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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
Wednesday, March 18, 1874.

The Board of Commissioners met as above.
Present—President Joseph L. Perley, in the chair, Commissioners Roswell D. Hatch and Cornelius Van Cott.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications

were received and disposed of as follows:

From—
Chief of Department, returning claim of Cooney & Burton, with report. Filed.
Same, returning claim of Alfred Ross, Esq., with report. Filed.

Inspector of Combustibles, report for week ending March 14, 1874. Filed.

Foreman H. & L. 10, report of inspection of No. 48 Vesey street, referred to Inspector of Combustibles.

Same, report of inspection of Nos. 37 and 39 Murray street, referred to Inspector of Combustibles.

Foreman H. & L. 11, reports telegraph gong out of order, referred to Superintendent of Telegraph, for investigation and report.

Assistant Foreman Daniel Bradley, Eng. 6, applying for promotion, referred to Examining Board.

Hoseman John H. Zwicker, Eng. 41, applying for promotion. Filed.

Hoseman P. C. Bleil, Chem. Eng. 1, applying for promotion. Filed.

The Comptroller, statement of condition of appropriation for week ending, 14th inst. Filed.

Commissioner of Public Works, calling attention to carelessness and delay in replacing flagging around telegraph poles, referred to Inspector of Combustibles with directions.

Clerk Surrogate's Court, notice of issue of letters testamentary on estate of Walter T. Furlong, deceased. Referred to the trustees of the Relief Fund.

John Harris, M. D., requesting inspection of flues of house No. 211 E. 34th street. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles.

Dismissal.

On recommendation of Committee on Discipline, to take effect 19th inst., Fireman Michael Carolin, H. & L. 6.

Discharged.

To take effect 18th inst., Charles H. Robertson, machinist.

Appointments.

To take effect 19th inst.:

J. W. Mattison, machinist, at \$3.50 per day.

To take effect on the 20th inst.:

James Robinson, carpenter, at \$4 per day.

Peter Grosjean, climber, at \$3.50 per day.

Bills Audited.

FOR CURRENT YEAR.

Marcus, Nuffer & Co., machine shop.....	\$30 00
P. H. Egan, buildings.....	1,106 56
John R. M. Shiel, buildings.....	2,504 56
D. C. Newell & Sons, buildings.....	1,116 22
Cornelius J. Whigham, buildings.....	8 25
Blair & Ferrier, buildings.....	307 32
Composite Iron Works Co., buildings.....	\$263 50
general supplies.....	48 00

William H. Lee, general supplies.....	311 50
James W. Queen & Co., buildings.....	21 75
L. G. Tillotson & Co., telegraph supplies.....	22 60
P. Golding, telegraph supplies.....	315 79
Michael Finn, telegraph supplies.....	38 75
Murphy & Bailey, telegraph supplies.....	160 00
Manhattan Nickel Works, machine shop.....	57 00
N. Y. Steam Gauge Co., machine shop.....	13 25
George Hovey & Son, machine shop.....	2 70
Hunter, Keller & Co., machine shop.....	7 50
R. J. Wright, horse feed and straw.....	98 14
Walter Shay, harness shop.....	1,308 37
P. Murray, horse-shoeing.....	7 50
M. Burns, horse-shoeing.....	10 00
John Leyton, horse-shoeing.....	18 00
John Leyton, horse-shoeing.....	24 00

FOR 1873.

C. T. Reynolds & Co., buildings.....	70 53
Manhattan Nickel Works, machine shop.....	17 50

Adjourned.

W. B. WHITE,
Secretary.

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ABM. DISBECKER,
Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

New York, March 23, 1874.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending March 21, 1874:

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS.

Plans, Specifications and Special Applications, filed, examined and passed upon.

NEW BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined.....	22
No. of Buildings embraced in same.....	42

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings.....	19
Tenements.....	12
Third class stores.....	3
Manufactories and Workshops.....	5
Stables.....	2
*Frame Dwellings.....	1
Total.....	42

*In Westchester districts.

Plans &c., approved, including those previously filed.....	14
" amended and approved.....	3
" disapproved.....	7
" pending.....	3
Total.....	27

ALTERED BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined.....	40
" Buildings embraced in same.....	45

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings.....	2
Second class Dwellings.....	11
Tenements.....	17
Hotels and Boarding Houses.....	1
First class Stores.....	2
Second class Stores.....	1
Third class stores.....	1
Manufactories and Workshops.....	4
Stables.....	1
Frame Dwellings.....	5
Total.....	45

BUILDINGS EXAMINED AND PLANS RELATING THERETO PASSED UPON INCLUDING THOSE PREVIOUSLY FILED.

Approved.....	34
Amended and approved.....	4
Disapproved.....	4
Pending.....	8
Total.....	50

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS.

Number filed examined and passed upon.....	32
Approved.....	12
Amended and approved.....	1
Disapproved.....	1
No. pending.....	18
Total.....	32

ROBERT MCGINNIS,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS, UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND COMPLAINTS.

Abstract of operations for the week ending March 21, 1874:

Complaints received from outside sources.....	15
Violations of the law reported.....	8
Violations of the law removed.....	12
Unsafe buildings reported.....	20
Unsafe buildings made safe.....	33
Unsafe buildings taken down.....	1
Surveys held on unsafe buildings.....	1
Violation cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....	1
Unsafe building cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....	1
Violation notices served.....	15
Unsafe building notices served.....	70
Buildings surveyed as to general condition.....	754

The classification of the unsafe buildings reported are as follows:

Unsafe walls.....	11
" chimneys.....	4
" generally.....	2
" balcony.....	1
" ceiling.....	1
" stairs.....	1
Total.....	20

ANDREW OWENS,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF IRON WORK.

Abstract of operations for the week ending March 21, 1874:

Buildings reported for fire-escapes.....	10
Fire-escapes provided.....	20
Arch girders tested (4 approved and 1 not).....	5
Iron beams tested (all approved).....	7
Iron lintels tested (all approved).....	2
Notices for Fire Escapes served.....	27
Cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....	7

THOMAS S. GAYTON,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF THEATRES, HOTELS, SCHOOL-HOUSES, CHURCHES, FACTORIES AND SPECIAL SURVEYS.

Abstract of operations during the week ending March 21, 1874:

THEATRES.

Eleven theatres and places of public amusement have been visited and inspected during the week, as follows, to wit: Berry's Opera House, Booth's, Daly's 5th avenue, Tivoli, Niblo's, Germania, Stadt, Olympic, Metropolitan, Bow-

ery, and the Grand Opera House, and no infractions of section 29 of the building law noted in either.

HOTELS.

Ten hotels, boarding and lodging houses have been carefully inspected as to their condition, means and facilities for egress and escape in case of fire, viz: The Anthony House, 834 Broadway; Madison square Hotel, Broadway and 21st street; Newbeck's, 252 Fulton street; Ocean House, 151 Cedar street; Lickwick, 147 and 149 Cedar street; Crittenden, 1142 Broadway; Libby, 386 Fourth avenue; boarding and lodging house, 208 5th avenue; boarding and lodging house, 1128 Broadway; Garvey House, Broadway and 42d street, and in all cases where such means and facilities were found to be insufficient, the owners or parties in interest have been notified to forthwith provide additional fire safeguards.

FACTORIES.

Fourteen factories and buildings used for manufacturing purposes have been thoroughly examined as to their condition, and the means, facilities and appliances therein severally provided for the protection, egress or escape of their employees and operatives in the event of fire, and where such means are found to be insufficient, the parties in interest have been notified and required to provide such additional fire safeguards as being deemed necessary had been recommended by the inspectors charged with the duty of such examinations.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS OR SURVEYS.

Special examinations have been made of 2,758 buildings, heretofore provided with fire escapes, as to the condition of such escapes and their being kept in good repair, free from obstructions, and available for use in the event of fire.

Removals of 14 hotel and factory leases have been made in which the law has been complied with.

CHARLES K. HYDE,
Chief of Bureau.

Appointments.

March 1, 1874—John F. Purdy, inspector.
March 8, 1874—M. F. Fitzgibbons, inspector.
March 10, 1874—Daniel Green, inspector.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

STATED SESSION, }
March 18, 1874. }

The stated session of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at 4 P. M.

The minutes of the last session were approved.

Present—Wm. H. Neilson, Esq., President, and Commissioners Baker, Dowd, Farr, Halsted, Jenkins, Kelly, Klamroth, Man, Mathewson, Seligman, Townsend, Traud, Vermilye, West and Wetmore—16.

Absent—Commissioners Beardslee, Brown, Hoe, Lewis and Patterson—5.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRUSTEES.

The President laid before the Board communications from the Trustees of several of the wards asking to excuse the absences of teachers. Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

From the Eleventh Ward, to retain the premises occupied by P. S. No. 39, in 7th street; from the Seventeenth Ward, to hire premises No. 17, St. Mark's place; referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From the Trustees of the Twelfth Ward, nominating Miss Susan L. Edney for Principal of new Primary School, in 124th street. Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

From the Trustees of the Twelfth Ward, awarding contract for fitting up premises in East Eighty-eighth street, to Halpin & Bro., and premises in 124th street, to James Poole, and for furniture to Nathaniel Johnson. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward, awarding contract for fitting up Nos. 15 and 17 Third street, for a Primary School, to Nathaniel Johnson, for \$1,195. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Trustees of the Nineteenth Ward, awarding contracts as follows:

The premises in East Seventy-fifth street, for furniture to Robert Paton, for \$1,394; altering and fitting up, to Mackenzie & Mott, for \$1,738.

Dividing gallery rooms in P. D. G. S. No. 27, to Nathaniel Johnson, for \$235.

Dividing gallery rooms in P. D. G. S. No. 53, to Nathaniel Johnson, for \$398.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward, for an appropriation to erect a building on the site in Fifty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From the Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward, recommending a site for a new school in said wards.

Referred to the Committee on Sites and New Schools.

FROM THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the fol-

lowing communication from Hon. W. F. Havemeyer, Mayor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 6, 1874.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to inform you that I have this day appointed Samuel R. Tilley, Inspector of Common Schools for the Eighth School District, in the place of Norman K. Freeman, who failed to qualify.

Very respectfully,

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

To the Board of Education of the City of New York.

Also, a communication from the citizens and Tax-payers Association of Harlem relative to the ventilation of school buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

From the City Superintendent.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the City Superintendent:

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit the report of Committee appointed by the President of the Board to visit the Schools of the City of Boston.

Respectfully,

HENRY KIDDLE,
City Sup't and Chairman of Com.
NEW YORK, March 18, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Education:

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the President of the Board, in pursuance of a resolution adopted on the 23d of December last, as follows:

"Resolved, That a committee to be named by the President, 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."

Respectfully report, that, on the 23d ult. they visited the City of Boston, and devoted the greater part of the three following days to the duty assigned them in visiting several of the Grammar and Primary Schools of that city, and inspecting the methods of musical instruction employed therein, as well as the progress made by the pupils in vocal music.

Three Primary Schools, four Grammar Schools, and one High School (the Girls' High School) were visited for this purpose, in all of which eighteen classes were examined, some of them at considerable length.

Of course, your committee would not be warranted, from so brief an investigation, in pronouncing a decisive judgment upon the general results attained by the schools of Boston in the department of instruction inspected, nor is it at all essential that this should be done, as, however the schools and classes which were visited comprehended all the grades, from the highest in the High School to the lowest in the Primary Schools, and as some of these schools were such as the musical directors selected for the purpose of exhibiting the plan of instruction pursued and its results, it is proper to assume that the attainments shown were, at least, equal to the average of the entire system of schools.

The system of musical instruction in these schools is the growth of many years, stimulated by every possible agency, and guided by the combined skill and intelligence of the best experts that could be obtained, as well as by the constant and earnest supervision and fostering care of a special committee of the Boston Board of School Commissioners.

The system includes the following as its essential features:

1. A regularly graded course of musical instruction for all the grades of the Primary, Grammar, and High Schools, and forming part of the regular work of the schools, being made a portion of the daily duty of every class teacher.

2. Four musical directors and supervisors, one for the Primary Schools, one for the lower grades of the Grammar Schools, one for the higher grades in these schools, and one for the High Schools, the latter being the general supervisor and director of the musical instruction in all the schools. To these is added an assistant teacher of music. The annual salaries of these five officers amount in the aggregate to \$15,700.

3. For the purpose of a general incentive to excellence, an annual "musical exhibition," in which a certain number of selected pupils from each of the Grammar and High Schools take part, the entire arrangement being under the direction of the Standing Committee of the Board of Education on Music.

To these three chief features of the plan may be added the supplying of every school with musical charts, as a guide to the teacher, and each pupil in the Grammar Schools with a musical reader for home study and practice; also, the definite assignment of a portion of time (generally ten minutes each day) for musical instruction by the class teacher.

Complete provision is thus made for the regular and systematic instruction of the pupils in this branch, as well as for the constant direction and supervision of the work.

The results attained in the Primary Schools, your committee are unable to report. Many of those presented in the schools visited were very imperfect, owing to the deficiency of the class

teachers in musical knowledge and training. The system of elementary instruction employed in these schools is undoubtedly of great excellence; but there appears to be too little provision for the proper instruction of the teachers, so as to enable them to perform with skill and efficiency the task assigned to them. The musical charts were found in every class-room as a part of the regular school apparatus; and your committee feel no doubt that the plan of instruction contained therein must with teachers properly prepared for the work, be attended with excellent results. The voices of the children are carefully trained in these schools, and a good foundation, in this respect, laid for progress in the higher grades.

The musical director for these schools is only able to visit them once a month.

In the lower grades of the Grammar Schools the results exhibited were, in some of the classes visited, indicative of creditable proficiency in reading music. In the Sherwin Grammar School the committee found the pupils (girls) able to read with considerable promptness and accuracy in two parts. An example written on the blackboard by one of the visitors in two parts was sung with tolerable accuracy at sight by the pupils, who were from twelve to fourteen years of age. In two of the classes, a member of the committee wrote an example in C, which was sung quite creditably. It is proper to state, however, that in these classes the teachers appeared to have a good knowledge of music, as well as to possess a marked degree of skill and energy.

In the Dearborn Grammar School for girls and boys, which the committee visited in the company of two of the musical directors, classes of the lower and intermediate grades were visited, and examples of various kinds were written by the visitors on the blackboard, and were very fairly sung at sight. The assembled classes of these grades, consisting of girls and boys, sang at sight examples in two parts written on the blackboard, and went through with an exercise in counterpoint admirably. These children were from ten to twelve years of age. The singing heard in this school, both from singing books and blackboard, was most excellent, and seem to demonstrate thoroughly the efficiency of the system of musical instruction employed, showing that with a small amount of time each day, and under the regular class teachers, pupils may be taught to sing readily plain music at sight. A very remarkable fact in connection with the excellent results exhibited in this school, was, that the musical director had been able to make only three brief visits to this school since the first of January last; indeed, the general arrangement is, that these grades of the Grammar Schools shall be visited only once a month.

The higher grades of the Grammar School were scarcely examined by your committee, for the want of time. A short visit to the Franklin Grammar School, however, enabled them to hear an exercise performed by the pupils of the higher classes, which certainly displayed a remarkable degree of accuracy in expression and intonation. Indeed it was obvious that the training and instruction, under the musical director of this department had been very thorough and successful.

In the girls High School, your committee had the pleasure of hearing the highest class perform various exercises in reading music. Some of the exercises were written by one of the committee and, the result gave good evidence of care-training by a thorough musician. The class also sang in four parts, one of Schubert's compositions, with excellent effect, particularly the higher parts.

The committee regret that their engagements precluded a more extended survey of the results attained, but they, nevertheless, feel that they are warranted in reporting that the system of musical instruction in Boston is, in the main, well arranged and efficient, and that the pupils have as good an opportunity of learning how to read music as to read from the printed page, and that there is probably but little, if any, more deficiency in attaining good results in this branch of instruction, as it is pursued, than in any of the other branches of common school education.

The main defects in the general organization of the system appear to be the want of unity in the direction and supervision; since this is virtually under four different minds, the general director seeming to be, essentially, only such in name, except so far as the results are controlled by the management of the annual exhibition of music, which is under his exclusive direction. There is also a great want of provision for the necessary instruction of the teachers. Up to a certain point, there is no doubt that, with proper guidance and suitable appliances and text-books, a good teacher, with but a slender knowledge of music, may conduct efficiently musical exercises; but it is equally certain that the progress made under such a teacher must be very limited, and that there is great danger of injury from inaccurate teaching, and the failure to correct erroneous practice, leading to bad, if not incurable habits.

In the main, it will be seen that the plan of instruction in Boston is the same as that submitted to the late Board of Public Instruction on the 19th of March, 1873, in a report presented by Commissioner Jenkins, and adopted by the Board, except that the plan thus presented was free from all the defects here referred to, ample provision being made therein for the preparation of the regular class teachers for the work which it was proposed to assign to them. Indeed, the agencies now employed in our system for instruction in music should be amply sufficient to secure as good results in this department as those attained in Boston, and at a proportionately much less expense, the only want being a suitable provision for the general direction and supervision of the work. This will be evident

from the fact, that while Boston with its 35,000 pupils expends nearly sixteen thousand dollars for musical instruction, New York, with nearly 100,000 pupils, expends only eighteen thousand dollars, and while in the former city there are only four special instructors, visiting the schools but once a month, there are in our system twenty-two special teachers of music, who, on the average, visit the schools once a week.

In the technical work, as seen by your Committee in the schools visited, it may be useful also to advert to another defect besides those already mentioned. The instruction seems to be based on the method of singing by fixed syllables or designations of notes. There is no doubt that this method facilitates an appearance of progress, pupils learning to read by means of it, certain exercises with great readiness and accuracy; but, as a means of imparting solid acquirements in the art, it must prove a failure.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to express their acknowledgments to Commissioner Traud, of your Board, who accompanied them on their mission, visiting with them all the schools, and affording them most valuable aid through his experience as an instructor, and his ready skill in musical composition.

We desire also to tender thanks to Superintendent Philbrick, of Boston, and musical directors Elchberg, Holt and Mason, for their attention and courtesy in facilitating the objects of our visit.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY KIDDLE,
City Supt.
F. H. NASH,
GEO. F. BRISTOW.

Ordered to be entered in full in the minutes.
The President laid before the Board the monthly report of the City Superintendent for February.

Ordered to be entered in full in the minutes.
The President laid before the Board a Communication from the City Superintendent, relative to the sale of packages known as "prize candy," to the pupils of the schools, and calling the attention of the Board to the pernicious influence of the traffic upon the youth of the city. Referred to the Committee on By-laws.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Klamroth, from the Committee on the Annual Report, submitted the draft of the annual report of the Board of Education for the year 1873, and also a resolution to print the usual number under the direction and supervision of the Committee.

Adopted.
Commissioner Halsted presented a report from the Committee on Teachers, recommending a leave of absence for Miss Susan Wright, Principal of P. D. of G. S. No. 50.

Adopted.
Also, a report confirming the nomination of Mr. Edward H. Boyer as Principal of G. S. No. 9.

Adopted.
Also, to grant leave of absence to Mr. Edward Kossly, teacher of German in G. S. No. 19.

Adopted.
Commissioner Jenkins presented a report from the Committee on Colored Schools, adverse to the establishment of a colored school in the Thirteenth Ward.

Adopted.
Commissioner Mathewson presented a report from the Committee on Evening Schools, authorizing payment of salary of a teacher in the female evening school in the Fourteenth Ward.

Adopted.
Commissioner Baker presented a report from the Committee on Sites and New Schools, recommending the re-establishment of a Primary School in the Third Ward.

Adopted.
Commissioner Baker presented a report from the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, recommending repairs to heating apparatus for G. S. building No. 47.

Referred to the Finance Committee.
Commissioner Farr presented a report from the Committee on Normal Schools, excusing the absence of Miss Martha L. Doake.

Adopted.
Commissioner Wetmore presented a report from the Committee on School Furniture, recommending the purchase of new pianos for G. S. No. 7, P. D. G. S. No. 20, and G. S. No. 18.

Referred to the Finance Committee.
Commissioner West presented the report of the Auditing Committee, recommending the payment of sundry bills for printing, advertising, and incidental expenses.

Adopted.
Commissioner Townsend presented the report of the Committee on By-Laws, Elections and Qualifications, relative to the proceedings in the removal of the Janitor of G. S. No. 42, in the Tenth Ward, stating that although the charges made against him were not substantiated, either before the Board of Trustees or the Committee, yet as the removal had been legally effected at the time, in accordance with the powers of this Board, it was a competent removal—and while they demur to the mode of procedure, yet the removal being accomplished in proper form, it is binding and effective.

BUILDINGS.

Commissioner Dowd presented a report from the Committee on Buildings, recommending the rehiring of premises for Primary School No. 48.

Adopted.
Also, to rehire premises for Primary School No. 41.

Adopted.
Also, recommending the hiring of a building at No. 67 Warren street, for the re-establishing of P. S. No. 37.

Adopted.
Also, several reports relative to Janitors, &c. Which were adopted.

FINANCE.

Commissioner Vermilye presented a report from the Finance Committee, recommending the payment of a bill of Cooper and Weed, for \$104.10, for repairs to heating apparatus in G. S. No. 40.

Adopted.
Also, to pay bill of Andrew J. Bush, for \$110.35, for repairs to heating apparatus in G. S. building No. 34.

Adopted.
Also, a report relative to the payment of claims for certain work, done in excess of the allowance during the years 1869 to 1873, for which suits were pending.

Ordered to be printed in the minutes.
Also, a report from the Finance Committee, recommending that the insurance policies on school property in the 23d and 24th wards be cancelled, and the balances returned be deposited with the Comptroller.

Also, a report from the Finance Committee to appropriate two hundred dollars (200), for removing and repairing furniture in G. S. No. 60, and P. S. No. 44.

Adopted.
Also, a report from the Finance Committee, recommending appropriations for the Model School, and approving award of contracts, as follows:

To the National School Furniture Company for furniture for \$5,947.75.

For heating apparatus to John Neal, for \$7,100.

Adopted.
Also, from the Finance Committee, recommending an appropriation of seven hundred dollars (\$700), to purchase one piano each for M. D. G. S. No. 1, and F. D. G. S. No. 18, for \$350 each.

Adopted.
Also, the report of the Finance Committee relative to the apportionment of School moneys for the year 1874, as follows:

To the Board of Education:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred "with power" to act in the premises, the communication from the Comptroller relative to claims against the Board of Education, for which suits have in some instances been commenced against the city, respectfully report for the information of the Board, that these claims consist of bills incurred by the Trustees of the respective Wards, during the years 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873, in excess of the allowances for incidentals, repairs, etc., made to them by this Board.

Our predecessors declined to recognize those of them incurred during their incumbency, and those incurred in 1873, are as yet unacknowledged by us, and for the same reason that controlled the preceding Board.

The bills for 1869 to 1872, inclusive, amount in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two thousand six hundred and ninety-two dollars and fifty-three cents, (\$22,692 53.) These having been sent to the Comptroller, as required in his communication, without examination or certification by any officer of the Board.

The bills of 1873, amounting to about six thousand dollars, (\$6,000,) were incurred by the present Trustees. Your Committee propose to have them examined by the Superintendent of School Buildings, to ascertain the character of the charges made for the work and materials, and these being adjusted were requested to be also forwarded to the Comptroller for his disposal.

J. D. VERMILYE,
WM. DOWD,
JOS. SELIGMAN,
Finance Committee.

The President put the question whether the Board would adopt said report, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion—
Ordered, That said report be entered in full on the minutes, and printed in the Journal.

The Board adjourned.

L. D. KIERNAN,
Clerk.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

From the proceedings of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 23, 1874:

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Being a resolution as follows:

Whereas, Some mode of transporting passengers and freight rapidly from one end of this city to the other, and to intermediate points, seems to have become a necessity, in which are involved not only the convenience of our citizens, but also the future growth and prosperity of this metropolis.

And, whereas, the failure for many years of the numerous schemes and projects for furnishing this mode of transit, in consequence of the unwillingness of capitalists to invest in the construction of them, renders it morally certain that private capital cannot be induced to lend its aid to the accomplishment of this much needed work, and that, therefore, means must be sought in other directions.

And, whereas, the people of the City of New York have, if they so desire, the right to provide themselves with facilities of transit. Now, therefore, in order that their wishes on the subject may be had, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature be, and they are hereby requested to enact a law by which the question shall be submitted to the voters of this city at the next general election, as to whether or not means of rapid transit shall be furnished by and on the credit of the city.

And be it further resolved, That the Legislature be also requested to enact a law whereby the Governor of the State, by and with the consent of the Senate, may be authorized to appoint

at the present session five Commissioners, whose duty it shall be, in case the vote provided for in the foregoing resolution shall be in the affirmative, to select and designate some mode of rapid transit, and to lay out and indicate a route therefor, and report the same, with full particulars, to the next Legislature on the first day of its meeting.

Which was concurred in.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Assistant Alderman Sommers called up

G. O. 450,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Mayor and Comptroller and the President of the Police Department be and they are hereby authorized and directed to provide a suitable location for the erection of a new Station House for the Police force of the 19th Precinct, as near the centre of said precinct, territorially as possible, and within the portion thereof included between the northerly line or side of fifty-fifth street; the southerly line or side of sixtieth street; the easterly line or side of Lexington avenue, and the westerly line or side of Second avenue; such site not to be not more than 75 nor less than 50 feet front and rear, by half the block in depth and the expense thereof, and the cost of the erection of the said station house to be taken from and charged to the appropriation for Special Contingencies.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Keating, Wissner, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, the President, Kreps, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Keenan called up

G. O. 436,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-fifth street from Ninth to Tenth avenues be 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Keating, Wissner, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, the President, Kreps, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Brucks called up

G. O. 447,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Thirty-sixth street from the Tenth to the Eleventh avenues, 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Keating, Wissner, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, the President, Kreps, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Report for the week ending March 21, 1874:
Licenses granted and amounts received for licenses and fines by First Marshal:

Licenses granted.....	154
Amount received.....	\$265 25
Permits issued for street stands, signs, show cases, deliveries, &c., and amount received for same:	
Permits issued.....	38
Amount received.....	\$168

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for the two weeks ending March 21, 1874.

License was granted to Isaac Hall to moor baths at the Battery during the season of 1874, for \$750.

The question of making arrangements for providing music during the coming season, was referred to Mr. Stebbins with power.

The annual report of the Department of its proceedings in the recently annexed district, was transmitted to the Legislature.

One thousand revised maps of Central Park were ordered to be printed at a cost not exceeding \$450.

The offer of the statue of Elias Howe was rejected on the recommendation of the Committee to which it was referred, on the ground that it lacks the necessary artistic qualifications.

The President notified the Board that it would be necessary to make a large reduction in the labor force, if the Legislature did not provide further means to carry on the work of construction, by the passage of the bill now before the Senate Committee on Cities; whereupon the Board resolved—

"That it be referred to the President to examine and report to what extent and in what manner the labor force should be reduced, if it appears probable that said bill shall not become law during the present session of the Legislature."

The matter of completing the construction of Third avenue, Morrisania, under the supervision of Mr. Richard Foley, who had been previously employed by the Third Avenue Commission, was referred to the President with power.

The following six proposals for furnishing gas to, lighting, etc., lamps under the control of this

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS
