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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

No. 15 CITY HALL,  
FRIDAY, December 26, 1873,  
3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber No. 15 City Hall.

Present:—Hon. S. B. H. VANCE, President, in the chair, and the following members:

O. P. C. Billings, Patrick Lysaght,  
Henry Clausen, Robert McCafferty,  
Stephen V. R. Cooper, J. A. Monheimer,  
John Falconer, John J. Morris,  
Richard Flanagan, Oswald Ottendorfer,  
Peter Kehr, John Reilly,  
George Koch, Jenkins Van Schaick.

The President being absent at roll call, On motion of Alderman Morris, Alderman Clausen was elected President pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President here appeared and took the chair.

#### PETITIONS.

By Alderman Morris—  
Petition of T. E. Tomlinson, asking for the issue of city bonds in small denominations.

Alderman Morris moved to refer to the Committee on Law Department.

Alderman Flanagan moved to refer the petition to the Committee on Finance.

Which was agreed to.

By the President—  
Notice of application of J. S. Lawrence, attorney, for grant of land under water in the harbor of New York.

Which was ordered on file.

By the President—  
Memorial of the United Italian Associations relating to the traffic in Italian children.

Which was ordered on file.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Billings—  
The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows:

Section 1—It shall not be lawful for any or either of the street or horse-car railroad or stage companies, proprietors or corporations within the limits of the City of New York, or their officers, agents or servants to cause or allow any snow-plough or other similar machine or instrument to pass over the tracks or lines occupied or used by them within the said limits, unless by the express permission in that behalf, to be granted to them by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Section 2—Any of the said companies, proprietors or corporations who shall violate the provisions of the above section, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence, and the officers, agents or servants of such company, proprietor or corporation, who shall violate the said provisions, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence.

Section 3—The Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to grant to any or either of such companies, proprietors or corporations a permit to run such snow-ploughs or other similar machine over their respective tracks or lines within the limits aforesaid, for any time or period he may approve, not exceeding, however, the period of two years for any one such permit, and may renew the same for other terms from time to time, in his discretion, such permit or renewals to be granted upon such terms and conditions, and under such reasonable rules, regulations and restrictions, as shall from time to time be adopted and imposed by such Commissioner, respecting the safety, comfort and convenience of all persons having rights or privileges in the public highways, roads, streets or avenues occupied or used by the said companies, proprietors, or corporations within the said limits; and of all persons interested as owners or tenants, or having the charge of buildings opposite or adjacent to the lines of any such stage or railroad:

Provided that no such permit or renewal shall be granted by the said Commissioner, unless upon

the express condition and agreement, to be assented to on the part of the company, proprietor or coporation applying for such permit or renewal, that in case of any fall of snow so deep that the throwing up of the same by such snow-plough or machine will, in the opinion of the said Commissioner, render the highway unsafe for travel, or make inconvenient the approach to the curb, then within twenty-four hours after any and every such fall of snow, and after the use of such plough or machine, such company, proprietor or coporation shall and will, at his or their own expense, remove and carry away the snow thrown up by such plough or machine, and shall and will reduce the snow upon the highway adjacent to their tracks or lines to such level as will, in the opinion of the said Commissioner, make convenient for all vehicles the approach to the curb, and render the whole width of the roadway safe for travel; and

Provided also that no such permit or renewal shall be granted unless such company, proprietor or coporation shall expressly covenant, stipulate and agree, that in case of his or their failure, neglect or omission to remove and carry away the snow to be thrown up by such plough or machine, and to reduce and level the snow on the adjacent highway within the time and in the manner aforesaid, then the same may be removed, reduced and levelled under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and the expense of such removal, reduction and levelling shall and will be paid by the said company, proprietor or coporation to the said Commissioner on demand.

Section 4—In case of the neglect, refusal or omission of any company, proprietor or coporation to whom such permit or renewal may be granted, to remove and carry away the snow thrown up by such plough or machine, and to reduce and level the snow within the time and in the manner aforesaid, then the Commissioners of Police, on a requisition from the Commissioner of Public Works, shall forthwith cause the same to be removed, reduced and levelled at the public expense; and all expenditures made or incurred therefor, shall be chargeable upon the company, proprietor or coporation so neglecting, refusing or omitting to perform his or their agreement, and the same shall be recoverable at law by an action to be commenced by the Corporation attorney, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Section 5—In case any such company, proprietor or coporation shall fail to comply with any of the conditions and agreements above named, and to obey the reasonable rules and regulations imposed by the Commissioner of Public Works, then the said Commissioner shall revoke and annul any permit or renewal theretofore granted by him to such company, proprietor or coporation under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6—All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Section 7—This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Alderman Kehr—  
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, and street lamps lighted, in Third street, from Goerck street to the pier foot of Third street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—  
Resolved, That Third street, from Goerck street to the pier foot of Third street, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—  
Resolved, That on both sides of Third street, from Goerck street to the pier foot of Third street, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman McCafferty—  
Resolved, That a street lamp be placed and lighted on the east side of Fourth avenue in the centre of each of the blocks included between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee of Public Works.

By the same—  
Resolved, That the Commissioners of Police be, and are hereby requested, as part of the work of cleaning the streets, to cause to be removed from the bridges crossing the tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, over the Fourth avenue, north of Forty-second street, immediately after the cessation of every snow storm, all snow that may become deposited thereon, before becoming congealed by the action of the

frost, particularly from the inclined planes at the ends of such bridges; which, if permitted to remain until frozen, becomes actually dangerous to life and property.

Which was adopted.

By the same—  
Resolved, That on the east side of Fourth avenue between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—  
Resolved, That the crosswalks across Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, at the easterly intersections of Fourth avenue, be relaid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—  
Resolved, That the vacant lots on the southeast corner of Fourth avenue and Forty-third street, be fenced, in 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 gas-mains be laid, and street lamps lighted, in Vanderbilt avenue, east side, from Forty-second to Forty-fifth streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—  
Resolved, That Broadway, from Manhattan street to One Hundred and Thirty-third street, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—  
Resolved, That George S. Green be and he is hereby appointed a city Surveyor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Clausen, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—15.

REPORTS.

G. O. 334.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution for removing street lamp post and lamp now on the sidewalk near the West side, Chapel No. 439, West Thirty-third street, and placing the same in front of the entrance to the West side Chapel, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed change to be desirable. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution.

Resolved, That the street lamp-post and lamp, now on the sidewalk near the West Side Chapel, No. 439 West 33d street, be removed and placed directly in front of the entrance to the chapel, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN J. MORRIS,  
HENRY CLAUSEN,  
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 335.

The Committee on Law Department of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of adopting ordinance in relation to coverings for vaults or openings in sidewalks, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the ordinance, are in favor of its adoption. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said ordinance, be concurred in.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows:

SEC. 1. No person or persons, coporation or coporations, shall construct, or continue any covering for the openings or apertures of any vault on the sidewalks, in the City of New York, which shall be made wholly of iron, or any other substance or materials presenting a smooth surface. Such coverings, however, may be made partly of iron and partly stone, concrete, cement, or other material of a durable nature, presenting a rough surface and affording a safe foothold for travel, the construction of which shall be satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Works.

SEC. 2. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a penalty of fifty dollars for each offence.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

S. V. R. COOPER,  
O. P. C. BILLINGS,  
Committee on Law.

Which was laid over on motion of Alderman Koch.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of regulating, &c., Sixty-third street, from Third Avenue to the East River, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they do not believe the proposed improvement to be necessary at this time. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be non-concurred in.

Resolved, That Sixty-third street, from the Third avenue to the East river, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,  
ROBERT MCCAFFERTY,  
Committee on Streets.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of regulating, &c., Seventy-third street from Third avenue to the East River, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they do not believe the proposed improvement to be necessary at this time. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance be non-concurred in.

Resolved, That Seventy-third street, from Third avenue to the East river, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,  
ROBERT MCCAFFERTY,  
Committee on Streets.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of fencing in vacant lots on west side of Fifth avenue, from Fifty-first street to Fifty-second street, and running west one hundred and fifty feet on Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they do not believe the proposed improvement to be necessary at this time. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance be non-concurred in.

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the west side of Fifth avenue, from Fifty-first to Fifty-second, and running one hundred and fifty feet on Fifty-first and one hundred and fifty feet on Fifty-second streets, west, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,  
ROBERT MCCAFFERTY,  
Committee on Streets.

Which was adopted.

G. O. 336.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for fencing in all the vacant lots on the blocks of ground included between Sixty-third and Sixty-sixth streets and Lexington and Fifth avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, That all the vacant lots on the blocks of ground included between Sixty-third and Sixty-sixth streets, and Lexington and Fifth avenues, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,  
ROBERT MCCAFFERTY,  
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 337.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for fencing in vacant lot on the south side of 112th street on commencing a little east of Third avenue, respectfully.

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south

side of One Hundred and Twelfth street, commencing a little east of Third avenue, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBERT McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 338.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was recommended the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of adopting resolution to regulate, &c., 91st street 5th avenue to 3d avenue, respectfully.

REPORT:

That, having re-examined the subject, they do not believe the proposed improvement to be necessary at this time. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be non-concurred in.

Resolved, That Ninety-first street from Fifth to Third avenues, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBERT McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The following communication was received from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1873.

To the Hon. the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN:—I return herewith, without my approval, an ordinance to regulate and grade Sixty-fourth street, between First and Third avenues; also, ordinance to regulate and grade Sixty-fifth street between First and Third avenues, for the reason that the streets are not yet opened according to law.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

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

COMMUNICATION.

The following communication was received from the Public Administrator:

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, 115 and 117 Nassau Street, New York, Dec. 20, 1873.

To the Common Council of the City of New York:

In compliance with the ordinances of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, (vide Valentine's Edition of 1866, page 146, Sec. 41.) I have the honor to transmit herewith my annual report of the titles of all actions prosecuted by or against me now pending and undetermined with remarks in relation to the present condition of the same.

Respectfully,

ISAAC DAYTON, Public Administrator in the City of New York.

Titles of actions Prosecuted by or against the Public Administrator in the City of New York, now pending and undetermined, with Remarks in relation to the present condition of the same.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Wilhelmina Wiedemann, ag't Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator in the City of New York, et al. Action in equity to establish a gift. Answer has not yet been served.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Wilhelmina Wiedemann, ag't Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator in the City of New York. The complaint not having been amended, an order has been granted, dismissing it.

Court of Common Pleas For the City and County of New York.

Wilhelmina Wiedemann, ag't Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator in the City of New York. Action for claim and delivery of personal property. At issue.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Margaret Morgan, ag't Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator in the City of New York, and Administrator of the Goods, &c. of Aaron Dyer or Daryer, deceased. Claim referred, under sec. 36, article 2, title 2, chap. vi. of Part Second of the Revised Statutes, to John M. Knox as Referee. On trial.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Bridget Blackall, ad'x, &c. ag't Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator in the City of New York, and Administrator of the Goods, &c. of Sarah McDonald, deceased. Claim referred, under sec. 36, article 2, title 2, chap. vi. of Part Second of the Revised Statutes, to John M. Knox, Esq., as Referee. Report in favor of the defendant has not yet confirmed.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Mary Wolf, ag't Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator in the City of New York, and Administrator of the Goods, &c. of John H. Bottger, deceased. Claim referred, under sec. 36, article 2, title 2, chap. vi. of Part Second of the Revised Statutes, to S. D. Van Schaick, Esq., as Referee. Case submitted.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Gibson L. Douglass, as Committee, &c., ag't Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator of the City of New York. Action in equity to fasten a trust upon certain funds alleged to belong to Catharine M. Bingham. At issue.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Peter Theisen, ag't Isaac Dayton. Action for claim and delivery of personal property. At issue.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator, in the City of New York, and administrator of the goods, &c., of Alexander Johnson or Johnston, deceased. ag't Myer Sternberger, et al. Action to compel purchasers to take title to real estate. Interlocutory order in favor of the plaintiff obtained.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator, in the City of New York, and administrator of the goods, &c., of William A. Smets, deceased. ag't John McCahill and ano'r. Action in equity for an accounting between joint owners of leasehold property. Referred to Henry Alker, Esq., as referee.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator, in the City of New York, and administrator with the will annexed, etc., of Henry H. M. —, deceased. ag't Henry H. Statesberry and ano'r. Action in equity for an accounting between copartners. An answer has not yet been received.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Isaac Dayton, Public Administrator, in the City of New York, and administrator with the will annexed, etc., of Charles Brensing, deceased. ag't Willard Johnson. Action against a surety on a collection bond. At issue.

Supreme Court, City and County of New York.

Henry Alker, Public Administrator, in the City of New York, and administrator with the will annexed, etc., of Francisco Martinez, deceased. ag't William S. Corwin. Action in equity for an accounting between copartners. An answer has not yet been received.

Dated New York, Dec. 20, 1873.

ISAAC DAYTON, Public Administrator.

Which was received and ordered on file and printed in the minutes.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Resolution to lay gas-mains in Lexington avenue from Sixty-fifth to Seventy-fourth street. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to place gas lamp at junction of Stuyvesant and Tenth streets. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to pave Thirteenth avenue from Eleventh to Sixteenth streets with Belgian granite block pavement. Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

Resolution to flag full width sidewalks on Third avenue from Sixty-sixth to Sixty-ninth streets. Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution to permit Gregory & Smith to place two ornamental lamp posts and lamps in front of premises No. 927 Broadway. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to place two gas lamps in front of the entrance to the Church of St. Paul on Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to pay A. D. Sellick \$2,500 for altering building for Second District Police Court and Third District Civil Court, corner of Waverley place and McDougal street. Alderman McCafferty moved to refer to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution to appoint Michael Skelly a Commissioner of Deeds. Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Clausen, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, McCafferty, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14. Negative—Alderman Koch—1.

Resolution respecting the lighting of private lamps. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The President called from the table the veto message of His Honor the Mayor, of resolution to regulate and grade 11th avenue, and from 60th to 79th street, and consider the same, as provided in Section 13, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

The question was then taken whether the Board would adopt the resolution, notwithstanding the objection of His Honor the Mayor.

And it was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Clausen, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—15.

The President called from the table the veto message of His Honor the Mayor, of resolution to pave 11th avenue from 52d to 60th street, and consider the same, as provided in Section 13, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

The question was then taken whether the Board would adopt the resolution, notwithstanding the objection of His Honor the Mayor.

And it was decided in the negative by the following vote: Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Clausen, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—15.

Alderman Morris moved to take from the table a message of his Honor the Mayor nominating Henry A. Porter a Commissioner to locate and erect the Third District Court.

Which was also agreed to. He then moved that the Message be ordered on file. Which was agreed to.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Morris moved that when the Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, the 30th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock P. M. Which was agreed to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Cooper moved to take from the table paper No. 10, being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of New York, to execute a lease from John Shaffert, of the premises situated at the north-east corner of Second avenue and First street, in said city, for a period of five years from the first day of May, 1873, at the annual rental of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), with a condition in said lease that the premises be put in proper condition for the use of the Fourth District Court of said city, at the expense of the owner, and the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to pay said rent quarterly from the proper appropriation.

Which was agreed to. He then moved to amend by striking from the resolution the word "the" before the word "premises" in the fourth line; also by striking out the word and figures "May, 1873," and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figures "January 1874;" also by adding to the resolution the following:

"Said premises consists of one room on the second floor, 28 feet by 61 feet, for a Court room fronting on Second avenue and First street, and one room on the first floor, 9 feet by 41 feet, for the Clerk of said Court, fronting on Second avenue."

Alderman Monheimer moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Law Department. Which was agreed to.

Alderman Cooper called up G. O. 328, being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That the roadway or surface construction of the Eighth avenue, from the northerly side of the circle at Broadway, Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street to the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth street, be executed under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, by days' work or in such manner as the said Commissioner may deem expedient for the best interests of the city and property owners, and of such material and on such plan as may be prescribed or determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, as authorized by chapter 850, Laws of 1873, and that the accompanying ordinance herefor be adopted.

He then moved to amend by striking from the resolution after the word "work" in the sixth line, the following "or in such manner as the said Commissioner may deem expedient for the best interest of the city and property owners."

Which was agreed to. The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Reilly, Van Schaick—13.

Negative—Aldermen Clausen, Ottendorfer—2. Alderman Van Schaick called up G. O. 324, being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That One hundred and twenty-second street, from the Tenth avenue to the Riverside Park, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Clausen, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—15.

Negative—Aldermen Clausen, Ottendorfer—2. Alderman Van Schaick called up G. O. 319, being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York be, and they hereby are, authorized to proceed with the construction of the undermentioned works, by days work or otherwise, as may seem best for the interest of the City to said Commissioners, without entering into a contract, or contracts therefor, as provided by Sec. 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, that is to say—

1. All the mason and brickwork necessary for the arch to be built on the Central Park, and known as the "Outset Arch."

2. A wooden bridge across a portion of a small lake known as "The Pond," and situated in south-eastern portion of the Central Park.

3. A pavilion on Mount Morris square, according to the plans heretofore adopted by said Commissioners.

4. A fence and trellis work round a portion of Riverside Park.

Alderman Cooper moved to amend by striking from the resolution after the word "work," in fourth line, the following, "or otherwise as may seem best for the city to said Commissioners."

Alderman Monheimer moved that the Board do now adjourn. Which was lost by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Koch, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Van Schaick—7.

Negative—Alderman Cooper, Clausen, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Lysaght, McCafferty and Reilly—8.

The amendment of Alderman Cooper was then adopted. The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Clausen, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

Negative—Alderman Ottendorfer—1. Alderman Morris moved that the Board do now adjourn. Which was agreed to by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Clausen, Cooper, Falconer, Koch, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Van Schaick—10.

Negative—Alderman Flanagan, Kehr, Lysaght, McCafferty, and Reilly—5.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday next, the 30th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

JOS. C. PINCKNEY, Clerk.

2. A wooden bridge across a portion of a small lake known as "The Pond," and situated in south-eastern portion of the Central Park.

3. A pavilion on Mount Morris square, according to the plans heretofore adopted by said Commissioners.

4. A fence and trellis work round a portion of Riverside Park.

Alderman Cooper moved to amend by striking from the resolution after the word "work," in fourth line, the following, "or otherwise as may seem best for the city to said Commissioners."

Alderman Monheimer moved that the Board do now adjourn. Which was lost by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Koch, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Van Schaick—7.

Negative—Alderman Cooper, Clausen, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Lysaght, McCafferty and Reilly—8.

The amendment of Alderman Cooper was then adopted. The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Clausen, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

Negative—Alderman Ottendorfer—1. Alderman Morris moved that the Board do now adjourn. Which was agreed to by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Clausen, Cooper, Falconer, Koch, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Van Schaick—10.

Negative—Alderman Flanagan, Kehr, Lysaght, McCafferty, and Reilly—5.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday next, the 30th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Includes items like Cash balance on hand, For Commutations, For Relief and Charities, For State Charitable Institutions, For County Houses, For State Agencies, For Castle Garden, For Insurance, For inmates' funds, Uniform account, Emigration Savings Bank.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with columns for Disbursements. Includes items like For Ward's Island Expenses, For Castle Garden Expenses, For General Exp. Account, For Forwarding Account, For Relief and Charities, For State Agencies, For County Houses, For State Charities Inst's, For Insurance, For account of contracts on Lunatic Asylum, Bowling Green Savings Bank, Inmates Funds, Uniform account.

FINANCIAL RECAPITULATION OF PRESENT COMMISSION.

Table with columns for Financial Recapitulation. Includes items like Balance on hand June 1, 1873, Total receipts since, Total Disbursements since June 1, Balance on hand at date, Total amount of bills passed by Finance Committee since last report, Pay roll for December.

GARRET BERGEN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Friday, December 19th, 1873.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, New York, December 19th, 1873.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th Section of the Act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30th, 1873, and an Act entitled "An Act in relation to the City of New York," passed June 13th, 1873, and an Act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14th, 1873, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Comptroller on Friday, the 19th day of December, 1873, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purpose of acting upon such matters as may come before said Board under the provisions of the acts before mentioned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

(Indorsed)

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this day, December 19th, 1873.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller. SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President Board of Aldermen. JOHN WHEELER, President Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz. :

W. F. Havemeyer, the Mayor of the City of New York ; Andrew H. Green, the Comptroller of the City of New York ; Samuel B. H. Vance, the President of the Board of Aldermen ; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held December 18th, 1873, were read and approved.

The Comptroller called up the following resolution presented at the last meeting of the Board, and moved its adoption :

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Chapter 756 of the Laws of 1873, provides for the issue of Bonds to meet and pay certain Bonds when they become due and payable, as follows, to wit :—

"If at any time hereafter the amount in the treasury of the City of New York, derived from collections of assessments, shall be insufficient to meet and pay when they become due and payable, any Bonds issued by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for expenditures incurred in public improvements, payable in whole or in part from assessments, then it shall be lawful for the Comptroller, and he is hereby authorized to issue like bonds for an amount sufficient to pay, and from the proceeds to pay the bonds so falling due as aforesaid," therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue in pursuance of law, from time to time, in such amounts as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine not exceeding seven per cent., per annum.

Street Improvement Fund Bonds to the amount of seven hundred and sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars, payable within such periods as he shall deem expedient, not exceeding five years, to pay from the proceeds thereof, the "Street Improvement Fund Bonds" of the City of New York falling due in the months of January and February, 1874.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York, (chairman) the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved, That this Board now proceed to the consideration of the provisional estimate for 1874, with the objections and rectifications as made by the Board of Aldermen.

Which was adopted by the concurrent vote of all the members of the Board.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That after consideration of the objections to, and rectifications of the Provisional Estimate of the City of New York for the year 1874, made by the Board of Aldermen, in pursuance of the provision of section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, this Board does hereby over-rule certain of the said objections and suggestions of the said Board of Aldermen, to wit :—

Table with 2 columns: Description of department and amount. Includes Finance Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Parks, Police Department, Board of Education, and City Courts and Court Expenses.

and for the following reasons : I. That the proposed reduction of \$40,000.00 in the estimate for the Finance Department, \$3,000.00 in the estimate for the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and \$305,000.00 in the estimate for "Special Contingencies," making in all the sum of \$348,000.00 will render the appropriations, if so reduced, entirely inadequate to conduct the business and meet the requirements for which these appropriations were respectively made.

II. That the additions to the estimates for the Department of Public Works of \$3,000.00 for "Free Floating Baths," \$2,500 for "removing obstructions, streets and avenues," \$50,000 for "Lamps and Gas," and \$150,000 for "repairing and repaving, and keeping streets in order," amounting in all to the sum of \$205,500, are not necessary for the purpose of the several appropriations.

III. That the addition of \$500,000 to the appropriation for "repairs to street pavements," is in excess of the amount called for by the Department of Public Works in its "Departmental Estimate." The amount so called for by the Department of Public Works is supposed to be the necessary amount for this class of work for the coming year, and the Board have accordingly provided the amount so called for. While it is true that many streets in the city require repairing it is questionable whether for reasons of economy the expenditure for this class of work should not be spread over more than one year.

IV. That the addition of the gross amount of \$1,000,000 to the estimates for each of the Departments of Public Works and Parks for certain public improvements, as suggested by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, is in conflict with the already established provisions of law for conducting these works under these departments, and in violation of existing provisions of law regulating their affairs. The authority to raise money by the issue of bonds is quite sufficient to provide all the means to carry on these works.

V. That the addition of \$131,704.50 to the appropriation made in the Provisional Estimate for "Cleaning streets under the Police Department," is not necessary. The sum of \$1,000,000 being an ample provision for the purpose. That the proposed amount for cleaning streets in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards at \$70,000 is excessive, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have allowed the sum of \$30,000, as in their judgment an adequate sum therefor. The difference, \$40,000, is hereby overruled.

VI. That the additions to the Estimate for the Department of Public Parks, of \$20,000 for "City Hall Park Pavement," \$92,000 for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places,"

\$2,500 for "Sea Wall at Battery," \$15,000 for "Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art, maintenance of," and \$5,000 for "Supplies of Gas, etc.," amounting in all to the sum of \$134,500, are not required for the purposes of the several appropriations, and that the amounts appropriated therefor in the Provisional Estimate are fully adequate.

VII. That the additions to the Estimate for the Board of Education of \$50,000 for "Supplies, rents, ordinary repairs, heating, etc.," \$50,000 for "Purchasing sites and erecting new school buildings," \$20,000 for "Alterations and extraordinary repairs to buildings and new heating apparatus and furniture," and \$62,000 for the "Normal School Building Fund," amounting in all to the sum of \$182,000, are in excess of adequate sums already provided for the purposes of the several appropriations under these heads. That the deficiency of \$62,000 in the Normal School Building Fund arises from the use of this sum by the predecessors of the present Board for other purposes than the Normal School, and it is questionable whether it can be rectified in this manner.

VIII. That the item under the head of "City Courts and Court Expenses," for expense of Police Justice and clerks and other employes, and for a Justice in the Tenth District Court, and clerks and other employes thereof, suggested by the Board of Aldermen at the sum of \$36,000, is reduced to \$32,800, which amount is adequate for these purposes. The difference, \$3,200, is hereby overruled.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller presented the following communication :

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The provisional estimate of the City of New York, was made before the annexation of certain Towns in the County of Westchester was consummated, under the Act thereof, by the people of the Counties of New York and Westchester at the last general election, and therefore the consideration of that subject did not come before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The Board of Aldermen have suggested certain additions to the said Provisional Estimate for the expenses of the annexed territory in the year 1874, but these provisions appear to be incomplete and as not properly meeting the exigency.

The amounts required for the said annexed territory in the ensuing financial year, may be stated upon the best data which has been obtained for the final estimate, as follows :

Table of departmental estimates for 1874. Includes Department of Public Parks, Police Department, Board of Education, Department of Public Charities and Correction, Health Department, Department of Taxes and Assessments, Department of Buildings, Fire Department, and Police and Civil Courts.

The foregoing estimates are exclusive of any provision for payment of interest on debt and obligations of the said annexed territory, which may be charged upon the City of New York.

No additional provision has been made for the expenses of the Finance Department upon which will be thrown largely increased labors in the ascertainment and adjustment of the accounts and obligations of the annexed territory, as it is understood that the affairs of the towns are in much confusion.

The total appropriations for the Finance Department are less than those called for in 1873 by the sum of \$2,000 ; they are less than the appropriations of 1872, by \$117,253.64.

The business of the Department has more than doubled since the passage of the Charter, and the work yet to be done of sifting out old claims is very great.

The appropriation for arrears of gas in the Department of Public Parks was reduced by the Board of Apportionment to \$58,000 from \$63,000 because the Park officers had transmitted the bills at their face at prices higher than the same companies are charging for street lamps.

The Board of Apportionment, therefore, fixed the amount at \$58,000 in the Provisional Estimate, but the Board of Aldermen propose to reinstate the amount.

If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should approve of the increase of the estimates as proposed by the Aldermen, it will render the taxes most onerous upon the small taxpayers and do more damage to the interests of the City than those who have proposed it are likely to have estimated.

The propositions of the Board of Aldermen were not, perhaps, fully considered with reference to their bearing on the business of the City and its interests. These additions with adequate provision for Westchester county (23d and 24th Wards) will swell the percentage of taxation for 1874, up to fully three and one-half per cent., and tend to drive people and business from the City.

The works of the city can go forward on a system now provided, with some legislative amendments, and no new burdens to the tax-payers should be countenanced any further than is actually necessary.

The total City and County levy amounts, without the additions proposed by the Board of Aldermen, to \$38,253,114.16, or about 3.40 per cent., on the valuation of 1873.

These valuations will be increased by the Westchester wards, but probably not so much as to bring down the rate to less than 3.33 per cent.

It will be seen that the increase in the strictly Departmental appropriations of this year over last, including the increase for 23d and 24th Wards (Westchester County), is \$1,895,276.19, as follows :

Summary table comparing 1873 and 1874 estimates for various departments, showing a total increase of \$1,895,276.19.

It is to be hoped that these items will, with increased economy and vigilance in the administration of the Departments, be found more than sufficient to meet the liabilities.

Table listing various items and their costs, including State Taxes, Interest on City and County Debt, and Special Contingencies.

Total.....\$7,711,227 74

The following table exhibits some of the items embraced in the Estimates of the City and County for the year 1874, and for which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is required by law to provide :

STATE TAXES.

Table listing state tax items such as general purposes, bounty debt, and academies.

COMMON SCHOOLS FOR STATE.

Table listing common school items like interest on debt and improvement of fourth avenue.

If without detriment to the business of the city, it is possible to avoid a tax of the magnitude to which it will be swelled by the propositions of the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, it seems to me to be the duty of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to do it ; and I should recommend an application by this Board to the Legislature for authority to leave out of the Estimate, the whole or a part of certain extra departmental items, that by law are of necessity put into it.

The Taxpayers are entitled to the most watchful care of their interests, and this best serves the interests of the whole community.

The way to this is to reduce expenses, and to husband, improve and increase the revenues of the city.

Dated New York, December 19th, 1873.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Which was received and ordered on file.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following preamble, resolution and final estimate for the support of the city government for the year 1874 :

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have considered the objections to, and rectifications of, the Provisional Estimate made by said Board, on the 31st day of October, 1873, of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City of New York in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education for the next ensuing financial year, viz. : the year 1874, in which is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said city, which become due and payable within said year ; and also such sum as is necessary to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable from taxes during the said year, which objections to, and rectification of said Provisional Estimate made by the Board of Aldermen were transmitted by the Clerk of said Board, December 2d, 1873, and presented to said Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 6th day of December, 1873 ; therefore,

Resolved, That after such considerations of said objections to, and rectifications of, said Provisional Estimate, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, does hereby make this a

FINAL ESTIMATE

of the amount required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City of New York in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education for the next ensuing financial year, viz., the year 1874, in which is included such sum as is necessary for the payment of the interest on the bonds of the said city which become due and payable within said year, and also such sum as is necessary to pay the principal of any bonds and stocks which become due and payable from taxes during the said year, as follows :

THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Table listing legislative department items like City Contingencies, Salaries Legislative Department, and Clerks and Officers.

THE MAYORALTY.

Table listing mayoralty items like Contingencies Mayor's Office, Salaries Mayor's Office, and Salaries Bureau of Permits.

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Table listing finance department items like Cleaning Markets, Contingencies Comptroller's Office, and Salaries, Chamberlain's Office.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

Table listing law department items like Contingencies—Law Department, Salaries—Office of Counsel to the Corporation, and Bureau of Corporation Attorney.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Table listing public works items like Aqueduct, repairs and maintenance, Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, and Contingencies—Department of Public Works.

Table listing public works items like Public Buildings, construction and repairs, Public drinking hydrants and urinals, and Wells and pumps.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Table listing public parks items like City Hall Park, pavement of, Maintenance and government of parks and places, and Harlem River Bridges.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Table listing buildings items like Contingencies, Department of Buildings, Salaries, Department of Buildings, and Salaries and contingencies.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Table listing public charities and correction items like Public Charities and Correction, For salaries of Commissioners, Clerks, Superintendents, Wardens, and For support of poor and care of prisoners.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Table listing health department items like Health Fund—For Salaries, For contingent expenses, and For law expenses.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Table listing police department items like Police Fund—For salaries of 35 captains, For salaries of 140 sergeants, and Police station houses—rents.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Table listing fire department items like Fire Department Fund—For salaries, viz. : Headquarters—pay roll, Telegraph force, and For fire steamboat.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Table listing board of education items like Public instruction, Salaries of teachers, janitors, superintendents, clerks and employes, and For school moneys apportionment.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Table listing taxes and assessments items like Contingencies Department of Taxes and Assessments, Salaries Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Salaries Board of Assessors.

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Table listing college items like College of the City of New York, For salaries of professors and officers, scientific apparatus, books, and supplies.

ADVERTISING, PRINTING, STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS.

Table listing advertising, printing, stationery and blank books items like Publication of "City Record", "City Record" salaries and contingencies, and Printing, stationery, and blank books.

THE CITY COURTS AND COURT EXPENSES.

Table with columns for Salaries City Courts, Police Courts, District Courts, Salaries, Judiciary, and MISCELLANEOUS. Includes sub-totals and grand totals for various court categories.

INTEREST ON AND INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF CITY DEBT.

Table listing interest on city debt, floating debt, stocks for docks and slips, and reduction of city debt, with corresponding amounts.

Dated New York, December 19th, 1873.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.
SAM'L B. H. VANCE, President Board of Aldermen.
JOHN WHEELER, President Department Taxes and Assessments.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said preamble, resolution and final estimate for the year 1874, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds of the City of New York, as provided in chapter 756 of the Laws of 1873, for the purpose of providing moneys for the payment of judgments which have been or may be obtained against the said city, the additional amount of said bonds not to exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending December 6, 1873:

Table showing deposits in the Treasury, warrants registered for payment, and stocks and bonds issued, with amounts and dates.

MARKET PERMITS.

Table with columns for MARKET, NO. OF STAND., FROM WHOM, and TO WHOM, listing permit holders and their locations.

THE COMPTROLLER ATTENDED THE OPENING OF BIDS AS FOLLOWS:

Fire Department.....New building for Engine Company No. 40, Broadway and 68th street; No. 32, Burling slip.

THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS WERE REGISTERED AND FILED IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Table with columns for DEPARTMENT, CONTRACTOR, and DESCRIPTION OF WORK, listing school apparatus and sewer contracts.

ORDERS OF COURT, ETC.

Table with columns for COURT, PLAINTIFF AND RELATOR, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM, and ATTORNEY, listing various court orders and judgments.

ORDERS TO VACATE ASSESSMENTS.

Table with columns for COURT, PETITIONER, WORK, LOCATION, and ATTORNEY, listing orders to vacate assessments at various street locations.

DEMANDS OF

Table with columns for NAME OF CLAIMANT, AMOUNT, DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM, and ATTORNEY, listing various demands and claims.

APPOINTMENTS.

Addison G. White.....Clerk in Auditing Bureau.
Michael Lestrangle.....Cartman, West Washington Market
Andrew Cassidy.....Sweeper, Fulton Market.

REMOVALS.

Jeremiah Ford.....Sweeper, Fulton Market.

87 official letters and communications were transmitted.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

HEAD QUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF NEW YORK,  
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1873.

The Board of Commissioners met as above.  
Present—All the Commissioners.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.  
Communications were received and disposed of as follows:  
From chief of Department, report of men and apparatus required by the annexation. Filed.  
Inspector of combustibles, report for week ending 11th inst. Filed.  
Same, relative to stable of H. & L. Co., No. 5, complaint of Department of buildings. Returned with directions.  
Same, requisition for supplies. Referred to Superintendent of supplies with directions to purchase.  
Same, on complaint of Mr. H. Michels. Filed.  
Fire Marshal, estimate of increase of force required by annexation. Filed.  
Superintendent of Telegraph, requisition for supplies. Referred to Superintendent of supplies with direction to purchase.  
Superintendent of Horses, supplementary report on communication reported back. Filed and recommendation adopted.  
Same, requisition for ten horses. Filed.  
Chief of the 9th Battalion, in relation to Fire Extinguisher's in his command and recommending the placing of four chemical engines in his district. Returned with instructions.  
Foreman Engine Co. No. 24, relative to an assault on Fireman Berdan. Filed.  
Assistant Foreman George L. Crum, Eng., Co. No. 4, applying for promotion. Filed.  
Assistant Foreman J. J. Egan, Eng. Co. No. 21, applying for promotion. Referred to the Examining Board.  
Assistant Foreman Martin Schade, Eng. Co. No. 33, applying for promotion. Filed.  
Assistant Foreman Henry Seberck, Eng. Co. No. 34, applying for promotion. Filed.  
Assistant Foreman Hugh Kittson, H. & L. Co. No. 5, applying for promotion. Referred to the Examining Board.  
Assistant Engineer of Steamer Robert Wray, Eng. Co. No. 26, applying for promotion. Referred to the Examining Board.  
Fireman John H. Watson, Eng. Co. No. 21, applying for transfer. Filed.  
Fireman Jas. T. Holmes, H. & L. Co. No. 6, applying for transfer. Filed.  
Ladderman Patrick Reynolds, H. & L. Co. No. 15, applying for promotion. Filed.  
His Honor the Mayor, transmitted letter of John W. McGloris, ex-fireman. Filed.  
Counsel to the Corporation, transmitting form of contract for chemical engines. Filed.  
Commissioner of Public Works, returning requisition for stationery, &c., because appropriation is exhausted. Filed.  
Same, in relation to fire hydrants, in answer to communication of the President of this Department. Filed.  
Comptroller, calling attention to Circular No. 12, Jan. 24, 1873. Filed.  
Same, transmitting weekly statement of condition of appropriation. Filed.  
Chief of Ordnance, S. N. Y. (referred to Chief of Department) with report that furnaces, &c., in State Arsenal are in proper condition. Filed.  
Alex. Ostrander, Attorney for Wm. C. Davidson, notice of revocation of letters of administration to Mary M. Davidson, and granting of same to his client. Referred to Trustees of Relief Fund.  
James Agnew, commending Assistant-Foreman Henry Schuch, Eng., Co. No. 34., for rescue of his child from fire at No. 423 West 32d street, on the 7th inst. Filed with directions to acknowledge receipt and enter particulars on the roll of merit.  
John Mullin, Hopkins Hose Co. No. 3, Morrisania, applying for appointment as fireman. Filed.  
John W. McGlorin, ex-fireman, requesting re-appointment. Filed.

**Reports from Examining Board** received and disposed of as follows:  
On the application for promotion of Assistant Foreman Thomas H. Rogers, Eng. Co. No. 1.  
Fireman John Bradley, H. & L. Co. No. 3.  
Fireman Luke Gleason, Eng. Co. No. 12.  
Assistant Foreman Wm. Duane, Eng. Co. No. 23.  
Fireman John Fulton, Eng. Co. No. 24.  
Fireman John L. Gorlick, H. & L. Co. No. 5.  
Fireman Thomas J. Van Horn, H. & L. Co. No. 10.  
Which were filled.

**Dismissals.**  
were ordered to take effect as follows:  
On the 18th instant.  
John S. Kingsland, bell ringer.  
James White, carpenter.  
Owen McLaughlin, carpenter.  
John Grogan, painter.  
On the 19th instant.  
John Foley, laborer.  
John McNally, laborer.  
Eugene McGrath, laborer.  
And on recommendation of the Committee on Discipline:  
Fireman Michael McBride, Eng., Co., No. 32.  
On the 20th instant:  
Mathew Fagan, carpenter.

**Reduced to the Ranks.**  
At his own request, to take effect on the 20th instant.  
Assistant Engineer of Steamer, J. G. K. Robinson, Eng. Co. No. 23, to be fireman and assigned to H. & L. Co. No. 6.

**Fines Imposed.**

On the recommendation of the Committee on Discipline on—  
Fireman Daniel O'Keefe, Eng. Co. No. 32, to forfeit five days pay.

**Appointments.**

Were made to take effect as follows:  
On the 18th instant.  
Wm. H. Riley, as stableman, at \$900 per annum.  
On the 19th instant.  
John Ryan, as bell ringer, at \$1,000 per annum.  
John J. Corly, as painter, at \$3,50 per day.  
On the 22d instant.  
Peter B. Dennis, as carpenter, at \$4 per day.  
Daniel Green, as carpenter, at \$4 per day.  
Chas. E. Inness, as plumber, at \$4 per day.  
James D. Hawes, as carpenter, at \$4 per day.  
On the 23d instant.  
Alfred B. Goodrich, as telegraph climber, at \$3.50 per day.  
John W. McGloin, as laborer, at \$3 per day.

**Resolutions Adopted.**

Resolved, That six horses be purchased for the use of this Department, and that the Superintendent of horses be and he is hereby directed to select that number of horses of such kind as he may deem fit for the service of this department, and to notify the Commissioners where they can be seen and tried before said purchase is made.  
Resolved, That the Superintendent of Supplies be and he is hereby directed to purchase of Messrs. M. Barber & Bros., forty (40) tons of Tullhall coal (2,000 lbs. to the ton) to be delivered at such places as the Department may designate, at the rate of twenty-one dollars (\$21) per ton.  
Resolved, That the Superintendent of Supplies be and he is hereby directed to purchase of the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company five hundred (500) feet of "Maltese Cross" 2 1/2 inch hose, with couplings attached, at one dollar and forty cents per foot.

**Transfers**

Were ordered to take effect as follows:  
Fireman Henry A. Wallace, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 5, to Engine Co. No. 23.  
Fireman William Bower, Engine Co. No. 9, to Engine Co. No. 17.  
Fireman John F. Beeshinor, Engine Co. No. 12, to Engine Co. No. 9.  
Fireman John Cassidy, Engine Co. No. 10, to Hook and Ladder Co. No. 10.  
Fireman John Lummerhalter, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 10, to Engine Co. No. 3.  
Fireman Peter Gordon, Engine Co. No. 3, to Hook and Ladder Co. No. 5.

**The Annual Estimate**

Of the amount required to extend the Department over the territory annexed to the city of New York for the year 1874, was presented by the President, as follows:

Apparatus.....	\$31,000
Buildings, repairs, alterations, &c.....	10,000
New buildings.....	20,000
Contingencies.....	1,000
Coal and wood.....	2,200
Gas.....	150
General supplies.....	7,500
Horses.....	7,500
Horse feed and straw.....	3,600
Horse shoeing.....	760
Harness shop supplies.....	600
Hose.....	4,000
Rents.....	2,000
Fire alarm telegraph.....	18,250
Telegraph supplies.....	600
<b>SALARIES—</b>	
1 Foreman.....	\$1,500
2 STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO'S.	
2 Assistant foremen, \$1,300.....	2,600
2 Engineers of steamers, \$1,300.....	2,600
4 Firemen, \$1,200.....	4,800
16 Hosemen, \$300.....	4,800
4 CHEMICAL ENGINE CO'S.	
4 Assistant foremen, \$1,300.....	5,200
8 Firemen, \$1,200.....	9,600
20 Hosemen, \$300.....	6,000
2 HOOK AND LADDER CO'S.	
2 Assistant foremen, \$1,300.....	2,600
4 Firemen, \$1,200.....	4,800
18 Ladder men, \$300.....	5,400
2 Linemen, \$1,000.....	2,000
2 Assistants to Fire Marshal.....	1,800
<b>\$53,700</b>	
<b>\$162,860</b>	

Which was adopted as the sum of money necessary to cover the expenses of the Department in the recently annexed territory of Westchester Country for the year 1874, and a copy thereof was ordered to be sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and to the Board of Aldermen, with the proper certificate attached.

**Bills Audited**

and ordered to be sent to the Comptroller for payment:

Eli Bates, contingencies.....	\$24 45
Alexander Davidson, contingencies.....	32 80
Rubber Clothing Co., hose shop supplies.....	540 00
N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., hose shop supplies.....	625 00
N. E. Linen Hose Mfg Co., hose shop supplies.....	770 00
Walter Shay, harness shop supplies.....	175 17
L. G. Tiltson & Co., telegraph supplies.....	29 97
Phelps, Dodge & Co., buildings.....	20 20
Hutton, Watson & Co., buildings.....	69 85
Wells, Bontecou & Co., buildings.....	37 80
R. J. Wright, horse feed and straw.....	775 16
I. & S. Mehrbach, horses.....	700 00
K. Egan & Co., general supplies.....	150 75
R. W. Sherwood, general supplies.....	21 75
W. B. Asten & Co., general supplies.....	25 00
Enoch Morgan's Sons, general supplies.....	83 98
The National Stove Works, general supplies.....	37 25
E. G. Hilton, machine shop.....	151 60
Hunter, Keller & Co., machine shop.....	369 91
Lambertville Spoke Mfg Co., machine shop.....	333 27
The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	61 13
James H. Day, buildings.....	35 40

Adjourned.  
W. B. WHITE,  
Secretary.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

Dec. 23, 1873.

The Board held an adjourned session at the Hall at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present:—Wm. H. Neilson, Esq., President, and Commissioners Baker, Beardslee, Brown, Dowd, Farr, Halsted, Jenkins, Kelly, Klamroth, Man, Mathewson, Patterson, Townsend, Traud, Vermilye, West and Wetmore—18.  
Absent:—Commissioners Hoe, Lewis and Seligman—3.

The President laid before the Board communications from the Nineteenth and Twentieth Wards relative to repairs &c., which were referred to the appropriate committees.

Also a communication from the Fifteenth Ward Citizens' Protective Association, relative to the surroundings of Grammar School No. 10, in Wooster street, as follows:

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of New York; and also especially To the Trustees of Public Schools of the Fifteenth Ward in said city:

The undersigned, citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, respectfully represent—  
That Grammar School No. 10, in Wooster street, near Bleecker street, is now, and has been for some time past, surrounded by a large number of houses used for various infamous and illegal purposes, which are made the resort, by day and by night, of thieves, gamblers, drunkards and females of abandoned character and habits, and that the pupils of every age attending the said school are constantly exposed to the pernicious and demoralizing influence of these associations.

They also represent that the number of these houses is apparently constantly on the increase in all the adjoining streets, and that the exposure of many hundreds of youth is more imminent every day.

They also represent that measures have been adopted by the Fifteenth Ward Citizens' Protective Association to abate these nuisances, and they appeal to your honorable body to take such steps in the premises as will give the sanction of your high authority and responsibility in co-operating with the citizens in effecting this imperative reform.

In case you should decline to unite in having the necessary measures adopted to abate these evils, we demand the transfer of the said school at the earliest possible day to some locality outside of the pestilential vicinity in which it is now located.

And your petitioners will ever pray.  
Referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

From Charles Johnson, applying for appointment as teacher of Swedes in the English language.  
Referred to the Committee on Course of Study and School Books.

Commissioner Beardslee offered the following resolution, which was adopted.  
Resolved, That the balances of the several accounts of general appropriations which may appear at the termination of the year, be transferred to a general account on the books of the Finance Department for the adjustment and closing of said accounts.

Commissioner Beardslee presented a report from the Committee on Supplies, accompanied with a resolution authorizing the Committee to dispose of the stock of obsolete and disused textbooks to the best advantage, which was adopted.

Commissioner Beardslee also presented the report of the Committee on Supplies, relative to the award of contract for printing for the Board for 1874, to Messrs. Cushing, Bardua & Co. Adopted.

Commissioner Farr presented a report from the Committee on Normal Schools, recommending Professor E. C. H. Day be appointed Instructor of Mineralogy, Geology, Zoology and Botany, in the Normal College, at a salary of \$2,500. Adopted.

Also, from the same Committee, nominating Miss Joanna Mitchells and Miss Mary Jonyly be promoted to be second assistants in German and Latin. Adopted.

Also, from the same Committee, appointing Miss Ella C. Day, third assistant in Latin, and Miss Mary S. Kennedy, teacher of Penmanship, Bookkeeping and Phonography. Adopted.

Commissioner Dowd presented a report from the Committee on Buildings, recommending that the Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward be authorized to enter the necessary steps to accomplish the removal of the bodies interred under and around the building and premises of Primary School No. 9, No. 42 First street. Adopted.

Also, to place an elevator in G. S. building No. 50, in 20th street, for removing coal and ashes from cellar. Referred to Finance Committee.

A report from the Evening School Committee, nominating Hugh Carlisle as assistant in Evening High School, was adopted.

Commissioner Wetmore presented a report from the Committee on the Nomination of Trustees relative to Trustees for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards (annexed), as follows:

**To the Board of Education:**  
The Committee on the Nomination of Trustees, to whom was referred the withdrawal of Mr. Adam Kaiser from his appointment as a Trustee of Common Schools of the Twenty-third Ward, and of Messrs. Fordham Morris and Joseph H. Godwin as Trustees of the Twenty-fourth Ward, respectfully report, recommending that the resignation of these gentlemen be accepted, and submit herewith for the positions thus vacated, for the Twenty-third Ward, George C. Manner, and for the Twenty-fourth Ward, George Moller and Franklin Edson.

Resolved, That the resignations as School Trustees of Adam Kaiser for the Twenty-third Ward, and Fordham Morris and Joseph H.

Godwin for the Twenty-fourth Ward, be and the same are hereby accepted.

Resolved, That under the authority conferred upon this Board, by and in pursuance of "An Act to provide for the annexation of the towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Kingsbridge, in the County of Westchester, to the City of New York," the following named persons be and they hereby are appointed Trustees of Common Schools for the Wards named herein respectively, and to hold office for the terms appended to their respective names, viz:

For the Twenty-third Ward, George C. Manner, residence Morrisania, vice Adam Kaiser; to hold office for one year from the first day of January, 1874.

For the Twenty-fourth Ward, George H. Moller, residence Kingsbridge, vice Joseph H. Godwin, to hold office for one year from the first day of January, 1874; and Franklin Edson, residence Fordham, vice Fordham Morris, to hold office for three years from the first day of January, 1874.

Said persons being citizens of the United States, and residents of the Wards for which they are severally appointed.

DAVID WETMORE,  
J. M. HALSTED,  
R. G. BEARDSLEE,  
JOHN CROSBY BROWN,  
JAMES W. FARR,  
HENRY P. WEST,  
ALBERT KLAMROTH,  
Committee on Nomination of Trustees.

The Report was adopted by the Board.  
Commissioner Patterson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Salaries and Economy be requested to report to this Board a scale of salaries to be paid to the President, Professors, Tutors, and other instructors of the Normal College, so that the same may form a part of the By-Laws of this Board.

Commissioner Jenkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Superintendent Kiddle, and two associates chosen by him, be appointed to visit the Public Schools in the city of Boston for the purpose of examining the system of teaching notation, and the rudiments of music in that city, and report to this Board.

On motion of Commissioner Farr the motion was amended by authorizing the President to name the Committee, when it was adopted.

Reports from the Finance Committee approving appropriations as follows, were adopted:

To repair walls of branch building of G. School No. 7, \$495.  
To furnish chairs and stools for G. School No. 48, \$96.

For cleaning cistern, &c. at G. S. No. 23, \$222.  
For repairs to Primary School Nos. 34 and 26, \$350.

For stove work at G. S. building No. 2, \$255.  
For repairs in First Ward Schools, \$98 25, and Twelfth Ward, \$53 22.  
For stand furniture in Normal College, \$196.  
Repairs and painting G. S. building No. 37, \$375.

Stairway to Primary School building No. 17, \$1,364.

To pay bill of A. R. Lawrence, Jr., for legal services.  
For gas fixtures, &c., in G. S. building No. 50, \$65.

On motion, the Board adjourned.  
L. D. KIERNAN,  
Clerk.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

The Board of Police met on the 23d day of December, 1873. All the Commissioners present.

**Leaves of Absence Granted.**

Captain Edward Tynan, Eighteenth precinct, three days.  
Patrolman Theodore Goodenough, Sixth precinct, one day without pay.

Patrolman John A. Moran, Seventeenth precinct, one-half day without pay.  
Patrolman Geo. D. Wisburn, Ninth precinct, one day without pay.

Patrolman John Van Norden, Fourteenth precinct, one-half day without pay.  
Patrolman John Byrne, Seventeenth [precinct, two days without pay.  
Patrolman James Stewart, Fourteenth precinct, one-half day without pay.

Street lamp reports for the week ending Dec. 21, were ordered to be transmitted to the Department of Public Works.

**Parades allowed.**

Peter J. Scanlon Guards, Dec. 25—target excursion.  
S. G. Burns Guard, Dec. 25—target excursion.  
L. Moran Light Guard, January 1—target excursion.

**Remanded to post duty.**

Roundsman Michael Rooney, Thirty-first precinct.  
On reading communication from Isaac Bell, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the disposition of \$500 donated by the Riot Relief Committee to the widow of late Patrolman Edward L. Burns, be referred to the Treasurer with power.

**Bills ordered paid.**

James Masterson, \$263 00.  
A complaint of Annie Brown against Superintendent Westing Mounted Squad, was referred to the Committee on Station Houses.

Robert Murphy, was denied leave to apply for re-appointment.

**Appointment.**

Eugene Palmer, as patrolman Fifth precinct.  
Application of Commissioner Budd, Department of Docks, for the use of the Steamer Seneca, for the purpose of surveying certain marsh lands, on Friday next, was granted.

The application of patrolman Daniel Cooney 17th precinct, for permission to commence a civil suit against Philip Habler, was granted.

Transfers ordered.

Patrolman Michael Rooney, from Thirty-first to Fifth precinct.

Fines imposed.

Patrolman James Mulvey, First precinct, three days pay. Patrolman William Maude, First precinct, two days pay.

Complaints Dismissed.

Patrolman Richard Geary, Third precinct. Patrolman George Hammond, Fourth precinct.

Street Cleaning.

Daily report of the Superintendent of Boats, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

On reading communication from Sol. Mehrbach in relation to dirt ashes and garbage from street cleaning, it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

The Board of Police met on the 24th day of December, 1873. All the Commissioners present.

Resignation Accepted.

Patrolman Michael Pettit, Nineteenth precinct. Resolved, That the subject of properly disinfecting station houses, was referred to the Committee on Station Houses.

The application of Franklin Fream for leave to apply for re-appointment, was ordered on file. Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the amount of salary due late Patrolman Edward L. Burns, to Mrs. E. L. Burns, No. 69 West Thirteenth street.

Leave of Absence Granted.

Patrolman Edward J. Lacey, 18th precinct, half-day without pay. Patrolman John A. Moran, 17th precinct, half-day without pay.

Parades Allowed.

Michael Murphy Light Guard, Dec. 25—Target Excursion. Young Munroe Light Guard, Dec. 25—Target Excursion.

Report of the Board of Examining Surgeons of examinations on Tuesday, 23d inst., was ordered on file.

Communication from the Captain of the 29th precinct, reporting the closing of a gambling house, was ordered on file.

Bills Ordered Paid.

L. G. Tilton & Co. \$10 25. A. M. Burroughs. 30 00. Geo. E. L. Hyatt. 15 75. K. Krendel. 12 50.

Transfers Ordered.

Patrolman Charles S. Pike, from 23d to 5th precinct. Charles McCarty, from 5th to 23d precinct.

Report of Captain Yule, San. Co., on condition of sewer connected with the House of Detention, was referred to the Committee on Station Houses.

Communication from the Health Department, together with a report of the Sanitary Superintendent of cellars vacated, were ordered to be transmitted to the Superintendent of Police.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at the meeting held December 10th, 1873.

Present—Hon. William F. Havemeyer, Mayor, (Chairman); Hon. John K. Hackett, Recorder;

The Chamberlain submitted the report of Messrs. Robert Lenox Kennedy and James D. Vermilye, Esq., who, together with Shepherd Knapp, Esq., were invited by the Mayor, in accordance with a resolution of this Board, adopted Oct. 11th, 1873, to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The report was accepted and ordered on file; and a vote of thanks was tendered to Messrs. Kennedy and Vermilye, for their labors in making so thorough and satisfactory an examination of the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 10, 1873.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN:—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Henry Hanfield, one of the sureties of Henry Bryan, lessee of cellars Nos. 14 and 15, Fulton Market, to have said lease cancelled, and to be relieved from further responsibility in the case, having considered the subject,

REPORTS:

That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have no authority to relieve Mr. Hanfield from his contract or responsibility as surety for Henry Bryan, as lessee of said market cellars; and therefore recommends that the application be denied.

Respectfully, AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The application of Henry P. McGown for quit claim of the land under water, in front of three gores of land on the southerly side of "Harlem creek," between 2d avenue and Harlem river, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The petition of James Boorman Johnson, for the issue of water grant on Harlem river, between 125th and 126th streets, authorized March 2, 1868, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The application of William Heyenga for return of a portion of the Croton water rent, paid on Nos. 170 and 172 Centre street, for the year ending April 30, 1874, the buildings on said premises having been destroyed by fire August 12, 1873, was received and denied.

The petition of the trustees of the Children's Aid Society for return of amount paid for permit to build street vault in front of the premises on the corner of New Chambers and Duane streets, occupied by said society as a newsboys' lodging house, was received and denied.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to deliver the deed for parcel No. 54, sales of April, 1867, upon which a tender of the consider-

ation has been made, upon payment into the treasury of the amount of principal and interest, from the date of sale to the time of the tender, together with all incumbrances due upon the property on the delivery of the deed.

The Chamberlain submitted the following communication from Bradish Johnson, viz.:

NEW YORK, Dec. 6, 1873. George W. Lane, Esq., Chamberlain of the City of New York:

DEAR SIR:—For the purpose of a compromise with the city respecting the Fort Gansevoort property, I am willing to receive from the city the amount of the ten per cent. paid by me at the time of the sale, and four per cent. interest on the same to date of this settlement. My son, William M. Johnson, who holds my power of attorney, is fully authorized to receipt in my name for said sum, and to give all necessary quit claims required by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund or other city authorities.

BRADISH JOHNSON.

On motion, it was resolved, that the proposition of Mr. Johnson be accepted, and that the Board of Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the amount to be refunded.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to make a tender of the deeds to the parties entitled for purchases made at the sales of corporation real estate on April 22, 1867, and October 21, 1867, which are now outstanding, and to settle such purchases upon the payment of the consideration with interest at seven per cent. per annum, together with all incumbrances that may exist at the date of such tender.

The memorial of Griffith Rowe, asking for a quit claim from the corporation of that portion of an old common land street in front of his property on the north side of 52d street, between 4th and 5th avenues, was received, and referred to the Comptroller.

The Mayor submitted a notice by Ferdinand Spangenberg, of his intention to make application to the Commissioners of the Land office, of the State of New York, at the office of the Secretary of State, in the City of Albany, on the 20th day of January, 1874, for a grant in perpetuity of land under water in Harlem river, in front of the premises possessed by him, etc., which was referred to the Mayor to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation as to the rights of the city to the land under water in Harlem river; and to take such measures as in his judgment may be necessary to protect and secure the interests of the city in the premises.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

MAYOR'S MARSHAL.

Licenses granted and amount received for licenses and fines by Marshal D. S. Hart, for the week ending December 27, 1873:

Licenses granted..... 308. Amount received..... \$517 25

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS

OF THE MEMBERS

OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1873-4.

- 1. Samuel B. H. Vance, President; place of business corner of 24th street and 10th avenue; residence 206 West 23d street. 2. Oliver P. C. Billings, place of business, 15 Nassau street; residence, 143 East 34th street.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Statement of the hours during which all public offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICES. LOCATION. HOURS. Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clk of the Common Council and of Bd of Supervisors, 7 & 8 City Hall, 9 A.M.—4 P.M. Clerk of Bd of Assistant Aldermen, 9 1/2 City Hall, 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Comptroller's Office, West end, New County Court House. 1—Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City—

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau st., 9 a.m., 5 p.m. Public Administrator, 115 and 117 " 10 a.m., 4 p.m. Corporation Atty., 210 " 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office, 300 Mulberry street, always open. Com's Office, " " " Supt's Office, " " " Inspector's Office, " " " Chief Clerk's Office, " " 8 a.m., p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioners' Office, 19 City Hall, 9 a.m., 4 p.m. Chief Clerk, 20 " " Contract Clerk, 21 " " Engineer in charge of sewers, 21 City Hall, " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office, 66 Third av., 8 a.m., to 5 p.m. Out Door Poor Dep't, 66 Third av., always open. Entrance on 11th Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chief of Department, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office, 301 Mott St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sanitary Superintendent, 301 Mott St., always open. Register of Records, 301 Mott St., for granting burial permits, on all days of the week except Sundays from 7 a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS. Commissioners' Office, 346 and 348 Broadway corner Leonard St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioners' Office, Brown Stone Building, City Hall Park, 32 Chambers St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth av., a.m. to 4 p.m. BOARD OF EXCISE. Commissioners Office, 200 Mulberry street, 9 A.M. P.M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Office of the Board, cor Gra d and Elm sts, 9 A.M. 5 P. Supt. of Schools, " " 9 A.M. 5 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Office—32 Chambers street (basement.) COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

Commissioners, Office, Castle Garden, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. emigrants, Office, Castle Garden, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. THE CITY RECORD Office, No. 2 City Hall, N. W. corner basement, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

Coroner's Office, 40 E. Houston } 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sheriff's " first floor, S. W. cor. } New Court House. County Clerk's Office, first floor, N. E. cor. New Court House. Surrogate's Office, first floor, S. E. cor. } 9 a.m. to p.m. New Court House. Register's Office, Hall of Records, } 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. City Hall Park. District Attorney's Office, second floor } Old Court House, 82 Chambers } 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Street. Commissioner of Jurors, Commissioner's Office, basement, brown stone building, City Hall Park 32 Chambers street, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COURTS.

Supreme Court, } Second Floor, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. General Term, } New Court House. Special Term, } Chambers, } Circuit, part 1, } 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit, part 2, }

SUPERIOR COURTS. Superior Court, 3d floor, New Court House, 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

COMMON PLEAS. Common Pleas, 3d fl., New Court House, 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

GENERAL SESSIONS. General Sessions, 32 Chambers street, 10 a. m., 4 p. m.

OVER AND TERMINER. Over and Terminer, 32 Chambers street, 10 a. m.

SPECIAL SESSIONS. Special Sessions, Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a. m.

JUSTICE'S (OR DISTRICT) COURTS. First District, 1st, 2d, 3d, and 5th Wards, S. W. corner of Centre and Chambers streets, 10 a. m., 4 p. m.

MARINE COURT (Brown stone building.) General Term, 32 Chambers Street, Room 17, 10 a. m., 3 p. m.

POLICE COURTS. First District, 14th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct, Tombs, cor. Franklin and Centre streets, 7 a. m., 3 p. m.

SECOND DISTRICT, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 33d, 28th, and 29th Precincts, Greenwich ave., corner of 10th street, 9 a. m., 6 p. m.

THIRD DISTRICT, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct, 69 Essex street, 8 a. m., 4 p. m.

FOURTH DISTRICT, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, and 19th sub station, 57th street, between 3d and Lexington ave, 8 a. m., 5 p. m.

FIFTH DISTRICT, 12th Ward, 2374 Fourth Avenue (Harlem), 8 a. m., 4 p. m.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

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 in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

- 1—For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter and flagging 40th street, between 1st and 2d avenues. 2—For regulating and grading 84th street, from 8th to 10th avenues.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1—Both sides of 40th street, between 1st and 2d avenues. No. 2—Both sides of 84th street, between 8th and 10th avenues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEAD-QUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, (127 & 130 Mercer street.) New York, December 29, 1873.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ONE STEAM Fire Engine, built by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, and two Engine Boilers, will be sold at auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, January 10, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Repair Yard of the Department, Nos. 70 and 21 Elizabeth street.

JOSEPH L. PERLEY, ROOSELL D. HATCH, CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Commissioners.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE OBTAINED at No. 2, City Hall, (N. W. corner basement.) Price five cents each.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL FOR OUT DOOR POOR.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, Corner of Third Avenue and 11th Street, New York, December 23, 1873.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND ENDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, until 2 o'clock, P. M., of the 5th day of January, 1874, to furnish and deliver, free of all expense, at such parts of the city, at such times and in such quantities as may be required, south of Fortieth street, 2,000 tons of best quality of White Ash Coal, two-thirds stove and one-third nut size, each ton to consist of 2,000 pounds.

The preliminary specification, as provided for by Section 91, of the Charter of 1873, containing the obligations required from contractors, the terms of which are to be strictly complied with, can be seen and all information furnished on application at this office.

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of New York relative to the opening of "FORT WASHINGTON RIDGE ROAD," between the Boulevard on the West, Eleventh Avenue and Kingsbridge Road on the East, and running from Eleventh Avenue to 159th Street in a generally northerly direction to a point on said Kingsbridge Road, near Inwood Street, with a branch thereof running easterly to said Kingsbridge Road, as laid out by the Department of Public Parks, in the City of New York.

Pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of New York, hereby give notice that the Council to the Corporation of the City of New York will apply on their behalf to the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the Court House, in the City of New York, on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1873, at 10 o'clock A. M., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter. That the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended, is the opening of Fort Washington Ridge Road, between the Boulevard on the West, Eleventh Avenue and Kingsbridge Road on the East, and running from Eleventh Avenue to 159th Street in a generally northerly direction to a point on said Kingsbridge Road near Inwood Street, with a branch thereof running easterly to said Kingsbridge Road in the City of New York, as the same was laid out by the Department of Public Parks, and as shown and delineated on a certain Map made by William H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, and filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the 7th day of April, 1873.

Dated New York, December 25th, 1873. E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 18, 1873.

PROPOSALS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC. 73, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, addressed to the undersigned, enclosed in a sealed envelope, and the name of the bidder endorsed thereon, will be received at the Office of the Commissioner of Public Works, until Dec. 31, 1873, at twelve o'clock noon at which hour they will be publicly opened and read for lighting the public lamps on the streets, avenues and places of the City of New York, or any part thereof, with Gas, for a period of one year, commencing January 1, 1874.

Also, for the lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and reglazing the same; also, the fitting up of new lamps, removing, repairing, and re-setting the same; and also, repairing the cocks, tubes and burners, crossheads, lamp-ions and lanterns thereto of the lamps in the said streets, avenues and places.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelope in which to enclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained on application at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor. AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller. GEO. M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works.

THE BUILDINGS &c., ON THE LINE OF ONE Hundred and tenth street to be removed in consequence of the widening of the same between 9th Avenue and Riverside Avenue will be sold at public auction on the ground on Wednesday, January 7th, 1874, at 10 o'clock, a. m. For catalogues and further particulars apply to

GEORGE M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works. December 23, 1874.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, 300 Mulberry street, NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1873.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: One bay mare, white hind feet; 28 salted seal skins; four barrels Flour; two bags coffee; trunk and contents; wagon; hand cart; gold watch; shawls; red pepper; revolvers, blankets, &c.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL POLICE, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, December 6, 1873.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Gold watch, revolvers, clothing (male and female), door mats, chest tea, rope, coffee, molasses, and money.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR \$4,210,497.55 CONSOLIDATED STOCKS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, for the purpose of providing means for PAYING THE BONDS OF THE City and County maturing January 15, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Comptroller's Office until Tuesday, January 6th, 1874, at 2 o'clock, P. M., when the same will be publicly opened for the whole or any part of the sum of Four Million Two Hundred and Ten thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars and Fifty-five Cents of the Consolidated Stocks of the City and County of New York, to wit:

CONSOLIDATED STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, authorized by Sec. 2, Chap. 756, Laws of 1873, Sec. 4, Chap. 444, Laws of 1872, and Chap. 323, Laws of 1871, payable December 1st, 1896..... \$3,390,497 55

CONSOLIDATED STOCK OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, authorized by Sec. 2, Chap. 756, Laws of 1873, Sec. 4, Chap. 444, Laws of 1872, and Chap. 323, Laws of 1871, payable December 1st, 1896..... 820,000 00

Said Stocks will bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable on the first day of June and December in each year.

The proposals will state the amount of stocks desired, and the price per one hundred dollars thereof; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premiums thereon.

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each proposal should be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Consolidated Stocks of the City and County of New York," and enclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the City and County require it.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller. CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 23, 1873.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, Room No. 14, City Hall, NEW YORK, NOV. 20, 1873.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.—PROPERTY holders are hereby notified that the following assessment lists were this day received in this Bureau for collection:

- Oct. 30, 1873. 89th street, sewer, between East river and 2d avenue. " 92d, 93d and 94th streets, sewer, between 4th and 5th avenues.

All payments made at this office within sixty days from this date, are, by law, exempted from the charge for interest at seven per cent., which runs from the date of confirmation.

The collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ANDREW W. LEGGAT, Acting Collector.

INDICES OF RECORDS.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPLETE SETS OF THE INDICES OF RECORDS are offered for sale, full bound in sheep, as follows:

Table with columns for Grantors, Grantees, Notices of Suits in Equity, Insolvents, &c., Total, Judgments, Sets unbound, and amounts.

Incomplete sets may be completed on application at this office. Communications in relation to the Records should be addressed "Superintendent of Records, Comptroller's Office."

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF ARREARS, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF ARREARS, Dec. 1, 1873.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS for unpaid taxes of 1869 and 1870, and Croton water rents of 1868 and 1869, under the direction of Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York.

The undersigned hereby gives public notice, pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the collection of taxes, assessments and Croton water rents in the City of New York, and to amend the several acts in relation thereto," passed April 8, 1871:

That the respective owners of all lands and tenements in the City of New York on which taxes have been laid and confirmed, situated in the Wards Nos. 1 to 22, inclusive, for the years 1869 and 1870, and now remaining due and unpaid; and also the respective owners of all lands and tenements in the City of New York, situated in the wards aforesaid, on which the regular Croton water rents have been laid for the years 1868 and 1869, and are now remaining due and unpaid, are required to pay the said taxes and Croton water rent so remaining due and unpaid to the Clerk of Arrears, at his office, in the Department of Finance, in the New Court House, with the interest thereon, at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, to the time of payment with the charges of this notice and advertisement, and if default shall be made in such payment such lands and tenements will be sold at public auction at the New Court House, in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on MONDAY, the 9th day of March, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, for the lowest term of years at which any person shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the amount of tax or Croton water rent, as the case may be, so due and unpaid, and the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, and together with the charges of this notice and advertisement and all other costs and charges accrued thereon, and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all the lands and tenements here advertised for sale shall be sold.

And notice is hereby further given that a detailed statement of the taxes and the Croton water rents, the ownership of the property taxed, and on which Croton rents are unpaid, is published in a pamphlet, and that copies of the pamphlet are deposited in the office of the Bureau of the Clerk of Arrears, and will be delivered to any person applying for the same.

A. S. CADY, Clerk of Arrears. BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, November 17th, 1873.

TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ONE PER cent, will be added to all taxes unpaid on the 1st of December; also, an additional one per cent on December 15th.

On all taxes remaining unpaid on January 1st, interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, calculated from the day the books were received by the Receiver of Taxes to the day of payment will be added.

MARTIN T. MCMAHON, Receiver of Taxes. FINANCE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, Room 14, City Hall, NEW YORK, NOV. 29, 1873.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.—PROPERTY holders are hereby notified that the following assessment lists were this day received in this Bureau for collection:

- DATE OF CONFIRMATION. Nov. 21, 1873.—Sewers in 88th street, between 2d and 3d avenues; and in 91st street, between 2d and 4th avenues, with branches. Sewer in 11th avenue, between 52d and 54th streets. Reg. grade, curb, &c., in 60th street, between 10th avenue and Hudson river. Flagger sidewalk southeast corner Broadway and 33d street. Flagger sidewalk north side 13th street, from No. 415 to Avenue A.

All payments made at this office within sixty days from this date, are, by law, exempted from the charge for interest at seven per cent., which runs from the date of confirmation.

The collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. ANDREW W. LEGGAT, Acting Collector.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, 346 and 348 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, Dec. 15, 1873.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THREE STEAM PILE DRIVERS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING three (3) Steam Pile Drivers will be received at the Office of the Department of Docks until 12 o'clock, noon, of Monday, December 29th, 1873, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids. Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect.

No proposals will be considered unless 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, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance, which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of surety required.

Bidders will state in their proposal the price for the pile drivers complete and in working order, to be delivered within forty days after signing the contract.

The Department of Docks reserves the right to decline any and all proposals, if deemed to be for the public interest; and no proposal 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 security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals, plans and specifications can be obtained by application at the office of the Department. Proposals to be indorsed as above and addressed to "Commissioner Budd, Treasurer of Department of Docks."

JACOB A. WESTERVELT, WILLIAM GARDNER, WILLIAM BUDD, Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, No. 8 CITY HALL.

THE STATED SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF Aldermen will be held on Thursday of each week, at 3 1/2 o'clock, P. M., in the Chamber of the Board, room No. 15, City Hall.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk. OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, No. 8 City Hall, NEW YORK, December 27, 1873.

A STATED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Aldermen will be held in the Chamber of the Board, room 15, City Hall, on Tuesday, Dec'r 30th, at 3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk.