
Sewer in West End avenue (formerly Eleventh avenue), between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets, and in Sixty-fifth street, etc.....	18,929 40
Sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Seventh avenue and summit west of Seventh avenue.....	1,256 18
Paving One Hundred and Thirty-first street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.....	6,881 13
Paving Sixty-ninth street, from Ninth to Eleventh avenue.....	12,507 26
Laying crosswalks in Sixty-ninth street, west side, from Ninth avenue to Boulevard.....	492 76
Regulating, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from St. Nicholas to Eighth avenue.....	7,814 70
Fencing vacant lots on southwest corner of Eightieth street and Fourth avenue.....	104 01

Statement of Laboring Force Employed in the Department of Public Works during the Week ending November 8, 1884.

NATURE OF WORK.	MECHANICS.	LABORERS.	TEAMS.	CARTS.
Maintenance of Aqueduct and Reservoirs.....	34	117	9	4
In Pipe Yard, foot of East Twenty-fourth street.....	2	16	2	..
Repairing and laying water pipes, etc.....	10	164	..	9
Repairing pavements.....	136	352	..	96
Repairing and cleaning sewers.....	4	29	..	17
Maintenance and construction of boulevards and avenues.....	10	61	17	3
Repairing streets.....	1	25	6	2
Totals.....	197	764	34	131
Increase over previous week.....	2	7	..	..
Decrease from previous week.....	..	..	..	..

Requisitions on the Comptroller.
The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department on the Comptroller during the week is \$100,309.77.
HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK,
Nos. 31 AND 32 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, November 15, 1884.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51, chapter 410, of the Laws of 1882, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning makes the following report of the transactions of the Department of Street Cleaning for the week ending November 1, 1884:

Number of loads of ashes removed.....	12,630
" " rubbish removed.....	4,167
" " material received from Department of Public Works.....	149
" " " Markets.....	174
" " " Permits.....	2,701
Total.....	19,821
Public moneys received and deposited in the City Treasury for trimming scows, etc.....	\$215 60

Bills

—audited and transmitted to the Finance Department, chargeable to the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning" for the year 1884:

Schedule No. 265—

Jos. Chicarella, unloading scows.....	\$221 50
S. L'Hommedieu, towing.....	482 50

Schedule No. 266—

Thos. C. Avery, repairs.....	68 31
J. K. Coates, rent.....	24 00
Fred. D. Colcord, supplies.....	36 00
McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	54 80
Patterson Bros., supplies.....	45 35
Patterson Bros., ".....	12 36
Patterson Bros., ".....	117 90
Robinson & Co., map.....	25 00
R. W. Robinson & Son, drugs.....	24 78
The Chapman & O'Neill Co., repairs.....	188 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, supplies.....	35 58
Total.....	\$1,336 08

Pay-rolls

—audited and transmitted to the Finance Department, chargeable to the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning" for the year 1884:

Schedule No. 267—

Commissioner, Deputy, etc.....	\$3,395 41
Foreman.....	887 90
Assistant Foreman.....	402 58
Inspectors.....	1,200 00
Tugs.....	1,210 00
Total.....	\$7,005 89

Appointments.

Jas. Ryan, Driver.	
Jno. Condon, Hired Cartman.	
J. S. COLEMAN, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.	

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the Meeting held November 21st, 1884.

Present—Franklin Edson, Mayor; Frederick Smyth, Recorder; S. Hastings Grant, Comptroller; Henry B. Laidlaw, Chamberlain; and Hugh J. Grant, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the meeting of November 13th, 1884, were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports, viz.:

I.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 20th, 1884.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of section 146 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, after due advertisement, inviting proposals for \$3,000,000 Three per cent. Stock and Bonds of the

City of New York, exempt from City and County taxation, for the purposes specified in said advertisement, the bids therefor were publicly opened by the Comptroller, at his office, at 2 o'clock P. M., on October 8th, 1884, as provided by law, as follows, to wit:

NAME.	Dock Bonds.	Assessment Bonds.	Armory Bonds.
New York Fire Department Relief Fund.....	\$105,000 par.	.....	.....
Robert Copely.....	.....	\$18,000 par.	.....
W. W. L. Voorhis.....	.....	.....	\$2,000 par.

The above bids, amounting to \$125,000, were accepted by the Comptroller with the approval of the Chamberlain, and awards of said stock made accordingly.

Respectfully,

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and ordered on file.

II.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 20th, 1884.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of the provisions of section 146 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, after due advertisement inviting proposals for \$1,290,000 Three and one-half per cent. Stocks and Bonds of the City of New York, bids therefor were publicly opened by the Comptroller at his office, at two o'clock P. M. on the third day of November, 1884, as provided by law. These stocks and bonds were a portion of those for which proposals were invited to be opened on the 8th day of October, for \$3,000,000, bearing interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum for which bids for \$125,000 only, were received as reported this day.

The interest payable on these stocks and bonds was not limited to three per centum per annum and proposals were invited at three and one-half per cent. to raise the money required for public purposes. The following bids were received, to-wit:

	ADDITIONAL CROTON WATER STOCK, 1895.	DOCK BONDS, 1915.	ADDITIONAL WATER STOCK, 1913-33.	ASSESSMENT BONDS, 1889.
	Amount. Rate.	Amount. Rate.	Amount. Rate.	Amount. Rate.
Daniel A. Moran.....	.....	.....	.....	\$300,000 100.0091
Frank W. Marvin.....	.....	.....	\$1,000 101.	.....
W. H. Slocum.....	.....	.....	.....	300,000 100.57
Vermilye & Co., Blake Bros. & Co., and Geo. K. Sistare's Sons	\$240,000 100.89	\$450,000 101.13	300,000 101.13	300,000 100.73
Manhattan Savings Institution.....	.....	.....	.....	300,000 100.25
Moller & Co.....	40,000 100.30	.....	.....	50,000 100.29
".....	40,000 100.40	.....	.....	50,000 100.39
".....	40,000 100.54	.....	.....	50,000 100.53
".....	40,000 100.65	.....	.....	50,000 100.64
".....	40,000 100.75	.....	.....	50,000 100.73
".....	40,000 100.10	.....	.....	50,000 100.79
South Brooklyn Savings Institution.....	.....	.....	.....	100,000 100.11
".....	.....	.....	.....	100,000 100.16
".....	.....	.....	.....	100,000 100.26
Dry Dock Savings Institution.....	240,000 100.13	.....	.....	300,000 100.13
Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn.....	240,000 100.105	450,000 100.115	300,000 100.015	300,000 100.115
Metropolitan Trust Company of the City of New York.....	.....	.....	50,000 100.	.....
United States "Lloyds".....	.....	50,000 100.10	50,000 100.15	.....
Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks.....	.....	.....	.....	300,000 101.
C. J. Holmes.....	1,000 100.	.....	.....	.....
James W. Walsh, Jr.....	.....	4,000 100.125	or Additional Water Stock.	.....
E. S. Kennedy.....	.....	.....	.....	7,600 100.10
Port Chester Savings Bank.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000 100.59
".....	.....	.....	.....	10,000 100.375
".....	.....	.....	.....	10,000 100.25
".....	.....	.....	.....	10,000 100.125
".....	.....	.....	.....	10,000 100.06½
Mary E. Donovan.....	.....	.....	4,000 100.	.....

The following bids, amounting to the whole sum for which proposals as above stated were invited, being the highest bids at and above par, were accepted by the Comptroller, and the awards made therefor, have been approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund present at said opening of the proposals, to wit:

Vermilye & Co., Blake Bros. & Co. and Geo. K. Sistare's Sons—Additional Croton water stock of 1895.....	\$240,000 00 at 100.89
Vermilye & Co., Blake Bros. & Co. and Geo. K. Sistare's Sons—Dock bonds of 1915.....	450,000 00 at 101.13
Vermilye & Co., Blake Bros. & Co. and Geo. K. Sistare's Sons—Additional Croton water stock of 1913-1933.....	300,000 00 at 101.13
Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks—Assessment bonds of 1889.....	300,000 00 at 101.
Total.....	\$1,290,000 00

Respectfully,

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and ordered on file.

III.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 21st, 1884.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of section 146 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, after due advertisement inviting proposals for \$1,000,000, Three per cent. Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, exempt from City and County taxation, for the purposes specified in said adver-

tisement, which were publicly opened by the Comptroller, at his office, at 2 o'clock p. m., November 20th, 1884, as provided by law, the following bids at par, amounting to \$380,000, were accepted and awards made therefor, with the approval of the Chamberlain, to wit:

"ARMORY BONDS" of 1895.

B. L. B. Baylies, trustee for estate of James H. Blackwell, deceased.....	\$5,000 00	par.
F. H. Cossitt.....	70,000 00	par.
Joseph H. Godwin.....	55,000 00	par.
Manhattan Life Ins. Co., Henry Stokes, President.....	250,000 00	par.
Total.....	\$380,000 00	

Respectfully submitted,

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

Whereas, The Board of City Record have authorized the advertisement in certain daily newspapers, by the Board of Education, of the sale of the premises Nos. 135 and 137 Mulberry street, on April 24th last;

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby direct that the bills for advertising said sale in said newspapers by the Board of Education, be paid as approved and certified by said Board, amounting to the sum of one hundred and sixty-four dollars.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant for the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) be drawn in favor of Richard V. Harnett, payable from the appropriation "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of," 1884, to pay him for appraisal of rent for part of Manhattan Hall, to be used by the Eleventh District Judicial Court.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted, and the bill submitted with the resolution was ordered on file.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant for the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) be drawn in favor of Hugh N. Camp, payable from the appropriation "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of," 1884, to pay him for appraisal of rent for part of Manhattan Hall, to be used by the Eleventh District Judicial Court.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted, and bill submitted with the resolution was ordered on file.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant, payable from the appropriation "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of," 1884, be drawn for the sum of three dollars (\$3) in favor of Williams Brothers, to pay them for posting bills for sale at public auction of school property, Nos. 135 and 137 Mulberry street, November 13th, 1884.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted, and the bill submitted with the report was ordered on file.

The application of Thomas Ward, for "a lease of about sixty feet of filled-in land at the foot of West Seventy-eighth street, dating from May 1st, 1885, to May, 1895, ten (10) years," was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller and Chamberlain, to whom was referred a communication from Gen. Shaler, Secretary of the Armory Board, in relation to building an Armory for the Twelfth Regiment, submitted the following report, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 17th, 1884.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of this Board, held on the 13th instant, a communication from General Shaler, Secretary of the Armory Board, was presented, submitting a preamble and resolution passed at a meeting of said Board November 10, accompanied by plans and specifications for an Armory building for the Twelfth Regiment, and also an estimate of the cost of erecting said Armory according to said plans. These documents were referred to the Comptroller and Chamberlain, who respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

The Armory Board have approved of said plans and specifications of an Armory building for the Twelfth Regiment, and recommend that the building be constructed in accordance therewith, subject to such modifications as may be suggested or approved by the architect, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$300,000, which amount the Armory Board have recommended shall be appropriated for the erection of said building.

The sum of \$208,000 has been heretofore appropriated for the purchase of a site of an Armory for the Twelfth Regiment, to be located at Ninth avenue and Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the sum of \$1,305.08 to pay the legal expenses attending the examination of the title to the land.

We are of the opinion that the total cost of said Armory, including the cost of the land and the construction of the building thereon, should not exceed the sum of \$500,000, and we, therefore, submit a resolution to authorize a further appropriation and expenditure of \$290,694.92, the balance remaining from said amount, for the construction of the Armory building, including compensation of the architect and all expenses whatever attending its erection according to said plans and specifications, for such action thereon as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may deem proper and advisable.

Respectfully,

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.
H. B. LAIDLAW, Chamberlain.

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of chapter 91 of the Laws of 1884, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby concur with a resolution adopted by the Armory Board, at a meeting held October 10th, 1884, recommending the construction of a building for an Armory for the Twelfth Regiment, to be located at Ninth avenue and Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by said Board, and that the sum of two hundred and ninety thousand six hundred and ninety-four dollars and ninety-two cents (\$290,694.92) be and is hereby approved as the amount to be appropriated and expended for constructing said building, the said plans and specifications to be subject to such modifications as may be suggested or approved by the architect, to bring the cost of construction to a sum not to exceed said amount, which sum shall include the compensation of the architect and all expenses attending the erection and completion of said Armory building ready for occupation; provided that no expenditure therefor shall be incurred until the money is raised from the sale of bonds for the purpose, and a contract shall have been made at public letting pursuant to the general provisions of law as to public contracts in the City of New York, contained in sections 59, 64 and 65 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and as prescribed by said section 3 of chapter 91 of the Laws of 1884.

After discussion, in which General Shaler participated, the Mayor moved that the report be accepted; which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller moved that the resolution be adopted, which was not carried; the Mayor,

Recorder and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, voting in the negative and the Comptroller and Chamberlain voting in the affirmative.

After a further discussion and explanations by General Shaler and members of the Board, the Recorder stated that he had received additional information on the subject; and moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was not adopted.

The motion to reconsider was adopted; the Recorder, Comptroller, Chamberlain and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, voting in the affirmative, and the Mayor in the negative.

The Recorder then moved the adoption of the resolution submitted with the report, which was carried; the Recorder, Comptroller, Chamberlain and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, voting in the affirmative, and the Mayor in the negative.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 10, 1884.

Present—The full Board.

The Board met for the purpose of conferring with the representatives of the West Shore & Ontario Terminal Co., in respect to the purchase by the Corporation of the City of New York of wharf property between Harrison and Jay streets, North river.

Messrs. E. F. Winslow, Horace Porter, Theodore Houston and Horace Russell were present and represented the company. After considerable discussion on the subject, the officers of the company finally agreed to dispose of the wharf property to the City for the sum of \$300,000, with the understanding that the new piers to be built thereat, with the bulkhead between the same, would be leased by the said company for a term of ten years, at the annual rental of \$75,000 per annum, and such lease to contain a provision for two renewal terms thereof of ten years each, at an increased annual rental for each of said renewal terms, and that a communication embodying the proposition as stated would be formally transmitted by them at their earliest convenience to this Board for its action thereon.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the Department of Police that this Board desires, for the purpose of facilitating the transaction of its business, to extend the private telephone wire of this Department from Twenty-seventh street, North river, to Fifty-seventh street, North river, and to request their Department to afford all the facilities in their power to the parties engaged in doing the work.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 12, 1884.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held October 29th, ultimo, and November 5th and 6th, instants, were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read and,

On motion, laid on the table to await action as stated, to wit:

From Stewart & Boardman, attorneys for George L. and Wm. N. Kingsland and others—In reference to and offering to sell to the Corporation of the City of New York certain bulkhead and wharf property situated on the North river, between Spring and Charlton streets, for the sum of \$600 per running foot. Referred to the President.

From Simon Stevens, attorney for Charles F. Southmayd—In reference to and offering to sell to the Corporation of the City of New York certain bulkhead and wharf property situated on the North river, between North Moore and Franklin streets, for the sum of \$650 per running foot.

From Richard J. Morrison, attorney for Edward Dickel—Transmitting statement of account, amounting to \$1,363.10, including costs and disbursements, in the proceeding commenced by Edward Dickel for reinstatement as Clerk in this Department, which was decided in favor of the relator by the Supreme Court. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the power and duty of the Board in the matter, and if the said claim or any portion thereof can properly be audited, allowed and paid. Secretary directed to advise Mr. Morrison of the action of the Board.

From G. F. and E. C. Swift—Requesting permission to extend the shed on Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, Harlem river, in accordance with plans submitted therefor.

From C. C. Ellis and others, residents of the Twenty-second Ward—Requesting the Department to build a pier at the foot of West Forty-eighth street, North river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, ordered to be placed on file, action being taken where necessary, as stated, to wit: From Counsel to the Corporation—Inclosing copies of contract for dredging at the foot of West Seventeenth street, North river, and other places on the North and East rivers, with his approval as to form indorsed thereon.

From Police Department—Reporting that the bulkhead between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, East river, is in a very dangerous condition. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to examine and report.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—Requesting Department to repair the Dock at the foot of Fifty-second street, East river, for launch landing, Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to examine and report. Secretary directed to advise the Department of Public Charities and Correction that the Engineer-in-Chief has been directed to examine and report upon the condition of and the repairs required to the said premises.

From Decker & Rapp—In reference to and stating that the Pier at the foot of Jane street, North river, was in possession of the contractor who rebuilt the same during the month of August, and requesting that a reduction of one month's rent be made for the time the said pier was being rebuilt. Secretary directed to advise that the Board cannot allow any rebate or deduction in the annual rental of the pier, it being provided in and by the terms of the lease that no claim shall be allowed by the Department for or on account of the time taken for repairing the pier.

From Henry Du Bois' Sons—In reference to and stating in detail the repairs they desire to make for the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company to the Pier foot of West Thirty-third street, North river. Permission granted, provided that no claim for the cost of the repairs made by the said Railroad Company be made against this Department, and that the permission granted to repair the pier shall not be construed as giving the Railroad Company any right to the use or occupation of the said pier other than as at present permitted by the Board.

From Arnold & Bernheimer—Requesting permission to dredge and drive piles in rear of premises southeast corner of Thirty-eighth street and First avenue, East river. Secretary directed to advise that the Engineer-in-Chief has prepared specifications for the improvement of the premises in question, and therefore it would be unnecessary for the work proposed to be done by them to be performed.

From S. L. Merchant & Co.—Requesting that a sample of cement be tested and inclosing \$10 to pay the cost thereof. The Secretary stating that by direction of the President he had issued a permit therefor and directed the Engineer-in-Chief to report the result of the test, his action was approved.

From H. F. Dimock, agent Metropolitan Steamship Company—Requesting permission to drive piles and make the necessary repairs on platform connected with Pier 11, North river. The Secretary stating that by direction of the Commissioners he had issued a permit therefor, the said work to be done under the supervision and direction of the Engineer-in-Chief, his action was approved.

From C. D. Hancock—In reference to the wharfrage charged steamer "J. B. Schuyler," for use of Pier at the foot of Eighth street, East river, and agreeing to pay \$2 per day for the use thereof. Subject-matter referred to the Treasurer, with power.

From James Hannon—Transmitting statement of claim, amounting to \$74.42, for damage caused to truck on October 4th, ultimo, on Pier foot of Fifteenth street, North river.

From Glen Cove Manufacturing Company—Requesting permission to drive ten fender piles on the face of the bulkhead between Piers 49 and 50, East river. Permission granted, the said work to be done under the supervision and direction of the Engineer-in-Chief.

From Engineer-in-Chief:

1st. Reporting the assignment of employees to special duty other than that to which they were appointed. Secretary directed to notify the Bookkeeper.

2d. Reporting the suspension of Laborer Thomas Handlin, for being absent three successive days without being excused. The action of the Engineer-in-Chief approved, and the said laborer discharged.

3d. Reporting that he had made such repairs as were necessary from time to time to keep Pier 37, East river, in safe condition.

4th. Reporting that the crib bulkhead and the dredging in front of the same, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, North river, has been completed by William P. Kelly under his contract, No. 212, and in accordance with the action of the Board on October 30, 1884. Secretary directed to notify the Dock Master to collect wharfrage thereat.

5th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2365, that he had kept Pier foot of Thirteenth street, North river, safe for light work.

6th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3752, that he had kept Pier 43, East river, safe until taken possession of by the contractors, Messrs. Flaherty & O'Connell.

7th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3823, that he had kept Pier foot of West Forty-sixth street, North river, safe until taken possession of by contractors P. Ross Sanford.

8th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3942, that he had repaired the approach to the bulkhead foot of East Fifty-fourth street, East river.
 9th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3972, that he had repaired the north end of the Storehouse Pier at Blackwell's Island, East river.
 10th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3974, that he had repaired Pier 60, East river.
 11th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3981, submitting a tracing map of premises between Warren and Chambers streets, North river. Secretary directed to transmit same to the Counsel to the Corporation.

12th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 3953, that as no work had been done to the bulkhead between Piers 59 and 60, East river, by the alleged owners, he had fenced off the dangerous portions of said bulkhead from public use.

From Abram Duryee, Dock Master—Requesting Department to locate office for his use on Pier foot of Fifty-seventh street, North river. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to furnish quarters on said Pier for the use of the Dock Master.

From Bernard Kenney, Dock Master—Reporting that, on the 7th instant, he had notified the captain of the scow "Long Branch," berthed at the foot of Fourteenth street, East river, to stop putting any more sand on the said bulkhead without using a canvas to prevent the sand from falling into the water, but the said order was not obeyed, and the cargo of sand was placed on the bulkhead in violation of said order. A penalty of \$25 was imposed on Jeremiah Reid, of No. 39 South street, the owner of the scow, for violation of Rule 8, and Secretary directed to notify him to call and pay the amount to the Treasurer of this Department within five days or the claim will be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for collection.

From John Callan, Dock Master—Reporting that the approaches to the bulkheads at the foot of East One Hundred and Fifth and East One Hundred and Sixth streets, Harlem river, require to be filled in and graded in order to admit of their use for commercial purposes. Secretary directed to request the Department of Public Works to regulate, grade and pave the said approaches.

From Robert Hall, Dock Master—Reporting that the bulkheads between Sixtieth and Sixty-second streets, and between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets, and the Pier at Eighty-sixth street, East river, require cleaning. Secretary directed to request the Department of Street Cleaning to clean the said premises.

From John M. Smith, Dock Master—Reporting that one of the sliding doors on Pier, new 46, North river, had blown overboard, and is at present lying in the slip, made fast to the pier, and recommending that the door be replaced. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to replace and repair the same.

From Edward Abeel, Dock Master:

1st. Reporting that a portion of the fence which surrounded Pier 37, East river, and inclosed a portion of the bulkhead on the upper side of Pier 37, East river, was removed and taken away on the night of the 4th instant. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to replace the fence at the said premises.

2d. Reporting an accumulation of dirt on Pier 48, East river. Secretary directed to request the Department of Street Cleaning to clean the said pier.

The application of Elias S. Higgins, for permission to build crib bulkhead between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, North river, was taken from the table and with the report from the Engineer-in-Chief on Secretary's Order No. 3988, in relation thereto, which was received and read, was ordered to be placed on file, and the following resolution offered by Commissioner Laimbeer in relation thereto unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Elias S. Higgins, alleged owner of the land under water between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets on the North river, and of the uplands adjacent thereto, to erect and construct a good and substantial crib bulkhead thereat, with a proper return thereto, on the southerly end of the same upon or within the bulkhead lines as at present established for said river, and the said bulkhead to extend from the northerly side of Ninety-fifth street to the southerly side of the existing Pier at the foot of Ninety-sixth street, North river, and to be constructed upon plans and specifications which are to be submitted to this Board for approval.

Permission being also granted to fill in behind the said bulkhead with stone and clean earth or other suitable material, all the work hereby authorized to be done under the supervision and direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication from the Department of Public Charities and Correction in reference to the application made by the agent of Mr. Alfred E. Beach, for permission to build bulkheads at various places on Ward's Island, East river, and protesting against such permission being granted, for the reason that it would materially injure the premises at Ward's Island belonging to the City under their charge, and be greatly detrimental to the interests of the institutions located on Ward's Island, was received, read, and together with the several other communications from Mr. Beer, the agent for Mr. Beach, and the report from the Engineer-in-Chief on Secretary's Order No. 3941, which were taken from the table, was ordered to be placed on file, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Beach that, for the reasons stated by the Department of Charities and Correction, and that there does not appear to be any commercial necessity for the building of the bulkheads contemplated by him, the Board deem it advisable to deny his application.

Commissioner Voorhis reported the following-named parties as being in arrears for rent due the Department, and recommended that the claims be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for collection:

Samuel L. Storer, one quarter's rent outer half east side Pier 22, East river, due May 1, 1884, \$1,275 00
 Samuel L. Storer, one quarter's rent outer half east side Pier 22, East river, due August 1, 1884, 1,275 00
 Samuel L. Storer, one quarter's rent outer 211 feet of the west half of Pier 23, East river, due June 1, 1884, 531 25
 Samuel L. Storer, one quarter's rent outer 211 feet of the west half of Pier 23, East river, due September 1, 1884, 531 25
 Fulton Market Fish Mergers' Association, one quarter's rent inner part of Piers 22 and 23, East river, and bulkhead between, due May 1, 1884, 1,625 00
 Fulton Market Fish Mergers' Association, one quarter's rent inner part of Piers 22 and 23, East river, and bulkhead between, due August 1, 1884, 1,625 00
 John H. Starin, platform between Piers 18 and 20, North river, due August 1, 1884, 300 00
 Hudson Tunnel R. W. Company, land under water and at Pier, new 42, North river, due October 1, 1884, 1,000 00

On motion, the report was received, and ordered to be placed on file, the recommendation adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the claims to the Counsel to the Corporation for collection.

Commissioner Voorhis, the Treasurer of the Board, presented in duplicate the monthly balance sheet for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October, 1884, which were received, read, and the Secretary directed to transmit the originals to the Comptroller and to place on file the duplicates thereof.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to prepare specification and form of contract for repairing the approach to Piers, new 46 and 47, North river.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of twenty-three bills or claims, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$23,152.27, which was accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to enter the same in full on the minutes, as follows:

Audit No.	Bills or Claims.	Amount.
8706.	James D. Leary, Estimate No. 4 and final under Contract No. 205	\$13,447 03
8707.	Wm. P. Kelly, Estimate No. 1 and final under Contract No. 212	5,914 63
8708.	J. W. Chittenden, divers, etc.	738 00
8709.	Christopher Havican, cobbles (lien lodged by Louis Beckowitz for \$209.01)	675 51
8710.	Bacon, Pike & Co., pitch pine	384 13
8711.	Fairbanks & Co., tests of iron, etc.	99 50
8712.	Isaac E. Smith & Son, white pine	60 00
8713.	Hodgman & Co., diving dress	50 00
8714.	F. W. Devoe & Co., oils, etc.	48 02
8715.	Patterson Bros., hatchets, etc.	36 40
8716.	The Eckford Iron Works, W. H. Wells & Co. proprietors, windlass, heavers, etc.	30 24
8717.	S. A. Suydam, watering-pots, etc.	22 20
8718.	Edward A. Kingsland, stationery	16 00
8719.	C. H. Delamater & Co., pionier for pump	15 00
8720.	Smith & Lockwood, boiler certificate	15 00
8721.	Stackpole & Brother, repairs to theodolite etc.	8 00
On Construction Account		\$21,559 66
8722.	Union Dredging Company, dredging	\$661 64
8723.	Bell Brothers, spruce	643 58
8724.	L. Bucki & Son, yellow pine	250 50
8725.	Decker & Rapp, yellow pine	141 15
8726.	Fairbanks & Co., tests, etc., of iron	95 65
On General Repairs Account		\$1,792 61
8727.	Manhattan Real Estate Association, quarter's rent of offices, August 1 to November 1, 1884	\$1,687 50
8728.	John B. Barazzi, cleaning, etc.	112 50
On Annual Expense Account		\$1,800 00

RECAPITULATION.

16	Bills or Claims on Construction Account	\$21,559 66
5	" " General Repairs Account	1,792 61
2	" " Annual Expense	1,800 00
23	" " amounting to	\$25,152 27

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. VOORHIS,
WILLIAM LAIMBEER, } Auditing Committee.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to forward the said bills, together with proper requisitions for the amounts, to the Finance Department for payment.

Commissioner Voorhis offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That consent be and is hereby given to the substitution of Charles L. Bucki as surety in place of Louis Bucki, to the estimate of P. Sanford Ross, for repairing the Pier at the foot of West Forty-sixth street, North river.

Commissioner Voorhis, the Treasurer of the Board, presented his report of receipts for the week ending November 11, 1884, which was received, read, and ordered to be placed on file, and the Secretary directed to enter the same in full on the minutes, as follows:

DATE.	FROM WHOM.	FOR WHAT.	AMOUNT.	T. BAL.	DATE DEPOSITED.
1884.					1884.
Nov. 5	Frank Phelps	1 qr's rent Pier 40, etc., E. R.	\$2,250 00		
" 5	Comp. Gen'l Transatl'que	1 " Pier, new 42, N. R.	7,500 00		
" 5	Daniel Shea	1 " Pier at Gansevoort street.	625 00		
" 5	Old Dominion Steamship Co.	1 " Pier, new 26, N. R.	7,500 00		
" 5	East River Ferry Co.	1 " N. 1/2 Pier at E. 33d st.	250 00		
" 5	Nassau Ferry Co.	1 qr's rent bhd. etc., at Houston street. E. R.	637 50		
" 5	Joseph V. Brown	1 qr's rent Pier at 31st st., E. R.	750 00		
" 5	" "	1 qr's rent parts Piers 51 and 52, etc., E. R.	550 00		
" 5	Edward Mallon	10 filling-in tickets, at 20 cents.	2 00		
" 5	Moen's Asphalt Cement Co.	50 " "	10 00		
" 5	Edward Gilon	Whfg. Dis. No. 6, to Nov. 1, incl.	227 30		
" 6	Robert Hall	" 7, " "	\$111 34	\$20,301 80	Nov. 5
" 6	Michael Finnin	20 filling-in tickets, at 20 cents.	4 00		
" 6	New Haven Steamboat Co.	1 qr's rent W. 1/2 Pier 25, etc., E. R.	1,625 00		
" 6	Francis S. Lathrop	1 " S. 1/2 Pier 14, etc., N. R.	4,312 50		
" 7	Iron Steamboat Co.	1 " Pier, new 1, N. R.	\$7,525 00		
" 7	Harlem & P. C. R. R. Co.	1 qr's rent pfm. bet. Piers 50 and 51, E. R.	375 00		
" 7	F. W. J. Hurst, Agt.	1 qr's rent Pier, new 39, N. R.	7,500 00		
" 7	Francis S. Lathrop	1 " Pier 13, etc., N. R.	3,750 00		
" 7	Jabez A. Bostwick	1 " pfm. n. of 62d st., E. R.	50 00		
" 7	S. L. Merchant & Co.	For test of cement.	10 00		
" 7	J. B. Mulrey & Son	50 filling-in tickets, at 20 cents.	10 00		
" 7	E. S. Vaughan	30 " "	6 00		
" 8	Edward Mallon	10 " "	\$2 00	19,226 00	Nov. 7
" 8	E. S. Vaughan	30 " "	6 00		
" 8	John Kerrigan	50 " "	10 00		
" 8	Michael Shannon	20 " "	4 00		
" 8	Charles Guidet	100 " "	20 00		
" 8	James Gillies	1 qr's rent, l. u. w. so. side W. 50th st.	62 50		
" 8	Murphy & Nesbit	1 qr's rent pfm. bet. 79th and 80th st., E. R.	25 00		
" 8	George T. Gaden & Co.	1 qr's rent, l. u. w., so. side 126th st., H. R.	100 00		
" 8	N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co.	1 qr's rent, l. u. w. bet. 60th and 72d sts., N. R.	5,875 00		
" 8	" "	1 qr's rent, site for Pier at 33d st., N. R.	1,250 00		
" 8	" "	1 " " 59th st., " "	250 00		
" 8	" "	1 qr's rent parts Piers 4, 5, and 6, etc., E. R.	3,952 50		
" 10	Thos. Sexton	10 filling-in tickets, at 20 cents.	\$2 00	11,557 00	Nov. 8
" 10	William Kelley	100 " "	10 00		
" 10	J. Campbell & Son	50 " "	10 00		
" 10	Michael Shannon	10 " "	2 00		
" 10	Chas. H. Thompson	Whfg. Dis. No. 1, to 8th inst. incl.	251 85		
" 10	Geo. W. Wanmaker	" 2, " "	184 06		
" 10	Edward Abeel	" 3, " "	1,078 49		
" 10	John M. Smith	" 4, " "	410 50		
" 10	Bernard Kenney	" 5, " "	139 98		
" 10	Edward Gilon	" 6, " "	221 01		
" 10	Abraham Duryee	" 8, " "	114 88		
" 10	John Callan	" 9, " "	89 47		
" 11	Robert Hall	" 7, " "	\$158 18	2,514 24	Nov. 10
" 11	Thomas Lord	10 filling-in tickets, at 20 cents.	2 00		
" 11	Michael Kane	1 qr's rent, Pier at East 46th st.	25 00		
" 11	Owens & Co.	1 " bhd at E. 47th st.	200 00		
" 11	Drew & Bucki	1 qr's rent pfm. at bhd. south of 13th st., N. R.	125 00		
				510 18	
			\$60,162 06	\$60,162 06	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. VOORHIS, Treasurer.

The following requisitions were read, and
On motion, approved :

Register No.	Estimated cost,	
4992. For 4½ dozen axes.....	\$27 00	
4993. For 8 double blocks for tug "Manhattan".....	28 00	
4994. For repairing tug "Manhattan".....	28 00	
4995. For 8 zinc plates, tug "Manhattan," about 350 lbs., per lb.....	07	
4996. For 2 sand screens.....	9 00	
4997. For 1 fire pot for stove, pipe, etc.....	12 00	
4998. For 6,000 feet 3-inch spruce plank.....	120 00	
4999. For 25 bars steel.....	78 00	

On motion, the Board adjourned.

J. T. CUMING, Secretary.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That Robert Curren be and hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York (his term of office having expired October 20, 1884), in place of Philip E. Dolan, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That George W. Conner be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Edward A. Radigan, who was recently appointed but failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That Edward William Hoegtergh, Commissioner of Deeds, be and is hereby amended so as to read Edward William Hoegberg.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That Richard T. Rhatigan be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of Richard T. Rhatigan, whose term of office expired on the 6th day of November, 1884.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That George J. Vestner be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New York, in the place and stead of Joseph Spitzer, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That the names of the following persons, recently appointed Commissioners of Deeds, be corrected so as to read as follows :

William Le Compte, Jr., to read William J. Le Compte, Jr.
Louis Kneissel, to read Louis Kneisel.
Christian M. Seibers, to read Christian M. Seibert.
John J. Tinsdale, to read John J. Tindale.
William Greve, to read William M. Greve.
David Devenney, to read David DeVenny.
James C. A. Thompson, to read James C. A. Thomson.
William H. Kingler, to read William A. Klingler.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That John F. Carroll be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resignation of Mitchel Levy as Commissioner of Deeds.

Resolved, That Daniel J. Hogan be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Mitchel Levy, resigned.

Resignation accepted and resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resignation of John J. Clarke as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Resolved, That Peter B. Decker be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John J. Clarke, who has resigned.

Resignation accepted and resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That William H. Beam be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of his term of office, November 4, 1884.

Resolved, That H. Edward Olley be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of H. Edward Olley, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Timothy Donovan be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the place of John T. Cuming, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Arthur Arctander be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Henry Frey, who failed to qualify.

Resolved, Egbert W. Simmons be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Egbert W. Simmons, whose term of office has expired.

Resolved, That Charles S. Kennedy be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Gardiner S. Hawes, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That David Scott be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in the place and stead of John Braden, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Frederick L. Paetzold be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Joseph T. Baker, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Edgar A. Simmons be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Edgar A. Simmons, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Denis Nunan be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Denis Nunan, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Jas. F. Whelan be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Jas. F. Whelan, whose term of office has expired.

Resolved, That William H. Gouldsbury be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William H. Gouldsbury, whose term of office has expired.

Resolved, That James McCosker be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of James McCosker, whose term of office has expired.

Resolved, That Andrew B. De Witt be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of George W. Palmer, who has failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Charles C. Diedrich be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Herman Schroeter, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted to the Commercial Cable Company to use the streets within the City of New York for the purpose of constructing and laying lines of electrical conductors underground, from time to time, in tubes or otherwise, for the constructing, maintaining and using in such streets, from time to time, upon and below the surface of the ground, boxes,

vaults or other fixtures suitable for distributing and testing, from time to time, the wires and insulators of said lines, and for access thereto, provided that no box or other structure which shall be constructed by said company pursuant to the permission hereby granted shall project above the surface of the street so as to obstruct or hinder the passage of persons or vehicles thereon ; and laying, maintaining and using underground in said streets, pneumatic tubes necessary or proper to be used in transmission of communications between the company's several offices or stations, or in making delivery of communications received by the company by telegraph, provided that no pneumatic tube to be laid under this authority shall exceed five inches in diameter ; all excavations in streets, removals and replacements of pavements or sidewalks, shall be done under and according to the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; said company, in acting under this permission, shall be subject to so much of the provisions of the Revised Ordinances of 1880 as require that one wire in each route shall be reserved for the use of the police, and one for the fire-alarm telegraph, without charge to the City of New York ; for each street opened and used by the company, under this permission, for the purpose of laying therein lines of electrical conductors, it shall pay to the city a sum equal to one cent for each lineal foot of said street occupied.

Resolved, That said company be and is hereby required and directed to proceed as rapidly and promptly as may be found practicable in the work of actually laying the electrical conductors and pneumatic tubes as aforesaid.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Approved by the Mayor, November 12, 1884.

Resolved, That the name of Henry Frey, recently superseded by Arthur Arctander as a Commissioner of Deeds, be corrected so as to read Henry Fry.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 13, 1884.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, pursuant to the provisions of section 64 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, be and they are hereby authorized and permitted to have the work of constructing driven wells on Hart's Island done without advertising for estimates or contracting therefor, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the amount heretofore appropriated for that purpose.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Approved by the Mayor, November 17, 1884.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the trustees of the New York City Mission and Tract Society to construct a coal vault under the sidewalk in front of their edifice, on Centre Market place, corner of Broome street, without payment of the usual fee, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 13, 1884.

Approved by the Mayor, November 19, 1884.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George Peyser to retain the storm-door in front of premises No. 938 Eighth avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1884.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, November 20, 1884, without his approval or objections thereto ; therefore, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That Samuel A. Lewis be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Samuel A. Lewis, who was recently appointed as such Commissioner, but failed to qualify.

Resolved, That Loring Watson be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires November 23, 1884.

Resolved, That Abraham Morrison be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires November 23, 1884.

Resolved, That George N. Vertizan be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires November 21, 1884.

Resolved, That Jared A. Timpon be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires November 21, 1884.

Resolved, That Francis J. Schmugg be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William H. Folsom, who failed to qualify.

Resolved, That John E. Kirby be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of New York, in place of John Kirby, Jr., whose term of office expires November 23, 1884.

Resolved, That Joseph C. Wolff be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of George T. Capron, who was recently appointed but failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 20, 1884.

Resolved, That Charles H. Graham be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 20, 1884.

Approved by the Mayor, November 21, 1884.

Whereas, The New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, composed exclusively of those who served in the Old Volunteer Department, having some time since become an incorporated body, with a present enrollment of membership numbering two thousand one hundred members, and with an established headquarters at No. 143 Eighth street, where a varied collection of numerous models, designs, and relics, expressive of the old department, are now arranged, and said headquarters are daily open for exhibition to the public ; and

Whereas, There are many old relics now in the custody of the Commissioners of the present "Fire Department," of no practical value or use to said Department, and which would be of inestimable value to the said Volunteer Association for the many old associations attached in former years, and the same being the property of the city and under control of the Common Council ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Fire Department be and they are hereby requested, upon proper recognition of an authorized Committee representing the "New York Volunteer Firemen's Association," to deliver, or cause to be delivered into their custody, the following-named articles, to wit :

Back box of Engine No. 31 ; back box of Engine No. 26 ; one old goose-neck engine, the same being in the Repair Shop in Amity street.

Condenser case of old Engine No. 39, and panel of engine No. 44, now in the house of Engine 39 of the present Department.

Picture or portrait of ex-Chief Engineer Cornelius V. Anderson, now in the hallway at Firemen's Headquarters.

One lot of badges, representing engine, hook and ladder, and hose companies, said to be in keeping of Charles E. Gildersleve, Esq., formerly Clerk to ex-Commissioners of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Banner and staff of Phoenix Hose Company No. 22, left at Firemen's Hall for safe keeping. And such other relics or property as may from time to time be found, provided the same may be of no intrinsic value or use to the present Department.

The same to remain and be in the keeping and custody of the New York Volunteer Association during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 13, 1884.

Approved by the Mayor, November 22, 1884.

NEW YORK, November 24, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

Certain of the members of the Exempt Firemen's Association having represented to me that some of the articles specified in this resolution are the property of that Association, I deem it my duty to state that I have approved this resolution with the understanding that only such articles as rightfully belong to the city are by virtue of the resolution to be delivered to the New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

Any person making an estimate for the work shall present the same in a sealed envelope, to be signed by him, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The Fire Department reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is indebted to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or estimate shall contain, and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and the sum which he would be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested, and the consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the contract, over and above his debts and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York before the award is made, and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750). Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been deposited with said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall neglect or neglect, within ten days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and relet as provided by law. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

The form of the agreement and specifications and drawings, and showing the nature of the work to be done, may be seen and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
HENRY D. PURROY,
RICHARD CROKER,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 & 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, NOV. 21, 1883.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

By order of
CORNELIUS VAN COTT, President.
HENRY D. PURROY,
RICHARD CROKER,
Commissioners.

CARL JUSSEN,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

NOTICE TO MARINERS IN THE PORT OF NEW YORK, PILOTS, AND ALL OTHERS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS DEPARTMENT has placed off the Battery and south of Pier, new 1, North river, two wooden boats or buoys, cubic in shape, six feet on each side, painted black, and anchored on a line bearing S. 7½° E. from southwest corner of Pier, new 1, North river, the first float being anchored about 200 feet and the second about 335 feet distant therefrom.

By order of the Board.
JOHN T. CUMING,
Secretary.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged at the office of the Board of Assessors, for examination by all persons interested, viz:

- List 1871, No. 1. Sewer in Sixth avenue, east side, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets.
- List 1910, No. 2. Paving One Hundred and Eleventh street, from First to Second avenues.
- List 1936, No. 3. Sewer in Seventy-third street, between First and Third avenues.
- List 1954, No. 4. Alteration and improvement to sewer in Fifth avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Sixty-first streets.
- List 1968, No. 5. Sewer in Beekman street, between Water and South streets.
- List 1978, No. 6. Sewer in Seventieth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, from end of present sewer west of Ninth avenue.
- List 1997, No. 7. Sewer in West Tenth street, between Greenwich and Sixth avenues.
- List 2009, No. 8. Sewer in Fifty-sixth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

List 2053, No. 9. Flagging sidewalks on westerly side of First avenue, between Fifty-sixth and Sixty-first streets, and on the easterly side First avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Sixtieth streets and between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, where there is now only one four feet course of flagging.

List 2084, No. 10. Receiving-basins west side Eighth avenue, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.

List 2084, No. 11. Sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Eighth avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

List 2086, No. 12. Flagging One Hundred and Nineteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenues.

List 2087, No. 13. Sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Eighth avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

List 2094, No. 14. Flagging both sides of Sixty-eighth street, between First and Second avenues.

List 2095, No. 15. Flagging both sides Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, and on the north side Fifty-eighth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

List 2099, No. 16. Sewer in Spring street, between Broadway and Mercer street.

List 2106, No. 17. Flagging sidewalks east side of Fifth avenue, from Sixty-sixth street to Sixty-seventh street, and north side Sixty-sixth street, from Fifth to Madison avenues.

List 2107, No. 18. Flagging east side of Fifth avenue, from Sixty-seventh to Sixty-eighth streets, and on the south side Sixty-eighth street, from Madison to Fifth avenues.

List 2102, No. 19. Flagging both sides of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, from First to Second avenues.

List 2103, No. 20. Sewer in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Eighth avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

List 2104, No. 21. Sewer in Third avenue, east side, between Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth streets.

List 2105, No. 22. Sewer in Front street, between Broad and Whitehall streets.

List 2106, No. 23. Receiving-basins on the northeast and southeast corners of Avenue A and Fourteenth street, and on the southeast corner of Goerck and Stanton streets.

List 2107, No. 24. Paving Eighty-ninth street, from Avenue A to Avenue B.

List 2109, No. 25. Receiving-basin and sewer connection on the northeast corner of Alexander avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.

List 2111, No. 26. Sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, with branch in St. Ann's avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.

List 2112, No. 27. Sewer and appurtenances in Washington avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and East One Hundred and Seventieth streets.

List 2113, No. 28. Flagging sidewalk and setting curb and gutter stones, and laying crosswalk on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Courtland to Morris avenues.

List 2117, No. 29. Sewer in Fifth avenue, east side, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets.

The following assessments includes all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. East side Sixth avenue, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets.

No. 2. Both sides of One Hundred and Eleventh street, from First to Second avenues, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 3. Both sides of Seventy-third street, from First to Tenth avenues.

No. 4. East side Fifth avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Sixtieth streets.

No. 5. Both sides of Beekman street, between Water and South streets.

No. 6. Both sides of Seventieth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and the lots situated on the northwest and southwest corners of Ninth avenue and Seventieth street.

No. 7. Both sides of West Tenth street, between Greenwich and Sixth avenues, including property situated on both sides of Patchin place.

No. 8. Both sides of Fifty-sixth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

No. 9. West side of First avenue, between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets; east side First avenue, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets; west side First avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth streets; east side first avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, and west side First avenue, between Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and west side First avenue, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-eighth streets.

No. 10. Manhattan Square.

No. 11. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Eighth avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

No. 12. Both sides of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenues.

No. 13. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Eighth avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

No. 14. Both sides of Sixty-eighth street, from First to Second avenues.

No. 15. Both sides of Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets; and on the north side of Fifty-eighth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

No. 16. Both sides of Spring street, between Broadway and Mercer street.

No. 17. East side of Fifth avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets; and north side Sixty-sixth street, from Fifth to Madison avenues.

No. 18. East side of Fifth avenue, from Sixty-seventh to Sixty-eighth streets, and north side Sixty-eighth street, from Madison to Fifth avenues.

No. 19. Both sides of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, from First to Second avenues.

No. 20. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Eighth avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas, also west side of Avenue St. Nicholas, from centre line of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth to the centre line of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.

No. 21. East side of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, and west side of St. Ann's avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.

No. 22. Both sides of Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets.

No. 23. South side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Courtland to Morris avenues.

No. 24. East side of Fifth avenue, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 11½ City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation, on the 26th of December ensuing.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,
(JOHN T. CUMING),
HENRY A. GUMBLETON,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 11½ CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 23, 1884.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE obtained at No. 2 City Hall (northwest corner basement). Price three cents each.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 22, 1884.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a petition of the property-owners, with map and plan for changing the grade of "Fifty-fifth street, from Avenue A to East river," is now pending before the Common Council.

All persons interested in the above change of grade, and having objections thereto, are requested to present the same in writing to the undersigned at his office on or before the 6th day of December, 1884.

The maps showing the present and proposed grades can be seen at Room 7, No. 31 Chambers street.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ROOM 6, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, NOV. 21, 1884.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Friday, December 5, 1884, at 12 o'clock A. M., at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read for the following:

No. 1. REGULATING AND GRADING ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH STREET, from Eighth avenue to New avenue, and setting curb-stones and flagging sidewalks therein.

No. 2. PAVING MADISON AVENUE, from the northerly line of Eighty-sixth street to the northerly line of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, where not already paved, with granite-block pavement, with a foundation broken stone thoroughly rolled, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets, where required.

No. 3. PAVING NINTH AVENUE, from Seventy-seventh street to One Hundred and Tenth street, where not already paved, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting and terminating streets, where required.

No. 4. PAVING EIGHTY-THIRD STREET, from the Boulevard to the Riverside Drive, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting and terminating avenues, where required.

No. 5. PAVING ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND STREET, from the easterly crosswalk of Lexington avenue to the easterly crosswalk of Fifth avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting and terminating avenues, where required.

No. 6. PAVING ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD STREET, from First to Second avenue, with granite-block pavement, with a foundation of broken stone, thoroughly rolled, and laying crosswalks at the terminating avenues, where required.

No. 7. PAVING ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD STREET, from Seventh to Eighth avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the terminating avenues, where required.

No. 8. LAYING CROSSWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF SIXTH AVENUE across the intersecting streets, from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, where not already laid.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact. That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained on regulating and grading, at Room 5; and for paving, at Room 7, No. 31 Chambers street.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ROOM 6, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 21, 1884.

TO ILLUMINATING GAS MANUFACTURERS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, for furnishing illuminating gas for lighting the Public Markets, Armories, Buildings, and Offices of the City of New York, or any of them, for the period from January 1, 1885, to December 31, 1885, both days inclusive, will be received at this office until Friday, December 5, 1884, at 12 o'clock A. M., at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read for:

- Washington Market.
- Catharine " "
- Fulton " "
- Essex " "
- Centre " "
- Clinton " "
- Union " "
- Tompkins Market.
- Jefferson " "
- First District Police Court.
- Second " "
- Third " "
- Fourth " "
- Fifth " "
- First District Civil Court.
- Second " "
- Fourth " "
- Fifth " "
- Sixth " "
- Eighth " "
- Ninth " "
- Tenth " "
- Clock, Third District Court-house Tower.
- Armory, Seventh Regiment.
- " Eighth " "
- " Ninth " "
- " Eleventh " "
- " Twelfth " "
- " Twenty-second Regiment.
- " Sixty-fourth Regiment.
- " Seventy-first " "
- " First Battery Artillery.
- " Second " "
- Court of Sessions.
- New Court-house.
- Brown-stone (Court-room) Building.
- City Hall.
- Corporation Armory Office.
- Receiver of Taxes' Office.
- Offices of Department of Public Works.
- Offices of Department of Taxes.
- Office of Assessment Commission.
- County Jail.
- Rivington Street Pipe Yard.
- Repair Shop of Water Purveyor, Thirtieth street.
- Repair Shop of Water Purveyor, Eighty-third street.
- Repair Shop of Water Purveyor, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.
- South Gate-house.
- Engine-houses of High Water Service at High Bridge.
- Engine-house of High Water Service at Ninety-eighth street.
- Public Bath, Battery.
- " Gouverneur slip, E. R.
- " Duane street, N. R.
- " Fort of St. John, N. R.
- " Nineteenth street, N. R.
- " Horatio street, N. R.
- " Twenty-seventh street, N. R.
- " Thirty-seventh street, E. R.
- " Fifty-first street, N. R.
- " One Hundred and Twelfth street, E. R.
- " Harlem River.
- Photometrical Room, Grand street and Bowery.
- " Seventy-ninth street.

Or any other public building or office in which gas may be required during the aforesaid term.

Any person making an estimate for the above-mentioned supplies shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope at said office, at or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The gas shall have an illuminating power of not less than sixteen sperm candles when tested on the improved form of the Bunsen burner, by Sugg-Lethby 15-hole and burner, calculated on a consumption of five cubic feet of gas per hour. The regular daily tests however will be made with a burner that will obtain from the gas the greatest amount of light, and practicable for use by the consumer, and computed at the rate of five cubic feet of gas per hour. The testing candle shall be of sperm of six to the pound, and consuming, as near as possible, one hundred and twenty grains of spermaceti per hour, and no candle shall be used for testing which consumes less than one hundred and fourteen or more than one hundred and twenty six grains of spermaceti per hour. And as regards purity, the gas shall be free, within limits not injurious to the public health, from ammonia, sulphuretted hydrogen, and other sulphurous and noxious compounds.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates the several markets, armories, buildings, and offices to which they propose to furnish gas, and with the terms, conditions and specifications contained herein, and in the proposed form of contract, and the illuminating power of the gas they propose to furnish.

Bidders are also required to state one definite and distinct price for each cubic foot of gas furnished (whether the quantity be more or less) to each or any of the public markets, armories, buildings, and offices of the city, and this price must be written out in full, and also inserted in figures.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact. That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of

the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimates, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Blank forms of bids or estimates, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas, Room 17, No. 31 Chambers street.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject all proposals, if in his judgment the same may be for the best interests of the City.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 31 CHAMBERS ST.,
NEW YORK, November 18, 1884.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a petition of the property-owners, with map and plan, for changing the grade of "Tenth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-sixth to One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street," is now pending before the Common Council.

All persons interested in the above change of grade, and having objections thereto, are requested to present the same in writing to the undersigned at his office on or before the 3d day of December, 1884.

The maps showing the present and proposed grades can be seen at Room 5, No. 31 Chambers street.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ROOM 6, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 17, 1884.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Saturday, November 29, 1884, at 12 o'clock M., and will be opened in public by the head of the Department and read, for the following:

No. 1. SEWER IN EIGHTH AVENUE, between One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets.

No. 2. SEWER IN KINGSBRIDGE ROAD, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth streets.

No. 3. SEWER IN SIXTY-SIXTH STREET, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

No. 4. RECEIVING-BASINS ON THE EAST SIDE OF NINTH AVENUE, opposite Seventy-eighth, Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets; and alterations and improvements to basins on the northeast corner of Seventy-seventh street and southeast corner of Eighty-first street and Ninth avenue.

No. 5. REGULATING AND GRADING FOURTH AVENUE, between the northern curb-line of Ninety-seventh street and the southern curb-line of One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

No. 6. REGULATING AND GRADING THE SIDEWALKS IN EIGHTH STREET, from Ninth to Tenth avenue, and setting curbstones and flagging sidewalks therein.

No. 7. REGULATING AND GRADING NINTH STREET, from Eleventh avenue to the east line of Riverside Drive, and setting curbstones and flagging sidewalks therein.

No. 8. REGULATING AND GRADING ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST STREET, from Tenth avenue to Diagonal avenue, and setting curbstones and flagging sidewalks therein.

No. 9. LAYING AN ADDITIONAL COURSE OF FLAGGING four feet wide on the SIDEWALKS OF SIXTH AVENUE, from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

No. 10. PAVING SEVENTY-THIRD STREET, from Ninth avenue to a line about two hundred and twenty-five feet west of Eighth avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 11. PAVING EIGHTY-SECOND STREET, from Eighth avenue to the east line of Croton park, with granite-block pavement, with a foundation of broken stone thoroughly rolled.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact. That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such

check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained for sewers, at Room 5, for regulating and grading, at Room 5; paving, at Room 4, No. 31 Chambers street.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ROOM 6, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, Nov. 13, 1884.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Wednesday, November 25, 1884, at 12 o'clock M., at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following:

No. 1. SEWER IN LEXINGTON AVENUE, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-seventh streets, and in NINETY-FIFTH AND NINETY-SIXTH STREETS, between Lexington and Fourth avenues, with alterations and improvements to existing sewers in THIRTY-SEVENTH AVENUE, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets.

No. 2. SEWER IN EIGHTY-THIRD STREET, between Boulevard and West End avenue.

No. 3. SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH STREET, between Tenth avenue and Boulevard.

No. 4. REGULATING AND GRADING FORT WASHINGTON RIDGE ROAD, from its junction with Eleventh avenue at One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street to its junction with the Kingsbridge road, between One Hundred and Ninety-second and One Hundred and Ninety-third streets, except that part of the road between One Hundred and Ninety-second and One Hundred and Ninety-fourth streets, and between One Hundred and Ninety-eighth and One Hundred and Ninety-ninth streets, providing tree spaces and planting elm trees.

No. 5. REGULATING AND GRADING NEW AVENUE, first east of and generally parallel with Ninth avenue, from St. Nicholas place, from One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to St. Nicholas place, setting curbstones, flagging sidewalks, and constructing retaining wall and drain pipes therein.

No. 6. REGULATING AND GRADING WEST END AVENUE, from Seventy-second street to its junction with the Boulevard, and setting curbstones and flagging sidewalks therein, except between Ninety-fourth and Ninety-sixth streets.

No. 7. REGULATING AND GRADING NINETY-FOURTH STREET, from the Boulevard to the east line of Riverside Drive, and setting curbstones, and flagging sidewalks therein.

No. 8. REGULATING ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH STREET, from the Boulevard to the Riverside Drive, and setting curbstones and flagging sidewalks therein.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact. That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired can be obtained for sewers, at Room 5, for regulating and grading, at Room 5, No. 31 Chambers street.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 13, 1884.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a petition of the property-owners, with map and plan, for changing the grade of "Sixty-fifth street, from First avenue to Avenue A," is now pending before the Common Council.

All persons interested in the above change of grade, and having objections thereto, are requested to present the same in writing to the undersigned at his office on or before the 26th day of November, 1884.

The maps showing the present and proposed grades can be seen at Room 7, No. 31 Chambers street.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, Nov. 1, 1884.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the property-owners of the City of New York, that, by the New York City Consolidated Act of 1882, among other matters relating to Croton water rates and affecting all properties liable for Croton water charges, is enacted the following: "That the Duties and Powers of the Department of Public Works as to Procuring and Distributing Water":

§ 350. The Commissioner of Public Works shall, from time to time, cause to be made a list of the owners or occupants of all such buildings, respectively, which shall be situated upon lots adjoining any street or avenue in said city in which the distributing water-pipes are or may be laid, and from which they can be supplied with water; said rents shall become a charge and lien upon such houses and lots, respectively, as provided by law.

It becomes my duty to state that on and after the first day of April, 1885, all charges, such as steam-engines, bakeries, barbers, bathing-tubs, boarding-houses, boarding-schools, building purposes, horses, horse-troughs, hotels, porter-houses, taverns, etc., printing offices, stone cutting or dressing, slaughter-houses, dyeing, laundries, laundry, laundries, restaurants, soda fountains, extra families, oyster and coffee saloons, water by meter measurement, meters and meter setting, and all other purposes for which the use of Croton water is chargeable according to law, are liens, and unless paid on or before the 30th day of April next must be returned to the Clerk of Arrears, with the amount due on each lot.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, November 12, 1884.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR EACH OF THE following mentioned works, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in this advertisement:

No. 1. For Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, Flagging the Sidewalks Four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks in East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between the easterly curb-line of North Third avenue and the westerly curb-line of Brook avenue.

No. 2. For Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks in East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, between the easterly curb-line of North Third avenue and the westerly curb-line of Brook avenue.

No. 3. For Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks in East One Hundred and Fifty-first street, between the westerly curb-line of North Third avenue and the easterly curb-line of Courtland avenue.

No. 4. For Regulating, Grading, Setting Curb and Gutter Stones, Flagging the Sidewalks four feet wide, and Laying Crosswalks, in East One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, between the westerly curb-line of North Third avenue and the easterly curb-line of Courtland avenue.

No. 5. For Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Brook and Courtland avenues, with a branch from Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-second and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets.

No. 6. For Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between North Third avenue and Franklin avenue, with a branch in Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Seventieth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets.

No. 7. For Constructing a Sewer and Appurtenances in Westchester avenue, from Brook to St. Ann's avenue, with branches in St. Ann's avenue, between the Port Morris Branch Railroad and Carr street.

will be received by the Department of Public Parks until the 1st day of December, 1884.

Special notice is given that the works must be bid separately, that is, two or more works must not be inclosed in the same estimate or envelope.

The nature and extent of each of the several works, as near as it is possible to state them in advance, is as follows:

NUMBER 1, ABOVE MENTIONED.

5,800 cubic yards of earth excavation.
6,500 cubic yards of rock excavation.
2,700 cubic yards of filling.
2,450 lineal feet of curb-stone furnished and set.
2,070 lineal feet of old curb-stone relaid.
2,480 lineal feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid.
2,140 lineal feet of old gutter-stone relaid.
12,300 square feet of new flagging furnished and laid.
5,000 square feet of old flagging relaid.
500 square feet of new bridge-stones for crosswalks furnished and laid.

NUMBER 2, ABOVE MENTIONED.

2,700 cubic yards of earth excavation.
1,800 cubic yards of rock excavation.
6,100 cubic yards of filling.
2,450 lineal feet of curb-stone furnished and set.
1,190 lineal feet of old curb-stone relaid.
2,950 lineal feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid.
1,160 lineal feet of old gutter-stone relaid.
13,300 square feet of new flagging furnished and laid.
2,450 square feet of old flagging relaid.
500 square feet of new bridge-stones for crosswalks furnished and laid.

NUMBER 3, ABOVE MENTIONED.

700 cubic yards of excavation, of any and all kinds.
100 cubic yards of filling.
750 lineal feet of new curb-stone furnished and laid.
800 lineal feet of old curb-stone relaid.
250 lineal feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid.
800 lineal feet of old gutter-stone relaid.
4,500 square feet of new flagging furnished and laid.
1,000 square feet of old flagging relaid.
400 square feet of new bridge-stones for crosswalks furnished and laid.

NUMBER 4, ABOVE MENTIONED.

The Engineer's estimate of the work to be done, and by which the estimate will be tested, is as follows:
1,700 cubic yards of excavation, of any and all kinds.
1,950 lineal feet of new curb-stone furnished and set.
100 lineal feet of old curb-stone relaid.
1,950 lineal feet of new gutter-stone furnished and laid.
700 lineal feet of old gutter-stone relaid.
7,900 square feet of new flagging furnished and laid.
475 square feet of old flagging relaid.
400 square feet of new bridge-stones for crosswalks furnished and laid.

NUMBER 5, ABOVE MENTIONED.

800 lineal feet of brick sewer, egg-shaped, 36 inches by 34 inches, including rubble masonry cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
750 lineal feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
160 spurs for house connections, over and above the cost per foot of sewer.
16 manholes complete.
2 receiving-basins complete.
700 cubic yards of rock to be excavated and removed.
2,500 feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid.
30 cubic yards of concrete in place, exclusive of cradle for pipe sewer.

NUMBER 6, ABOVE MENTIONED.

480 lineal feet of 18-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
1,390 lineal feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, including concrete cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
244 spurs for house connections.
21 manholes complete.
2 receiving-basins complete.
2,800 cubic yards of rock to be excavated and removed.
1,000 feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid.
30 cubic yards of concrete in place, exclusive of cradle for pipe sewers.

NUMBER 7, ABOVE MENTIONED.

572 lineal feet of brick sewer, egg-shaped, 20 inches by 30 inches, including rubble masonry cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
70 lineal feet of 18-inch pipe sewer, including concrete foundation and cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
515 lineal feet of 15-inch pipe sewer, including concrete foundation and cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
950 lineal feet of 12-inch pipe sewer, including concrete foundation and cradle, and exclusive of spurs for house connections.
250 spurs for house connections.
23 manholes complete.
2 receiving-basins complete.
30 cubic yards of rock to be excavated and removed.
7,000 feet (B. M.) of lumber furnished and laid.
10 cubic yards of concrete in place, exclusive of cradle for pipe sewers.

As the above-mentioned quantities, though stated with as much accuracy as is possible in advance, are approximate only, bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become part of every estimate received:

1. Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing statement, and shall not at any time after the submission of an estimate dispute or complain of such statement, nor assume that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the depth to which the work is to be made or the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Parks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the work and the plans therein referred to. No extra compensation beyond the amount payable for the several classes of work before enumerated, which shall be actually performed at the prices therefor, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The person making any bid or estimate must furnish the same inclosed in a sealed envelope, to the head of said Department, at his office, on or before the day and hour above mentioned.

The envelope must be indorsed with the name or names of the person presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The estimates received will be opened at the head of the said Department at the place and hour last above mentioned and read.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the profits thereof. Where the person making the estimate is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent in writing of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with the respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

The prices must be stated in figures, and all estimates will be considered as informal which do not contain bids for all items for which bids are herein called, or which contain bids for items for which bids are not herewith called for. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate. No bid will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

By order.
G. F. BRITTON
Secretary

GEORGE CAULFIELD,
Commissioner of Jurors,
Room 17, New County Court-house