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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Report for the Quarter ending December 31, 1887.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
Nos. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET,
February 10, 1888.

Hon. ABRAM S. HEWITT, Mayor:

SIR—In compliance with the provisions of section 49, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the Department of Public Parks hereby submits the following statement of its transactions during the three months ending December 31, 1887:

The personnel of the Board governing the Department has been changed by the retirement of Commissioner John D. Crimmins upon the expiration of his term of office, and the appointment of Commissioner J. Hampton Robb in his stead. By the retirement of Commissioner Theodore W. Myers from the Board its number has been reduced to three.

The regular meeting days have, by an alteration in the by-laws, been changed from the first and third to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

During the period covered by this report the important question of the depression of the tracks of the New York and Harlem Railroad, in the annexed district, has been definitely settled. Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887 a map, showing the plan of the proposed depression of tracks and carrying of certain streets, roads, avenues, boulevards, etc., over the railroad, was prepared and placed on exhibition, and, after being modified to meet the views of the property-owners and approved by the railroad company, was finally adopted and filed in the manner prescribed by law. An agreement, approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, has been made and entered into by this Department with the New York and Harlem Railroad Company for the depression of the tracks in accordance with the plan adopted.

The consent of the Department has been given to the erection of a structure on the westerly side of the building known as the Brown-stone Court-house in the City Hall Park, into which the prison vans may be driven, in accordance with a plan submitted by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Permission has been given the Consolidated Gas-light Company to lay an eight-inch gas-main on the easterly side of the roadway of Riverside Drive, between Eighty-eighth and Ninetieth streets, on a line three feet from the curb, upon their giving a bond, with two sureties in the amount of one thousand dollars each, for the proper restoration of such portion of the roadway as may be disturbed.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Aldermen permission has been granted to the Suburban Rapid Transit Company to change the roadway and sidewalk on the east side of Third avenue, at One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, in accordance with a plan filed with the Department by said company.

The privilege of letting skates and chairs on the main and lower lakes in Central Park during the skating season was given to August Braun, he agreeing to pay to the Department as license fee a sum equal to ten per centum of his gross receipts.

The consent of the Department was given to the erection of several bay or oriel windows, as follows:

On the dwelling of Charles Ranlafer to be erected at the northeast corner of West End avenue and Ninety-eighth street, not to project more than one foot beyond the house-line.

On the dwelling-house of William J. Merritt & Co., at the northeast corner of Seventy-third street and West End avenue, the window not to project more than two feet six inches beyond the house-line.

On the dwelling of F. E. Robinson, at the southwest corner of Seventy-third street and West End avenue, the window not to project more than three feet beyond the house-line.

On a building to be erected by James V. S. Woolley & Co., at the northwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-first street and Mount Morris avenue, the windows not to project more than three feet six inches beyond the house-line of One Hundred and Twenty-first street.

On the upper stories of the dwelling of C. A. Fuller, at the southeast corner of Tenth avenue and Seventy-fourth street, the windows not to project more than two feet beyond the house-line.

During the quarter the Department has entered into the following contracts:

For laying crosswalks in East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Third avenue and the Southern Boulevard. W. F. Murray, contractor; B. C. Murray and A. G. Hupfel, sureties.

For regulating, grading, etc., East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Willis avenue to Brown place. Eugene Courtney, contractor; John Klinker and J. W. MacKnight, sureties.

For constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between St. Ann's and Trinity avenues. Michael J. Leahy, contractor; John W. Wood and Anthony McOwen, sureties.

Assessment lists with statements of the amounts and costs of the following-named works were forwarded to the Board of Assessors:

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide and laying crosswalks in East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, between the easterly curb-line of the Boston road and the westerly curb-line of Union avenue.

Regulating and grading One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and also setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide and laying crosswalks therein, from St. Ann's to College avenue.

Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in the Southern Boulevard, from North Third to Lincoln avenue.

Regulating, grading, setting curb-stones and flagging the sidewalks in One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Boston to Trinity avenue, or Delmonico place.

Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from the summit east of Willis avenue to the east line of Brown place.

Constructing a sewer and appurtenances on the south side of the Southern Boulevard, between Lincoln and Willis avenues.

Constructing sewer and appurtenances in Westchester avenue, from St. Ann's to Trinity avenue.

Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, with a branch in St. Ann's avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets.

Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, between Washington and Third avenues, with a branch in Third avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street to the summit between One Hundred and Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-third streets.

Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, between Third and Franklin avenues, with a branch in Fulton avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth streets.

Building a receiving-basin and sewer connection at the northwest corner of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Third avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Building receiving-basins and sewer connections at the northeast and southeast corners of Morris avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Power to determine the lines of the curb and other surface constructions in and upon certain streets having been vested in this Department by chapter 179 of the Laws of 1887, the width of the roadway of Seventy-second street, from Central Park to Riverside Drive, has been fixed at 45 feet and the sidewalks at 27½ feet each. The New York Elevated Railroad Company has been requested to change the location of the steps connecting with their railway station at Seventy-second street and Ninth avenue, so that the same may rest upon the sidewalk of the avenue instead of the sidewalk of the street, in order not to conflict with the plan for the improvement of the sidewalks of Seventy-second street.

Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 575 of the Laws of 1887, the Department has prepared and adopted a plan for the improvement of Morningside Park. This plan has also been approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and funds have been provided for carrying out the same. Work has therefore been commenced and is being advanced as rapidly as practicable.

The subject of the completion of the construction of Central and Riverside Parks is now under consideration.

The condition of the Central or McComb's Dam Bridge having been reported by the Engineer of Construction as dangerous, requiring a large outlay of money to make it safe, and the Board being of the opinion that it would be more advisable under the circumstances to provide for the construction of a new bridge or tunnel, General John Newton and Messrs. E. B. Van Winkle, G. W. McNulty and Thomas C. Clarke have been requested to examine the locality and report whether in their judgment it would be most advisable to construct a draw-bridge, a fixed bridge, or a tunnel, as a means of transit across the Harlem river in the vicinity of the present Central Bridge. The question is now being considered by those gentlemen.

The Third Avenue Bridge, over Harlem river, is now lighted by electric-light, which has also been introduced in Mount Morris Park.

Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, several changes have been made in the street system of the annexed district. The changes consisted chiefly in the closing and discontinuance of certain streets and the laying out and extending of certain others. The following-named maps or plans, showing such changes, have been duly filed in the offices of the Secretary of State, the Register of the City and County of New York and this Department, as required by law:

Showing Perry avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and Suburban street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as discontinued and closed.

Showing change of width of Teasdale place from 80 to 50 feet, from Third to Trinity avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Showing change of grade of St. Ann's avenue, between Westchester avenue and Rae street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Pursuant to chapter 577 of the Laws of 1887 maps of the following-named streets, amended by showing thereon the grades, location of monuments, etc., have also been adopted and filed:

Birch street, from Jerome avenue to Devoe street;

Devoe street, from Bremer to Ogden avenue;

Bremer avenue, from Devoe to Birch street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

At the request of the Counsel to the Corporation the consent of the Department was given to the transfer, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for "Maintenance of Museums," 1887, which was in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof.

Plans for the enlargement and improvement of the refreshment building in Central Park, known as the Casino, have been prepared, and the licensee occupying the building has been authorized to do the work at an expenditure of \$3,850, which amount will be applied on account of his license fee.

The work of enlarging the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the Central Park has progressed satisfactorily, and plans for laying out approaches and the grounds in the vicinity of the building are now being devised.

CENTRAL AND CITY PARKS.

Gardening Department.

In Union and Madison Square Parks some seventy-five trees have been cut out, nearly all of which were in a dangerous condition, owing to decay. Some twenty-five have been planted to supply, in a measure, those taken out, and to provide for future shade. In addition to this work the summer bedding plants have been taken out in all the small parks from the Battery to Central Park, together with all the tender water-lilies and other tender aquatic plants which have been used in the various fountains. The principal beds have been replanted with tulips for spring blooming, about 30,000 having been used.

In Central Park, in addition to removing the plants from the flower-beds, there have been planted 40,000 tulips; the finest designs having been made at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue and at Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue.

Those beds in which no bulbs have been planted have been manured and prepared for planting-out pansies and daisies as soon as the weather will permit in spring. The beds of hardy plants have all been gone over carefully and cultivated and where necessary manured. Vines and roses have been pruned and thinned out wherever necessary. At One Hundred and Tenth street and Seventh avenue a number of hardy plants and shrubs have been set out.

At Riverside Drive two large beds have been planted with tulips and the remainder of the beds put in order for spring planting.

The force at the green-houses have been employed in the care of plants and the propagation of say 150,000 pansies and daisies for the next spring's planting. These are at present in stock, and the quantity of tender bedding is at present very large and is constantly being added to by propagation.

One thousand and fifty trees, measuring from two inches to two feet in diameter of stem, have been cut out, mainly from the Fifth Division, in the vicinity of the reservoir. Along the East Drive, from Eighty-fifth to Ninety-seventh street, the trees have become badly overcrowded, and in order to give the most valuable an opportunity to recover in a measure it was deemed best to thin out very radically, and plant shrubs in all spaces where there would be sufficient light to permit of their growth.

At Morningside Park a large number of plants have been purchased for a temporary nursery at One Hundred and Twenty-third street; frames have been built for sheltering them during the winter.

General Maintenance.

This work is of a general character, and consists chiefly of the routine work of caring for the division, as distinguished from special or unusual pieces of work; it is mainly the same work in each division. It consists of the daily care of drives, bridle-paths, transverse roads and walks. During the month of December the cleaning of snow from the walks of the Central and City Parks has been an important item of work.

The road and walk basins throughout the Central and City Parks were cleaned on an average of once a month and the rubbish hauled to the dump.

The gutters, basins and iron fences throughout the parks were regularly repaired.

The ladies' and gentlemen's cottages throughout the Central and City Parks were kept open nine hours a day, in charge of attendants.

The laws of the Central and City Parks were treated with fertilizers. This work involved the labor of hauling and distributing on the lawns 1,000 yards of mould and 6,500 yards of manure. The mould and manure were obtained free of charge, by arrangements made with parties outside the department and by composting material obtained from outside stables, the park stables and the menagerie.

The drives of the park were regularly sprinkled, rolled and scraped.

Special Items of Work.

At the Sheepfold Yard, on the First Division, there were received 491 loads of manure from stables outside the department, and from the menagerie and police stables 220 loads, making in all 711 loads.

One boat-load of broken stone, measuring 445.72 cubic yards, was received and stored on this division. Of this, about 75 yards were used to repair the circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue and Seventy-second street, between Eighth avenue and Riverside Drive.

The work on the Second Division consisted of the general maintenance work such as mentioned above.

On the Third Division, in addition to the general maintenance, the men were engaged in hauling material for the skate building, gentlemen's cottage and platforms at the large lake, and in the hauling of material for enclosing the Terrace Bridge.

The Fourth Avenue Parks and East River Park, which form a part of this division, were properly cared for.

Arrests for November, 1887.

Assault—Discharged at Station.....	2
Assault and Battery—Fined \$5 by Justice.....	1
Disorderly Conduct—Committed for 6 months by Justice.....	1
“ “ “ 3 “ “ “.....	1
“ “ “ 10 days “ “ “.....	1
“ “ Fined \$10 by Justice.....	1
“ “ 5 “ “ “.....	2
“ “ Discharged by Justice.....	5
“ “ at Station.....	6
Total.....	18
Drunk and Disorderly—Committed for 3 months by Justice.....	1
“ “ “ 10 days “ “ “.....	2
“ “ Fined \$10 by Justice.....	1
“ “ 5 “ “ “.....	1
Total.....	5
Intoxication—Committed for 3 months by Justice.....	2
“ “ “ 2 “ “ “.....	1
“ “ “ 1 “ “ “.....	1
“ “ “ 10 days “ “ “.....	2
“ “ 5 “ “ “.....	1
“ “ Fined \$10 by Justice.....	4
“ “ 1 “ “ “.....	1
“ “ Held for examination by Justice.....	1
“ “ Discharged by Justice.....	1
“ “ at Station.....	1
Total.....	16
Highway Robbery—Sentenced to State Prison for 3½ years.....	1
Reckless Driving—Discharged by Justice.....	1
“ “ at Station.....	1
Total.....	2
Violating Park Ordinances—Committed for 3 days by Justice.....	1
“ “ Fined \$5 by Justice.....	3
“ “ “ 2 “ “ “.....	31
“ “ “ 1 “ “ “.....	8
“ “ Discharged by Justice.....	1
“ “ at Station.....	5
Total.....	49
Males.....	85
Females.....	9
Total for November.....	94

Arrests for December, 1887.

Assault—Held in \$100 bail for trial by Justice.....	1
“ “ Discharged by Justice.....	1
“ “ at Station.....	1
Total.....	3
Crime against Nature—Held in \$1,000 bail by Justice.....	1
Disorderly Conduct—Committed for 10 days by Justice.....	1
“ “ Fined \$5 by Justice.....	1
“ “ Discharged “ “.....	5
Total.....	7
Drunk and Disorderly—Committed for 1 month by Justice.....	1
“ “ “ 10 days “ “ “.....	2
“ “ Fined \$10 by Justice.....	2
“ “ Discharged “ “.....	1
Total.....	6
Intoxication—Committed for 10 days by Justice.....	1
“ “ Fined \$10 by Justice.....	5
“ “ “ 5 “ “ “.....	5
“ “ “ 3 “ “ “.....	1
“ “ Discharged “ “.....	2
Total.....	15
Indecent Assault—Discharged by Justice.....	1
Reckless Driving—Discharged at Station.....	1
Grand Larceny—Held in \$1,000 bail by Justice.....	1
Sodomy—Sentenced to State Prison for 10 years.....	1
“ “ Held in \$2,000 bail for trial.....	1
Total.....	2
Suspicion Persons—Discharged at Station.....	2
Violating Park Ordinances—Fined \$25 by Justice.....	1
“ “ “ 5 “ “ “.....	2
“ “ “ 2 “ “ “.....	1
“ “ “ 1 “ “ “.....	4
“ “ Discharged “ “.....	9
“ “ “ at Station.....	7
“ “ Held for examination by Justice.....	1
Total.....	25
Males.....	59
Females.....	5
Total for December.....	64
Total Arrests for Quarter—	
Males.....	229
Females.....	29
Total.....	258

Officers Injured.

3 Park Policemen were injured in the discharge of their duty.

Accidents.

18 accidents have taken place during the quarter.

Runaways.

58 runaways have taken place, of which 28 were caught by mounted officers and 27 by officers on foot, 3 not caught.

Collisions.

8 collisions have taken place on Central Park.

Sick and Injured Cared for.

26 sick and injured persons were found and taken to hospital or home.

Horses and Wagons taken to Park Stables.

18 horses and wagons were taken to the Park Stables.

Horses taken to Park Stables.

4 horses were taken to Park Stables.

Wagons taken to Park Stables.

9 wagons taken to Park Stables.

Impounded Animals.

2 horses, 1 cow, 1 goat and 2 dogs were found astray and taken to the Park Pound.

Horses Killed by Accident.

1 horse killed by accident in Central Park.

Sick and Injured Horses Shot.

4 sick and injured horses were shot by Officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Drowned.

1 woman was drowned in the lake in Central Park, 1 man was drowned at Battery Park.

Dead Man.

1 man dropped dead in Tompkins Park and taken to the Morgue.

Dead Infants.

1 dead infant was found in Central Park and taken to the Morgue.

Lost Children.

22 lost children were found on the various parks and taken to their homes or to Police Headquarters, 19 of which were males and 3 were females.

Lost Property.

27 articles of lost property were found by the officers and delivered to the Property Clerk of the Department.

Appointments and Resignations.

2 appointments and 2 resignations have taken place during the quarter.

Recapitulation.

Force.....	176
Appointments.....	2
Resignations.....	2
Promotions.....	5
Officers injured.....	3
Arrests.....	258
Accidents.....	18
Runaways.....	58
Collisions.....	18
Sick and injured cared for.....	26
Horses and wagons taken to Park Stables.....	18
Horses taken to Park Stables.....	4
Wagons.....	9
Impounded animals.....	6
Horses killed by accident.....	1
Sick and injured horses shot.....	4
Drowned persons.....	2
Dead persons.....	1
Dead infants.....	1
Lost children.....	22
Lost property (articles).....	27

TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

During the quarter work has been prosecuted with more or less activity on all of the contracts. 14 contracts for various kinds of street improvements have been in operation, divided as follows: 6 for regulating and grading, 1 for paving, 5 for sewers and 2 for fencing vacant lots. Work on the extension of the elevated road of the Suburban Rapid Transit Company has been actively continued by the company, under the careful supervision of the Department, and is now in use as far as One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, on Third avenue. 5 contracts have been completed and accepted during the quarter, also one more section (No. 2) of the Webster avenue sewer. On the Webster avenue sewer contract work is now in progress on section 3, and preparation is being made for opening the fourth or last section.

2 works have been temporarily suspended on account of the weather being unsuitable for their continuance at present.

5 new contracts have been made in the quarter; 3 more advertised for letting. Plans and specifications are in course of preparation for several very important works, and the outlook for an increased activity in the work of street improvement for the district during the coming season is quite favorable in view of the large number of street opening proceedings that have reached an advanced stage toward confirmation. 9 assessment lists have been finished and transmitted.

The accompanying schedules show the details of all work done and the progress made. For the year 1887, 18 contracts, including "Treasurer's orders" for street improvements, have been completed and accepted, 9 of which were contracts entered into in previous years.

2 sections of the Webster avenue sewer were also accepted as completed, representing somewhat more than one-half of the total length contracted for, or about 6,030 linear feet (sections 1 and 2).

Among the important works finished during the year is the Mill Brook drain, which, after discouraging delays, was finally put under contract in 1886, and its usefulness since its completion has answered all expectations.

18 assessment lists for sewers and 16 for other street improvements, making a total of 34 lists, were completed in the year. This work represents much labor in mapping and clerical work, and many of the lists are for work long since done, the making up of the list having been postponed.

16 new contracts were executed, on all of which work has been prosecuted, and, with the 9 works carried over at the close of the year 1886 and 3 private contracts under the supervision of this Department, make 28 works of the various kinds of street improvement in operation during the year.

The most important of the new contracts are those for the sewers in Rider avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets, and in One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, from Webster to Third avenue, with branches in Third avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-eighth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets; both of which have been worked and fair progress on them has been made.

The progress made on the various contracts in operation during each quarter of the year and for the whole year is shown in the annexed schedules, and also the work done in preparatory work and the making up of assessment lists. In the last-named work the total of map front shown on the property maps embodied in the assessment lists reached the extent of 319,109 linear feet, or almost 6½ miles, which again may be doubled, inasmuch as the assessment lists and maps have to be made up in duplicate.

The total length of new sewer built during the year is 14,158½ linear feet, or 2½ miles, making with what was previously built and after deducting old sewer taken up and replaced by new, 134,895 linear feet, or 25½ miles, as the extent of sewerage in the annexed district.

A table showing the length of streets regulated and graded according to city ordinances, and the extent of new pavement in the annexed district, is hereto attached:

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR 1887, BY QUARTERS.

Street Improvements (Complete).

ITEMS.	Earth Excavation, Cubic Yards.	Rock Excavation, Cubic Yards.	Filling, Cubic Yards.	New Curb, Linear Feet.	Old Curb, Linear Feet.	New Gutter, Linear Feet.	Old Gutter, Linear Feet.	New Flagging, Square Feet.	Old Flagging, Square Feet.	Bridge-stone, Square Feet.	Trap-block Pavement, Square Yards.	18" and 12" Pipe Culvert, Linear Feet.	Dry Rubble Masonry, Cubic Yards.	Rubble in Mortar Masonry, Cubic Yards.	Brick Masonry, Cubic Yards.	Drains, Linear Feet.	Vitrified Stoneware, Pounds.	Fencing, Linear Feet.	Monuments Reset.	Preliminary Surveys.	Specifications.	Plans, Complete.	Assessment Lists, Complete.	Private Permits, Lines and Grades, Linear Feet.
First Quarter.....	4,650	6,102.9	24,344	235.6	40.7	238.6	40.7	615.1	600.2	.....	....	... { 65 80 }	21.5	....	6	20	286	....	..	5	4	2	11	....
Second "	14,639	3,959.8	42,694.4	6,119.8	200	3,160	....	18,842.8	151.6	7,800	2,250	{ 65 80 }	179	....	8	370	....	439.3	15	3	2	3	1	718
Third "	3,504	10,008.1	36,323	10,748.1	31.7	10,204.6	....	39,272.1	91.8	188.4	2,736.3	.8	30	85	14	152.2	....	....	12	2	1	1	....
Fourth "	2,430.6	2,764.2	8,785.3	423.6	....	503.3	....	10,621.6	....	6,389.22	1,750	....	36.9	21.8	4.6	246.9	....	1,150	24	2	4	3	4	10
Totals.....	25,223.6	22,835.0	112,146.7	17,547.1	202.4	14,106.5	40.7	69,351.6	854.6	14,377.6	6,736.3	145.8	267.4	106.8	32.6	789.1	286	1,889.3	51	12	11	9	16	718

Total length of streets regulated and graded and added in 1887..... 15,121.5 linear feet = 2 1/2 miles, on 6 contracts.

Of the 2.36 miles regulated and graded during the year 1887, 1 1/2 mile was done by the "Port Morris Land Improvement Company," and ceded to the City.

Drains are included under Dry Rubble Masonry except as specified in detailed reports.

Total from age of all assessment lists made in 1887..... 319,109 linear feet = 60.44 miles, on 34 contracts of all kinds.

Sewers (Complete).

ITEMS	CITY OF NEW YORK																							
	Brick Sewer, 7' 6" Span, Linear Feet.	Brick Sewer, 24" x 36", Linear Feet.	Brick Sewer, 24" x 42", Linear Feet.	Brick Sewers, 24" x 36", 24" Circle, Linear Feet.	18" Pipe Sewer, Linear Feet.	15" Pipe Sewer, Linear Feet.	12" Pipe Sewer, Linear Feet.	Stone Drain (Complete), Linear Feet.	Spurs.	Manholes.	Receiving-tanks.	Rock, Cubic Yards.	Dry Rubble Masonry, Cubic Yards.	Piles, Linear Feet.	Lumber, Foundation, Feet, S. M.	Lumber, Shoring, Feet, B. M.	Concrete, Cubic Yards.	Preliminary Surveys.	Specifications.	Soundings.	Plans Completed.	Plans in Progress.	Assessment Lists Completed.	Assessment Lists in progress.
First Quarter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	280	255	789	71	8	..	1,400	..	.....	.....	.....	..	8	7	11	6	6	7	..
Second "	810	33.3	260	.....	1.2	12.5	1,058.7	1.3	283	12	..	899.7	..	.....	142,405	5,589	..	3	3	..	3	3	2	3
Third "	700	.....	585	{ 12 } 39	537.1	1,110.7	5,182.1	.....	437	78	16	477.2	..	.....	74,712	16,214	..	..	..	..	2	2	5	2
Fourth "	105.3	1,250	500	39.9	.....	136.4	425.6	.....	285	17	10	600	..	10,000	40,000	2,500	16	..	1	..	8	4	7	.....
Total.....	1,619.3	1,283.3	1,345	91.4	568.3	1,530.6	6,921.4	730.3	1,076	*115	26	3,376.9	3	10,000	257,117	24,303	16	11	11	11	11	..	18	..

* Manholes on Webster avenue sewer are not included, but are returned in detailed report as brick masonry

0.63 mile in length of above was built by The Port Morris Land Improvement Company and ceded to the City.

Total length of sewer built in 1887, 14,158.6 linear feet..... 2.68 miles, on 13 contracts

" " prior to 1887 (since annexation)..... 19.97 "

" " annexation (previous reports)..... 3.24 "

Deduct old sewer taken up and replaced by new in 1886..... 416.67 linear feet.

" " 1887..... 1,390 "

Total..... 25.55 miles.

Detailed Statement of Work done on Webster Avenue Sewer during the year 1887, by Quarters.

1887.	Brick Masonry, Cubic Yards.	Rubble Masonry, Cubic Yards.	Concrete, Cubic Yards.	Earth Excavation, Cubic Yards.	Rock Excavation, Cubic Yards.	Receiving-tanks.	12" Pipe Sewer, Linear Feet.	Spurs.	Timber, Feet B. M.	Manhole Heads.	Wrought-iron Steps.	Gravestone Specials, Cubic Feet.	Blue-stone Specials, Cubic Feet.	Vitrified Stoneware Inverts, Linear Feet.
First Quarter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second "	640	1,100	150	10,000	5	.....	2	120	140,000	6	63	23	10	103.3
Third "	570	850	206	2,560	.....	.....	75	79	56,000	8	47	20	65	70
Fourth "	93.5	82.5	17.3	1,241.1	.....	4	92.6	25	4,000	4	36	7	8.3	31.6
Total.....	1,303.5	2,032.5	373.3	13,801.1	5	4	169.6	224	200,000	18	146	47	83.3	204.9

The above represents—

1,619.3 linear feet of sewer, 7.5 feet span.

33.3 " " 24" x 42".

35 " " 24" x 36".

12.5 " " 24".

71.2 " " 20" x 30".

162.6 " " 12" pipe sewer.

Total..... 1,922.1 linear feet = 2 1/2 miles.

Statement showing Length of Streets and Avenues Regulated and Graded and Paved in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, from January 1, 1874, to January 1, 1888, or since the date of Annexation.

YEARS.	LENGTH OF STREETS GRADED, LINEAL FEET.	LENGTH OF STREETS PAVED, LINEAL FEET.	AMOUNT OF PAVEMENT LAID DURING YEAR, SQUARE YARDS.	TOTAL EXTENT OF PAVEMENT AT END OF YEAR, SQUARE YARDS.
1874 .....	.....	.....	.....	29,350
1875.....	.....	2,600	14,035	43,335
1876.....	.....	5,500	45,960.2	89,295.2
1877.....	3,499	.....	.....	89,295.2
1878.....	.....	.....	.....	89,295.2
1879.....	1,800	.....	.....	89,295.2
1880.....	2,500	4,300	.....	89,295.2
1881.....	1,770	.....	.....	89,295.2
1882.....	5,091	.....	.....	89,295.2
1883.....	26,749	3,042	18,037	107,332.2
1884.....	14,500	6,400	25,103	132,437.2
1885.....	1,663	4,558	20,486.8	152,924
1886.....	18,145.8	313.6	1,708.3	154,632.3
1887.....	15,121.5	661	4,373	159,005.3
Totals.....	103,754.3	27,374.6	.....	.....

* Done prior to annexation.

Engineer Corps and Inspectors during the Quarter ending December 31, 1887.

1 Engineer of Construction in Charge of Streets and Sewers, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

2 Assistant Engineers.

1 Assistant Engineer assigned for special duty.

5 Assistants.

1 Rodman.

1 Chainman.

2 Axemen.

6 Inspectors on Sewers.

6 Inspectors on Street Improvements.

2 Draughtsmen.

1 Skilled Laborer.

Necessary repairs and improvements have been made on the following roads, streets and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the quarter ending December 31, 1887:

Earth Roads Repaired.

	Square feet.
St. Mary's street, near St. Ann's avenue.....	17,920
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Forest and Union avenues.....	8,100
Mosholu avenue, north of Riverdale avenue.....	21,780
Pelham avenue.....	17,000
One Hundred and Seventy-second street, between Railroad and Washington avenues.....	1,200
Westchester avenue, near Prospect avenue.....	1,500
White's lane, between Westchester avenue and Southern Boulevard.....	7,500
One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, near Fourth avenue.....	2,000
Bailey avenue, between Boston and Riverdale avenues.....	6,020
Old Woodlawn road, near Jerome avenue.....	7,725
Delafield lane, near Mosholu School.....	6,000
Old Albany Post road, near Riverdale lane.....	14,400
Mosholu avenue, between Broadway and Riverdale lane.....	99,000
Spuytien Duyvil road, near Johnson's place.....	4,500
Spuytien Duyvil road, near Ball's place.....	4,800
Boston avenue, near Sedgwick avenue.....	10,185
Riverdale avenue, west of Bailey avenue.....	1,920
Tremont avenue, between Prospect and Third avenues.....	18,400
Boston avenue, east of Bailey avenue.....	8,960
Albany avenue, near Bailey avenue.....	880
Williamsbridge road, near new reservoir.....	3,850
Old Albany Post road, near Broadway.....	25,200
Grand avenue, near Mosholu avenue.....	38,060
Jerome avenue, between Grand avenue and cemetery.....	46,250
Mosholu avenue, near Grand avenue.....	1,500
Fordham Landing road, near Sedgwick avenue.....	4,125
Riverdale avenue, between Broadway and railroad bridge.....	5,400
Prospect avenue, between Samuel street and Tremont avenue.....	15,132
Franklin avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth and One Hundred and Seventy-sixth streets.....	600
Webster avenue, north of Southern Boulevard.....	9,525
Washington avenue, between Fordham and Pelham avenues.....	6,400
Total.....	415,832

MACADAM ROADS.

Remacadamizing.

	Square feet.
Southern Boulevard, north of White's lane.....	3,008
Southern Boulevard, south of White's lane.....	5,120
Washington avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-first street to 236 feet north of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street.....	76,874
Washington avenue, from 236 feet north to 506 feet north of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street.....	3,471
Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-eighth and One Hundred and Eighty-first street.....	1,730

Washington avenue, between Pelham avenue and One Hundred and Eighty-second street.	31,749
Tremont avenue, between Third and Prospect avenues	30,592
Tremont avenue, west of Harlem Railroad	850
Total	153,394

New Macadam.

Pelham avenue, at Fordham Square	18,670
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Macadam in course of Construction.

Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-first and One Hundred and Eighty-second streets.	7,878
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Pavements Relaid.

Third avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-eighth and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth streets	40
Third avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-fourth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets	60
Courtland avenue, north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street	48
Third avenue and Brook avenue	2,898
Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets	160
Opposite No. 3401 Third avenue	96
Third avenue, 184 feet and 208 feet north of One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street	297
Opposite No. 623 East One Hundred and Forty-third street	70
North side of One Hundred and Forty-third street, 406 feet east of Alexander avenue	84
North side of One Hundred and Forty-third street, 90 feet west of Brook avenue	69
West side of Third avenue, 25 feet south of One Hundred and Forty-ninth street	132
Opposite Nos. 232 and 254 North Third avenue	366
Opposite No. 3309 Third avenue	28
Courtland avenue, 40 feet south of One Hundred and Fifty-third street	62
Courtland avenue, 60 feet south of One Hundred and Fifty-third street	62
West side of Willis avenue, 50 feet north of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street	92
Opposite No. 3553 Third avenue	80
East side of Third avenue, 40 feet north of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street	90
West side of Third avenue, 150 feet north of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street	132
West side of Third avenue, 244 feet north of One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street	126
East side of Willis avenue, 150 feet north of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street	240
West side of Alexander avenue, 50 feet south of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street	226
Opposite No. 146 Lincoln avenue	42
Courtland avenue, 40 feet south of One Hundred and Fifty-third street	36
Total	5,536

Gutters Opened.

Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-eighth streets	3,600
One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Willis and Brook avenues	800
Jerome avenue	700
One Hundred and Fiftieth street, between Vanderbilt and Morris avenues	1,000
One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Vanderbilt and Morris avenues	700
Elton avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets	400
Wolf street, near Sedgwick avenue	1,000
Marion avenue	240
Morris avenue, between Third avenue and One Hundred and Sixtieth street	8,600
One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street and Tinton avenue	120
Tremont avenue, between Prospect and Third avenues	2,300
Powell place	350
Fordham Square	200
Washington avenue, between Pelham avenue and Fordham	1,600
Pelham avenue	1,700
Week street, near Gray street	100
One Hundred and Forty-eighth street and Morris avenue	225
One Hundred and Seventieth street, between Third avenue and College place	220
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Washington avenue	125
Bayard street, near Washington avenue	55
Webster avenue and Southern Boulevard	230
One Hundred and Fortieth street and Alexander avenue	100
One Hundred and Forty-first street and Alexander avenue	100
Bathgate avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-fourth and One Hundred and Seventy-fifth streets	400
Tremont avenue, between Morris and Anthony avenues	320
Home street, between Boston and Forest avenues	700
One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Melrose and Courtland avenues	894
One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Melrose and Courtland avenues	894
One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, between Melrose and Courtland avenues	894
One Hundred and Sixtieth street, between Melrose and Courtland avenues	894
One Hundred and Sixty-first street, between Melrose and Courtland avenues	894
One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Melrose and Courtland avenues	894
Melrose avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets	190
Elton avenue, between One Hundred and Sixtieth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets	280
Elton avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-second street and Brook avenue	480
Franklin avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth and One Hundred and Seventy-sixth streets	200
One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Franklin avenue	60
One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, between Franklin and Boston avenues	400
Franklin avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-sixth and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh streets	320
One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Third and Morris avenues	400
One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Third and Morris avenues	400
Brook and Third avenues	60
Church street, north of Weber's lane	550
Kingsbridge road, Riverdale avenue and Spuyten Duyvil road	2,780
Spuyten Duyvil road, west of railroad bridge	190
Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets	800
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Washington and Brook avenues	1,200
Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-sixth and One Hundred and Sixty-second streets	3,000
Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets	800
Northeast corner of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Morris avenue	25
Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Forty-second streets	900
One Hundred and Seventieth street, between Third and Fulton avenues	300
One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Willis and Third avenues	1,300
Southern Boulevard, between Lincoln and Third avenues	350
College avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets	200
Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets	3,900
One Hundred and Sixty-second street and Melrose avenue	200
Total	50,534

Around Receiving-basins, Cleaned.

Brook avenue and One Hundred and Forty-first street.	
Alexander avenue, between Third avenue and Southern Boulevard.	
Willis avenue, between Southern Boulevard and Third avenue.	
Southern Boulevard, between Willis and Third avenues.	
Courtland avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-sixth and One Hundred and Sixty-second streets.	
Third and Brook avenues.	
Third avenue, between One Hundred and Seventieth street and Southern Boulevard.	
Alexander avenue, between Washington and Third avenues.	
St. Ann's and Third avenues.	

Gutters Repaired.

One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Washington avenue	200
Washington avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street	30
Total	230

Curb and Gutters Relaid.

One Hundred and Fiftieth street and College avenue	75
One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, between Morris and College avenues	840
Southeast corner of Tremont and Boston avenues	6
East side of Spuyten Duyvil road, north of Johnson's	250
South side of Boston avenue, north of Bailey avenue	96
West side of Church street, near Weber's lane	730
Total	1,997

Culverts Repaired.

One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Washington avenue	12
Courtland avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-third street	30
Powell place	65
Boston avenue, near Giles' gate	12
Vanderbilt avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-first and One Hundred and Seventy-second streets	75
Total	194

Culverts Cleaned.

Courtland avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-second street	24
Boston avenue and Giles' gate	25
Total	49

Bridges Repaired.

Bridge at Williamsbridge, over Bronx river.	
Bridge at One Hundred and Sixty-first street, over Cromwell's creek.	
Bridge at Tibbett's brook, Riverdale avenue.	
Bridge at Farmers' Bridge, over Harlem river.	
Bridge at Kingsbridge, over Spuyten Duyvil creek.	
Bridge at Centre and Walker streets.	
Bridge at Pelham avenue, over Bronx river.	
Bridge at Westchester avenue, over Bronx river.	

Bridge Built.

One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, over Ice-pond brook.	
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Bridge Cleaned.

Bridge at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Jerome avenue, over Cromwell's creek.	
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Sidewalks Repaired.

Mott avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth streets	80
Ogden avenue, north of Sedgwick avenue	15
Vanderbilt avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street	10
Southeast corner of Mott avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fourth street	6
Boston avenue and Main street	10
Boston avenue and Dark street	35
Third and Brook avenues	30
Church street, between Broadway and Weber's lane	840
Total	1,026

Crosswalks Relaid.

North side of One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, at Washington avenue	112
North side of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, at Washington avenue	56
Powell place and Pelham avenue	30
North and south sides of One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street and Washington avenue	56
One Hundred and Seventieth street and Washington avenue	30
One Hundred and Fiftieth street and College avenue	30
Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-third street	60
One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Washington avenue	30
One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Bathgate avenue	30
One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Washington avenue	60
One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Vanderbilt avenue	50
South side of One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street and Washington avenue	30
West side of Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street	30
Main street, north of Tremont avenue	50
Third and Brook avenues	53
Third and Brook avenues (temporary)	65
Total	772

New Crosswalks Laid.

Main street and Tremont avenue	64
Main and Rich streets	30
No. 1446 Washington avenue	52
Total	146

Plank Walk Laid.

North side of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, over Ice-pond brook	24
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Guard Rails Erected.

Spuyten Duyvil road, near bridge	60
Spuyten Duyvil road, near station	460
Spuyten Duyvil road, near iron foundry	120
Total	640

Weeds Cut.

One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street and Morris avenue.	
Morris avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street.	

Sprinkling.

Southern Boulevard.	
Jerome avenue.	
Sedgwick avenue.	

Rock Excavated.

Boston avenue, also on Old Woodlawn road	26
St. Mary's street and St. Ann's avenue	5
Total	31

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Stone Drains Cleaned.

	Lineal feet.
Fordham avenue and One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street	82
Vanderbilt avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-second street	40
Anthony avenue and Ash street	30
Tremont and Morris avenues	75
One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Washington avenue	75
Bayard street and Washington avenue	30
One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Washington avenue	65
Webster avenue and Oliver street	30
Bremmer avenue and Orchard street	30
Home street and Forest avenue	45
Franklin avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets	48
Fordham Square	212
Potter place, north of Jerome avenue	140
Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street	15
Total	917

Pipe Drain Cleaned.

	Lineal feet.
Morris avenue and One Hundred and Forty-eighth street	80

Open Drains Cleaned.

	Lineal feet.
Vanderbilt avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-first and One Hundred and Seventy-second streets	100
One Hundred and Fifty-second street and Morris avenue	60
Total	160

	Lineal feet.
Bungay creek at Union avenue, cleaned	50

Stone Drains Repaired.

	Lineal feet.
Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street	10
Fordham Square	212
Tremont avenue, near Morris avenue	25
Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street	60
Across Tremont avenue, 100 feet east of Franklin avenue	40
Fordham avenue and One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street	15
Vanderbilt avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-first street	20
Anthony avenue and Ash street	15
One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Vanderbilt avenue	20
Webster avenue and Oliver street	30
Home street, near Forest avenue	30
Bremmer avenue and Orchard street	30
Franklin avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets	48
One Hundred and Forty-eighth street and Morris avenue	100
Bayard street, near Washington avenue	60
Total	715

Open Drains Cleaned.

	Lineal feet.
Vanderbilt avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-first and One Hundred and Seventy-second streets	100
One Hundred and Fifty-second street and Morris avenue	60
Total	160

Box Drains Cleaned.

	Lineal feet.
Gray and Week streets	45
Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets	180
Morris avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street	60
Total	285

Stone Drains Rebuilt.

	Lineal feet.
One Hundred and Fifty-second street, between Fourth and Morris avenues	350
Tremont avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street	150
One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Washington avenue	40
Kingsbridge road and One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street	75
Bayard street and Washington avenue	45
One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street and Washington avenue	60
Franklin avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street	12
Westchester and Union avenues	6
Total	738

Stone Drains Built.

	Lineal feet.
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Washington avenue	10
One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Washington avenue	40
Total	50

Outlet of Sewer Rebuilt.

	Lineal feet.
One Hundred and Fiftieth street, at Harlem river	20

Sewers Cleaned.

	Lineal feet.
Webster avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-eighth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets	400

Manholes Lowered.

Third avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets	5

Manhole Cleaned.

One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue	1

Box Drains Set.

	Lineal feet.
Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-third street	48
One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, between Morris and Fourth avenues	144
Franklin avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street	45
Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street	45
Franklin avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street	72
Westchester and Union avenues	24
One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, near Ice-pond brook	24
Tremont and Franklin avenues	16
Church street and Broadway	24
Total	424

Box Drains Repaired.

	Lineal feet.
Fulton avenue and One Hundred and Seventieth street	34

Planking Over Drains.

	Lineal feet.
Tremont avenue, near Anthony avenue	378
One Hundred and Fifty-second street, between Morris and Fourth avenues	230
Tremont avenue and Buckhout street	120
Total	728

Receiving-basins Cleaned.

Alexander avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street	1
One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and Third avenue	2
One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Washington avenue	2
One Hundred and Seventieth street and Third avenue	4
One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Forest avenue	2
One Hundred and Seventieth street and Fulton avenue	4
One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue	3
Third avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Seventieth streets	12
One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street and Washington avenue	1
One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street and Third avenue	3
One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street and Third avenue	3
One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street and Boston avenue	3
One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Boston avenue	2
One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue	3
Tremont and Fourth avenues	2
Southern Boulevard and Webster avenue	2
Home street and Forest avenue	1
Spring place and Third avenue	2
Franklin and Third avenues	1
Teasdale place and Third avenue	2
One Hundred and Sixty-second street and Third avenue	2
One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Third avenue	2
One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Third avenue	1
One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and Third avenue	3
One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Third avenue	2
Grove street and Third avenue	2
Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-third street	3
Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-second street	3
Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-first street	2
Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street	1
Third avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street	1
Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street	2
Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street	2
Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-eighth street	1
Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street	2
Third and Courtland avenues	1
Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fifth street	2
Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-first street	3
Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-second street	3
Third avenue and One Hundred and Fortieth street	3
Third avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-second street	2
Third avenue and One Hundred and Forty-third street	2
One Hundred and Sixty-second street and Melrose avenue	2
Third avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street	2
Total	103

Receiving-basins Repaired.

One Hundred and Seventieth street and Third avenue	4
One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and Melrose avenue	1
Total	5

Parapet-wall Rebuilt.

	Lineal feet.
Bridge on Broadway and Tibbitt's brook	60

POLICE COMPLAINTS.

Places in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reported as dangerous, and which were attended to.

Sunken Places.

Jerome avenue, 200 feet south of railroad bridge.
 Morris avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-fourth and Gray streets.
 Tremont avenue, at Main street.
 Broadway, at Mosholu avenue.
 Welsh street, near bridge.
 Grand avenue, near shaft.
 Featherbed lane, near Aqueduct.
 McComb's Dam road, near Featherbed lane.
 Pelham avenue, west of Cambreling avenue.
 Moti avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth streets.
 Grand avenue, between Third and Fourth streets.
 Jerome avenue, 300 feet east of Shaft No. 20.
 Grand avenue, 200 feet west of Jerome avenue.
 Jerome avenue, near One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street.
 Fordham Landing road, near Sedgwick avenue.
 Riverdale avenue and Rock street.
 Boston avenue, 50 feet east of Shaft No. 20.
 Broadway, near Church street.
 Albany Post road, near Lyons place.
 Union and Westchester avenues.
 Boston avenue, opposite Giles' gate.
 Church street, near railroad bridge.
 Church street and Riverdale avenue.
 Kingsbridge road, 500 feet west of Jerome avenue.
 Jerome avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street.

Culverts.

Southeast corner Third avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street.
 Albany avenue, 50 feet north of Oloff Park road.
 Grand avenue and Third street, Woodlawn.
 Grand avenue, near Gun Hill road.

Crosswalk.

One Hundred and Forty-eighth street and Third avenue.

Sidewalk.

In front of No. 3028 Third avenue.

Bridges.

Van Cortlandt lane, near Broadway.
 Williamsbridge, over Bronx river.
 Kingsbridge, over Spuyten Duyvil creek.
 Broadway and Jacob street, over drain.

Guard-rails.

Spuyten Duyvil road, near Weigel's place.
 Spuyten Duyvil road, approach to railroad bridge.

Recapitulation of the Work Performed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards during the Quarter ending December 31, 1887.

415,832 square feet of earth road repaired.
 153,394 " macadam road repaired.
 18,670 " new macadam roads.
 7,878 " macadam, in course of construction.
 5,536 " pavement relaid.
 50,534 lineal feet of gutter opened.
 Passage to receiving-basins cleaned.
 230 lineal feet of gutter repaired.
 1,997 " curb and gutters relaid.
 194 " culvert repaired.
 49 " culvert cleaned.

8 bridges repaired.
1 bridge built.
1 bridge cleaned.
1,026 linear feet of sidewalk repaired.
772 " crosswalk relaid.
146 " new crosswalk laid.
24 " plank walk laid.
640 " guard-rail erected.
Weeds cut.
Sprinkling.
31 cubic yards of rock excavated.
917 linear feet of stone drain cleaned.
80 " pipe-drain cleaned.

Statement showing the Number of Days of the Working Force employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for the Quarter ending December 31, 1887.

MONTH.	Superintendent.	Foremen.	Skilled Laborers.	Mason.	Pavers.	Carpenters.	Janitress.	Draw Tender.	Messenger.	Blacksmith.	Helper.	Sewer Laborers.	Rockmen.	Steam Engineer.	Carts.	Double Teams.	Laborers.
October...	31	111	104	25	46½	40½	31	31	27	25½	25	159½	65	26	64½	571	2,186½
November...	30	96	98	22	42	40½	30	30	24	24	23	141	59	24	88	519	1,779½
December...	31	73	69	26	25½	26½	31	31	26	24	26	144½	7	3	33½	159	715½

Statement showing the Average Working Force per day employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for the Quarter ending December 31, 1887.

MONTH.	Superintendent.	Foremen.	Skilled Laborers.	Mason.	Pavers.	Carpenters.	Janitress.	Draw Tender.	Messenger.	Blacksmith.	Helper.	Sewer Laborers.	Rockmen.	Steam Engineer.	Carts.	Double Teams.	Laborers.
October...	1	4	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	6	2½	1	2½	21½	81
November...	1	4	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	6	2½	1	3½	21½	74
December...	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	¼	¼	1¼	6	27½

Statement showing the Working Force employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at the end of the Fourth Quarter, 1887.

Superintendent.	Foremen.	Skilled Laborers.	Mason.	Paver.	Carpenter.	Janitress.	Draw Tender.	Messenger.	Blacksmith.	Helper.	Sewer Laborers.	Rockmen.	Steam Engineer.	Cart.	Double Teams.	Laborers.
1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	..	..	1	7	32

I.—SURVEYING, LAYING-OUT AND MONUMENTING.

Office Work.

A. Maps forwarded for adoption:

- Plan showing proposed changes in the street system between One Hundred and Fiftieth street, Jerome avenue, Cromwell avenue, Belmont street, Sheridan avenue and Mott avenue.
- Plan and profile showing change of grade of St. Ann's avenue, from Westchester avenue to Rae street.
- Plan and profile of East One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, from Jerome to Westchester avenue.
- Plan and profile of Bremer avenue, from Jerome avenue to Devoe street, and Devoe street, from Bremer to Ogden avenue.
- Plan and profile of Bremer avenue, from Devoe to Birch street.
- Plan and profiles of lines A, B, C, D and E, in the southern part of the Spuyten Duyvil District.
- Plan and profiles showing changes of grades in Railroad avenue, East, from East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth to One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and intersecting streets, to Courtlandt avenue.
- Plan and profiles of Montgomery avenue, Fort Independence street, Heath avenue, Kingsbridge road, Emmerich place and Perot street.
- Plan and profile of Bailey avenue, from Boston to Van Cortlandt avenue.
- Map or plan, showing proposed change of street system at Riverdale, from River street to Delafield lane, and from Riverdale avenue to Hudson river.
- Plan and profile of Brookline street, from Kingsbridge road to Webster avenue.
- Map or plan showing discontinuing Quarry road, from Vanderbilt avenue, West, to Bathgate avenue.
- Plan and profile of Dyckman street, from Kingsbridge road to River street.
- Map or plan showing the laying-out of a public park in the Sixth Ward, bounded by Baxter, Park, Bayard and Mulberry streets.

B. Maps forwarded for filing:

- Five copies of plan and profile of East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from St. Ann's avenue to Southern Boulevard.
- Three copies of plan and profile of East One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, from Jerome to Webster avenue.
- Three copies of plan and profile of Bremer avenue, from Jerome avenue to Devoe street, and Devoe street, from Bremer to Ogden avenue.
- Three copies of map or plan showing the discontinuing of Perry street, from Southern Boulevard to Suburban street.
- Three copies of map or plan showing change of width of Teasdale place.
- Three copies of plan and profile of Bremer avenue, from Devoe to Birch street.

C. Calculations were made and are in progress for:

- That portion of the Spuyten Duyvil District lying between Riverdale avenue and the Hudson river and extending from river street to the city line.
- That portion of the Spuyten Duyvil District lying between Broadway and Riverdale avenue and extending from Riverdale lane to the city line.

D. Examinations of monument tests:

The necessary calculations and comparisons for examining monuments recently tested were made for several miscellaneous monuments in Central Morrisania, and for 13 monuments on Brookline street, from Kingsbridge road to Webster avenue.

Field Work.

1. Traverse lines were measured:

	Feet.
A. At Riverdale and Mount St. Vincent.....	5,379
B. East of the above, between Riverdale avenue and Broadway.....	6,648
Total.....	12,027

2. Monument points were set:

	Points.
A. At Mott Haven.....	5
B. At North New York.....	3
C. At Riverdale and Mount St. Vincent.....	111
D. At miscellaneous points.....	3
Total.....	122

The setting of these points necessitated 14,037 feet of accurate measurement.

3. The following monument stones and bolts were set:

	NEW.	RESET.	BOLTS.
A. At Mott Haven.....	15	8	..
B. At North New York.....	2	2	..
C. At Riverdale and Mount St. Vincent.....	57	15	7
D. At miscellaneous points.....	2	..	..
Total.....	76	25	7

The territory covered by this work comprises 8.25 miles of streets, of which 4.86 miles are amended work, covering an area of 306.7 acres, of which 157.3 acres are amended work.

II.—TAX MAPS.

A. Final calculations, examinations, searches and comparisons of surveys have been completed to end of quarter, as follows:

1,327 blocks; of these,
1,289 blocks were completed prior to this quarter, leaving
38 blocks, covering 419 properties.

In addition to the 38 blocks completed, the property lines of the villages of Claremont and Inwood and a portion of the Solomon Poole Farm, in Volume 1 of Twenty-fourth Ward, were established.

The 1,327 blocks completed, cover 15,402 parcels of properties.

B. The drafting necessary to complete 8 tax map pages and duplicates for Volume 6 of Twenty-fourth Ward, was executed during the quarter.

C. 322 conveyances were searched for the northern portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward. One map accompanying a deed and 15 filed property maps were copied in connection. The record books of current conveyances in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recorded in the Register's office of New York County, have been kept up to date.

D. Surveys—The following districts were surveyed:

- Bounded by Kingsbridge road, Jerome avenue, Burnside avenue and Harlem river.
- Bounded by Southern Boulevard, Harlem Railroad, Kingsbridge and Highbridge roads and Jerome avenue.

The districts surveyed comprise about 625 acres, and cover 150 properties.

III.—SURVEYS, MAPS AND PLANS.

A.—Street Openings.

Surveys, searches and calculations have been completed, and the results incorporated in the following maps, which have been furnished:

A. Rule maps and technical description—

- East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue.
- East One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue.
- East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue.
- East One Hundred and Fiftieth street, from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue.
- East One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue.

B. Draft damage maps for the opening of—

- Wendover avenue, from Webster to Third avenue.

C. Draft benefit maps for the opening of—

- Courtlandt avenue, from south side of East One Hundred and Forty-eighth street to north side of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, showing 694 parcels of land, covering 1,045 city lots.
- Widening of Fifth avenue, between One Hundred and Ninth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, showing 898 parcels, covering 1,097 city lots.

D. Final copies of damage and benefit maps were delivered for the opening of—

- Third avenue, from the Twenty-third Ward line to Pelham avenue, comprising 80 maps.
- Lind avenue, from Wolf to Devoe street, comprising 8 maps.
- Courtlandt avenue, from East One Hundred and Forty-eighth to East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, comprising 44 maps.

E. Surveys for the preparation of damage maps were completed for—

- Rose street, from Third to Bergen avenue.
- Grove street, from Third to Brook avenue.
- Bergen avenue, from East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to Brook avenue.
- East One Hundred and Forty-second street, from Rider to St. Ann's avenue.
- East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, from Courtlandt to Elton avenue, and from Brook to Third avenue.

B.—Drafting.

During the quarter the following maps were made:

- 33 relating to laying-out and filing of street plans and sewerage plans.
- 7 relating to monumenting.
- 34 relating to tax map work.
- 158 relating to street opening matters.
- 13 relating to miscellaneous matters.

245 maps, aggregating 612 square feet.

MENAGERIE.

The following specimens have been donated to the Department:

Oct.	1	1 small alligator, presented by Frank McLaurey, New York City.
"	4	1 barred owl, presented by Mr. John Schmidt, New York City.
"	5	2 small alligators, presented by Miss Mundy, New York City.
"	9	1 box-turtle, presented by Mr. Fritz Blucher, New York City.
"	9	1 marmoset, presented by Miss Belle C. Riker, Orange, N. J.
"	11	1 pair rabbits, presented by Master Henry S. Arnold, New York City.
"	14	1 herring gull, presented by Mr. Gerard Crane, Keeseville.
"	14	1 green monkey, presented by Mr. George Olmi, New York City.
"	18	1 black bear, presented by Mr. J. L. Cornell, Brooklyn, N. Y.
"	24	1 cebus monkey, presented by Mr. W. L. Field, School-ship "St. Mary's."
"	27	1 red-tailed hawk, presented by Prof. H. C. Friend, New York City.
Nov.	2	1 small alligator, presented by Master Mordaunt Hill, New York City.
"	3	1 Phillippine deer, presented by Captain W. E. Sherman, ship "Lucille."
"	3	1 Geoffroy's marmoset, presented by Mrs. Jared B. Flagg, Morristown, N. J.
"	5	1 pair red-tailed hawks, presented by Mr. Albert Perry, Oregon.
"	5	1 rabbit, 1 guinea pig and 1 box-turtle, presented by Miss Maggie Laube, New York City.
"	5	1 box-turtle, presented by Miss Mammie Kennedy, New York City.
"	12	1 sparrow-hawk, presented by Mr. J. Percy Jordan, New York City.
"	17	1 golden eagle, presented by Mr. S. S. Howland, Mount Morris, N. Y.
"	18	1 opossum, presented by Mr. H. L. Hoyt, New York City.
"	21	1 gull, presented by Mr. Francis Endicott, Staten Island.
"	26	1 horse, presented by Messrs. Ehrenreich Bros., New York City.
Dec.	1	1 rhesus monkey, presented by Mr. John L. B. Mott, New York City.
"	5	1 parrot, presented by Dr. Henry F. Deane, New York City.
"	8	1 opossum, presented by Mr. Francis Endicott, Staten Island.
"	12	1 horned owl, presented by Mr. Paul Hoffman, New York City.
"	26	1 quail, presented by Mr. W. H. Pearsall, New York City.
"	27	1 green monkey, presented by Mrs. H. H. Ellis, New York City.
"	28	1 red-tailed hawk, presented by Mr. William J. Gebhardt, North Branch, N. Y.

Purchased.

- 1 black leopard.
- 1 ocelot.
- 1 coat.
- 1 caracara eagle.
- 2 sacred ibises.

The following are the specimens placed on exhibition, together with the names of the owners:

Disabled Volunteers' National Home—

- Oct. 4. 4 monkeys.
- F. J. Thompson—
- Oct. 13. 1 pelican.
- Dec. 29. 1 white owl.

C. C. Timpson—
Oct. 29. 1 monkey.
Mrs. Stubbs—
Nov. 11. 1 monkey.
Thomas T. Kinney—
Dec. 2. 1 monkey.
P. T. Barnum—
Dec. 13. 2 sea lions.

During the past three months the following specimens placed on exhibition have been returned to their owners:

Mrs. Allen—
Oct. 1. 1 monkey, deposited May 19, 1887; time exhibited, 135 days.
H. W. Cole—
Oct. 20. 4 elephants, deposited May 13, 1887; time exhibited, 160 days.
P. T. Barnum—
Oct. 22. 13 elephants, deposited May 2, 1887; time exhibited, 182 days.
T. J. Thompson—
Dec. 8. 1 black leopard, deposited October 16, 1886; time exhibited, 1 year, 53 days.
C. S. Riker—
Dec. 31. 1 ocelot, deposited August 10, 1887; time exhibited, 143 days.

The following repairs have been made:
Carnivora Building—Outside cages painted and woodwork oiled, new drain-pipes put in the building and a new storm-door erected.
Monkey House—New floor laid.
Bear Cage—Repainted and ironwork strengthened.
Arsenal Building—A new cage built for the two chimpanzees on the second floor of this building.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY.

During the past quarter monthly tables have been printed for distribution to home and foreign observatories and libraries, weekly reports have been issued to the CITY RECORD, Health Department and newspapers, and meteorological information has been supplied to the law courts.
The annexed tables give an abstract of the mean, the maximum and minimum readings of the various self-recording instruments in this observatory, and also, comparisons with the same quarters of other years:

Tables for Quarter ending December 31, 1887.

BAROMETER (Reduced to Freezing).

1887.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	MEAN.	MAXIMUM.	TIME.	MINIMUM.	TIME.
October.....	29.926	29.884	29.911	29.908	30.388	11 A. M., 26th	29.390	1 P. M., 21st
November.....	29.928	29.887	29.942	29.919	30.700	12 P. M., 30th	29.276	6 P. M., 19th
December.....	29.986	29.944	29.978	29.959	30.800	9 A. M., 1st	29.010	2 A. M., 18th
Mean.....	29.946	29.905	29.943	29.932	30.629		29.225	

THERMOMETERS (Fahrenheit Degrees).

1887.	7 A. M.		2 P. M.		9 P. M.		MEAN.	
	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.
October.....	47.38	44.03	56.73	49.22	52.25	47.48	51.17	46.87
November.....	37.66	34.90	45.73	40.10	40.80	36.80	41.40	37.22
December.....	30.51	27.77	37.06	33.06	34.00	30.64	33.81	30.45
Mean.....	38.51	35.56	46.57	40.79	42.35	38.30	42.46	38.18

THERMOMETERS.

1887.	MAXIMUM.				MINIMUM.				MAXIMUM.
	Dry Bulb.	Time.	Wet Bulb.	Time.	Dry Bulb.	Time.	Wet Bulb.	Time.	In Sun.
October.....	77	4 P. M., 7th	70	4 P. M., 10th	29	6 A. M., 31st	28	3 A. M., 31st	133, 11 A. M., 10th
November.....	64	3 P. M., 4th	60	9 A. M., 28th	17	12 P. M., 30th	13	12 P. M., 30th	117, 1 P. M., 4th
December.....	58	2 P. M., 11th	55	2 P. M., 21th	11	7 A. M., 1st	8	7 A. M., 1st	105, 10 A. M., 11th
Mean.....	66		61		19		16		118

WIND.

1887.	DIRECTION.			MOVEMENT IN MILES.			FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.			OZONE.
	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Total for Month.	Maximum for Day.	Minimum for Day.	Maximum.	Time.		
October.....	WSW	WSW	WSW	4,888	313	64	13 1/4	9.50 P. M., 23d	.61	
November.....	W	NW	W	6,105	416	49	10 1/4	3.10 P. M., 11th	1.00	
December.....	WNW	W	NNE	6,330	561	51	25 1/4	5.30 P. M., 29th	.74	
Mean.....				5,774	430	54	19 1/4		.78	

HYGROMETER.

1887.	FORCE OF VAPOR.				RELATIVE HUMIDITY.				CLOUDS.				RAIN and SNOW.		
	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Mean.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Mean.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Mean.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
October.....	.259	.267	.289	.269	74	53	66	64	4.93	6.22	4.58	5.58	1 19 10	2.43	....
November.....	.175	.186	.176	.179	73	50	64	64	5.10	3.80	3.80	4.57	1 13 00	2.02	1/4
December.....	.120	.140	.139	.140	68	62	66	65	5.32	5.77	5.45	5.38	3 16 50	4.39	9
Mean.....	.187	.200	.201	.196	71	57	65	64	5.11	5.16	4.61	5.29	2 00 20	2.94	3 1/2

On comparing the temperatures of the above quarterly tables with those of the same quarter for the past 66 years, they give the following results:

	OCTOBER.			NOVEMBER.			DECEMBER.		
	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.
1887.....	52.1	77	29	41.4	64	17	33.8	58	11
Average for 66 years.....	52.8	72.3	32.7	42.0	61.9	23	32.7	51.6	11.6

October, 1887—

The mean temperature was 0.7 degree below the average of 66 years.
The maximum temperature was 4.7 degrees above the average of 66 years.
The minimum temperature was 3.7 degrees below the average of 66 years.

November, 1887—

The mean temperature was 0.6 degree below the average of 66 years.
The maximum temperature was 2.1 degrees above the average of 66 years.
The minimum temperature was 6. degrees below the average of 66 years.

December, 1887—

The mean temperature was 1.1 degrees below the average of 66 years.
The maximum temperature was 6.4 degrees above the average of 66 years.
The minimum temperature was .6 degree below the average of 66 years.

On comparing the water-falls of the above quarterly tables with those of the same quarters for the past 52 years, we obtain the following results:

	OCTOBER.	NOVEMBER.	DECEMBER.	TOTAL FOR QUARTER.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1887.....	2.43	2.02	4.39	8.84
Mean for 52 years.....	3.56	3.77	3.81	11.14

October, 1887—The water-fall was 1.13 inches below the average of 52 years.

November, 1887—The water-fall was 1.75 inches below the average for 52 years.

December, 1887—The water-fall was .58 inch above the average of 52 years.

The water-fall for the fourth quarter of 1887 is 2.30 inches less than the average of 52 years.

The average number of men employed each day in the various works of the Department was as follows, viz.:

	OCTOBER.	NOVEMBER.	DECEMBER.
Officers and Clerks.....	18	18	18
Topographical Engineers.....	22	24	23
Engineers of Construction.....	14	14	15
Inspectors.....	11	11	12
Parkkeepers, etc.....	168	170	170
Foremen, Mechanics, Laborers, etc., comprising all labor on south side of the Harlem river.....	393	394	422
Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including Superintendent, Foremen, Laborers, etc.....	149	113	44
Total average per day.....	775	745	704

APPOINTMENTS.

115 Laborers.....	Per day,	\$1 76
2 Female Attendants.....	"	1 20
2 Foremen.....	Per month,	125 00
1 Foreman.....	Per day,	3 00
3 Foremen.....	"	3 50
68 Double Teams.....	"	4 50
3 Inspectors.....	"	4 00
1 Inspector.....	"	3 50
2 Inspectors.....	"	3 00
2 Parkkeepers.....	"	2 75
1 Cottage Laborer.....	"	1 50
2 Carpenters.....	"	3 50
1 Mason.....	"	3 50
9 Carts.....	"	3 00
1 Driver.....	"	2 00
2 Axemen.....	"	2 50
2 Ambulance Drivers.....	"	2 75
1 Architectural Draughtsman.....	"	4 00
1 Gardener.....	"	2 50

PROMOTED.

5 Parkkeepers, at \$2.75 per day, to Roundsmen, at \$3 per day.

CHANGE OF PAY.

1 Foreman, from \$4.50 per day to \$150 per month.
1 Foreman Painter, from \$4 per day to \$4.50 per day.
1 Computer, from \$900 per year to \$1,020 per year.
1 Driver, from \$2 per day, to Laborer, at \$1.76 per day.
2 Laborers, from \$2 per day to \$1.76 per day.
4 Rockmen, from \$2 per day, to Laborers, at \$1.76 per day.
1 Foreman, from \$3 per day to \$3.50 per day.

RESIGNED.

2 Parkkeepers.....	Per day,	\$2 75
1 Draughtsman.....	Per year,	1,200 00
1 Assistant Engineer.....	"	1,200 00

DROPPED.

86 Laborers.....	Per day,	\$1 76
1 Painter.....	"	3 25
1 Assistant Foreman.....	"	3 50
2 Foremen.....	"	3 50
24 Double Teams.....	"	4 50
1 Fireman.....	"	2 25
3 Rockmen.....	"	2 00
1 Blacksmith.....	"	3 00
1.....	"	2 50
2 Skilled Laborers.....	"	2 50
1 Ambulance Driver.....	"	2 75
1 Horseshoer.....	"	3 00
1 Wheelwright.....	"	3 50
1 Paver.....	"	3 00
3 Cartmen.....	"	3 00
1 Cottage Laborer.....	"	1 20

Number of animals impounded and cared for during the three (3) months ending December 31, 1887:

6 horses impounded.....	\$12 00
2 cows impounded.....	4 00
2 dogs impounded.....	4 00
33 horses and wagons impounded.....	33 00
	\$53 00

PERMITS.

The following table will show the number and nature of the permits issued during the quarter:

For sewer connections to houses, etc.	92
" repairs to sewer connections to houses, etc.	9
" Croton connections to houses, etc.	145
" repairs to Croton connections to houses, etc.	31
" laying drain-pipes.	3
" repairing drain-pipes.	2
" repairing vault.	1
" repairing sidewalks.	2
" moving frame building.	1
" planting trees.	2
" removing trees.	3
" setting wooden curb.	1
" placing building materials on the street.	53
" crossing sidewalks with teams to excavate.	12
" photographing.	118
" sketching.	13
" passing over lawns in Central Park on snow-shoes.	32
" erecting reviewing stands and holding mass meetings.	8
" football.	14
" erecting derrick posts.	4
" entering Central Park after hour of closing.	4
" crossing Riverside Drive with teams.	3
" playing lacrosse.	1
" using tricycles in parks.	5
" laying gas-main.	3
" erecting electric light poles.	3

Bills and pay-rolls amounting to \$320,607.72 were audited and transmitted to the Finance Department.

Bills.	\$161,058	56
Pay-rolls.	159,549	16
Cash deposited with Chamberlain.	4,840	99

By order of the Department of Public Parks.

M. C. D. BORDEN, President.

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a Meeting held at the Mayor's Office, at 1 o'clock P.M., Friday, April 6, 1888.

Present—Abram S. Hewitt, Mayor; Frederick Smyth, Recorder; Theodore W. Myers, Comptroller; William M. Ivins, Chamberlain, and Patrick Diver, Chairman Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the meeting held April 2, 1888, were read and approved.

The Mayor referred to the plans for a Municipal Building received at the last meeting of the Board, and stated that racks had been prepared for displaying them, so that they could be examined properly by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. He considered it advisable that they should have the advice of disinterested experts in architecture, to assist them in judging of the merits of the plans and deciding which, if any, were entitled to an award of premiums. For this purpose, he suggested that the American Institute of Architects should be consulted.

The Mayor further said that he considered it important to determine at the outset of the examination of the plans, upon two points of inquiry:

First—Whether the general design, as developed in the plans which had been submitted, will produce such a building as shall be creditable to the City of New York.

Second—Whether any of the plans submitted have sufficient merit to entitle them to the award of premiums, irrespective of the consideration above stated.

The views and propositions of the Mayor were approved by the Board, and, on motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the American Institute of Architects of the City of New York be and is hereby respectfully requested to nominate to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund seven persons skilled in architecture, for the purpose of forming a committee of three experts to assist them in examining the plans of the new Municipal Building proposed to be erected in the City Hall Park, and in determining which of the plans submitted, if any, are entitled to the award of premiums, to be adjudged in the order of respective merits, according to the "Notice to Architects" advertised in the CITY RECORD November 1, 1887.

On motion, the following resolution was also unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the gentlemen nominated by the American Institute of Architects and selected to assist the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the examination of plans for a Municipal Building, shall be paid a reasonable compensation for their professional services, to be fixed hereafter by this Board.

The Board also decided that the plans should not be open to public inspection until after the examination.

The matter of a renewal of a lease of Pier 38, North river, made by the Department of Docks to the Williams & Guion Steamship Line, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1878, at an annual rental of \$30,000, upon which a hearing for this day was ordered at the last meeting of the Board, was then taken up for consideration.

The following communication to the Department of Docks from Charles W. Dayton, Esq., Counsel of the Steamship Company, giving the reasons why they claimed a renewal of the lease, was presented by the Comptroller:

NEW YORK, March 28, 1888.

In the Matter
of
The Application of the Liverpool and Great Western Steamship Company (Limited), for a renewal of the Lease of Pier 38, North River.

L. J. N. STARK, Esq., President Department of Docks;
HENRY R. BECKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation:

GENTLEMEN—On behalf of Messrs. A. M. Underhill & Co., agents for the Liverpool and Great Western Steamship Company (Limited), I beg to submit the following facts:

On April 26, 1876, the Department of Docks of the City of New York passed a resolution that a lease for ten years be granted of this pier, at the yearly rental of \$30,000; at that time the use of the pier was obstructed, and

On May 3, 1876, said Board reduced the rent, until further notice, to \$15,000 per annum.

On December 13, 1877, said Board directed the preparation of said lease.

On January 30, 1878, said Department passed a resolution, under the powers vested in it by chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, appropriating said pier to the sole use of the special kind of commerce carried on in steamships between Europe and this port, and the Counsel to the Corporation was, by said resolution, directed to prepare a lease between the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York and said company.

The matter rested until September 6, 1878, when said lease was put in form.

The term desired expires May 1, 1888, and the rent reserved is \$30,000 per annum, payable quarterly, except that the rent for the first quarter was \$2,500 only.

Said instrument also provides that the company shall have the right to erect upon said pier all platforms, racks, sheds, houses or other structures which may be necessary to adapt the said premises to the purposes of the company; the plans for such structures and improvements to be submitted to said Board for their approval.

The company accordingly expended about the sum of \$40,000 in erecting such structures upon said pier, and has paid said rent promptly during the whole of said term.

On February 3, 1887, Mr. S. P. Nash, counsel for the company, had an interview with Commissioners Stark and Matthews, and requested a renewal of this lease. Mr. Nash was assured by both Commissioners that, when the proper time came, the company would be treated on equitable terms, and they stated that the matter ought not to be taken up earlier than six months before the end of the term. Mr. Nash urged that the interests of the line, and the large expenditures made by the company on the premises, rendered future arrangements important, whereupon Mr. Stark advised the filing of a formal application, which would be taken up and considered at the proper time.

On March 3, 1887, Mr. Nash enclosed the following application to the Commissioners in a note, saying, "I trust you will find it consistent with official duty to consider it without delay":

"NEW YORK, March 2, 1887.

"To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Department of Docks:

"GENTLEMEN—We are instructed by the directors of the Liverpool and Great Western Steamship Company to apply for a renewal of their lease of Pier, new 38, North river. "It was understood by their late agents, Messrs. Williams & Guion, that the renewal was to be at a small advance of rental. We therefore request that you will give the matter as early consideration as practicable, and notify us on what terms the renewal will be granted.

"Yours respectfully,

"A. M. UNDERHILL & CO Agents"

On October 12, 1887, Mr. Underhill called at the Dock Department, and saw Commissioners Marshall and Stark concerning this renewal. Mention was made of the fact that the lease contained no renewal clause, but Mr. Stark stated that the Commissioners had decided to give a renewal, and Mr. Marshall stated that the term of such renewal would be ten years at an increase of five per cent. on the present rental. Upon this Mr. Underhill immediately cabled and wrote to his principals in Liverpool and Glasgow that an agreement had been reached to renew the lease, for ten years from May 1, 1888, at \$31,500 per annum.

Nearly four months elapsed, and

On January 25, 1888, Messrs. A. M. Underhill & Co. received a letter from the Dock Department, asking them to call at their "convenience in respect to your application for the renewal of the lease of Pier, new 38, North river," in response to which Mr. Underhill went at once and saw Commissioners Stark and Marshall, who stated that they could not find a record in the Department that Williams & Guion had ever claimed that a renewal had been agreed upon, and asked for some evidence to put among their records to justify a renewal. Much surprised at the sudden turn of affairs, Mr. Underhill endeavored to comply with this request in a letter, addressed to the Department, as follows:

"FEBRUARY 4, 1888.

"Hon. L. J. N. STARK, President:

"DEAR SIR—At the time it was determined to widen West street and rebuild old Pier 46, North river, I was clerk for Messrs. Williams & Guion in charge of their steamship business. I had a number of conversations with the late John S. Williams, Esq., on the subject of the pier and the rebuilding of the shed, particularly at the time he was negotiating with the Dock Commissioners "to have the new pier assigned for the use of the 'Guion Line.'"

"I distinctly remember his informing me that he had closed an agreement to that effect with the Commissioners, and that the rate of rental for the first ten years was to be \$30,000; that there was to be two renewals, but that the rate of rental on the renewals could not be determined until they severally came due. My memory was impressed with the fact, because of a conversation that followed with Mr. Williams on the subject of the proper pro rata charge to make against the steamers for each voyage, so as to finally cover the cost of shed, repairs, etc.

"I also attach a letter from the Board, dated December 13, 1877, which states that Mr. Williams closed an agreement in 1876. There was considerable delay in the widening of West street, and rebuilding of the pier; Mr. Williams having died in the meantime, Mr. William H. Guion and Capt. Dewar negotiated rebate or postponement of the new rental until completion of the repairs in 1878. I attach letters from these gentlemen, giving their remembrances of the circumstances.

"Yours respectfully,

"A. M. UNDERHILL."

The following are the letters of Mr. Guion and Capt. Dewar:

"NEW YORK, February 4, 1888.

"Messrs. A. M. UNDERHILL & Co., No. 35 Broadway:

"GENTLEMEN—I remember being in company with one of the firm of Williams & Guion at an interview with Mr. J. A. Vanderpool and Jacob A. Westervelt, both of whom were at the time Commissioners of Docks. I cannot remember whether it was with Mr. Williams in 1876, or with Mr. Guion in 1878, the talk was in regard to Pier 38, new lease.

"I understood the Commissioners to say (although the conversation was not addressed to me), that there would be two renewals of I think five years each at a nominal increase of rent.

"Yours, very respectfully,

"JOHN R. DEWAR."

"NEW YORK, February 3, 1888.

"Mr. A. M. UNDERHILL:

"DEAR SIR—In the year 1878, the firm of Williams & Guion (of which I was then a partner), leased Pier 38, North river, from the Dock Commissioners; in an interview with Jacob Vanderpool, Esq., one of the Commissioners, and myself, the terms of rent were agreed upon. I had a conversation with him in regard to a renewal of the lease at the expiration of the ten years.

"I remember he said that we could not get a longer term than ten years at one time, at the rental then agreed upon. Mr. Vanderpool said renewals would be granted at the expiration of the lease, and that the rent would not be materially increased.

"Your truly,

"WM. H. GUION."

Fearing that an effort was being made to deprive his foreign principals of what he properly supposed had been in good faith agreed to, on February 6, 1888, Mr. Underhill wrote Commissioner Marshall as follows: "I did not understand that the renewal of our lease was still an open question, but only that the letters furnished to-day were for filing in your Department, as part justification, etc. If you wish to withdraw your verbal agreement of October 12, last, please return the letters "given you this morning, until I can consult company's attorney in the matter."

To this Commissioner Marshall replied on the same day on official paper of the Department, heading the letter "unofficial," saying: "I do not understand that there was any absolute agreement in relation to the renewal of your lease in the conversation which took place some time last autumn between yourself and Mr. Stark and myself. The lease, it is true, was not signed, and I supposed from your conversation that your firm had refused to sign it because the renewal clause was not therein." (It should be remembered that \$40,000 had been spent and rent regularly paid for the nine and one-half years according to the terms of and during which the lease was "supposed" to be in force, and that less than a month before Mr. Underhill had been requested to call in respect to the application filed March 3, 1887, "for the renewal of the lease.")

"This, of course, puts the matter in a different light and renders it the subject of a new arrangement."

The "different light" reveals a subsequent application by the Morgan Line or the Inman Line for this pier, and because a larger rental is offered by one or both of these parties, a question is raised concerning the legality of the agreement made in October last (upon which my clients confidently relied), because the Commissioners failed "officially" to put the transaction on their minute book.

The company has diligently followed up its application made a year ago, and if it shall now lose this pier, together with the \$40,000 expended pursuant to the present lease, and be suddenly compelled to seek other quarters not adapted to its business, and shall thus be put to enormous outlay, I submit, upon the facts here set forth, that an increased rental so obtained would not be justified in public estimation, and that the Commissioners would be sustained in carrying out the understanding arrived at last October, viz.: renewal for ten years, at \$31,500 per year.

Less than five weeks remain before the term of the present lease will expire. My clients are entitled to the immediate determination of the Board upon their application, which I desire here to amend, by asking that provision be made in the renewal, if granted, for a further renewal of ten years.

The favor of an official reply before the 2d prox. is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES W. DAYTON.

The Mayor submitted the following communication upon the subject from the Counsel to the Corporation:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, March 14, 1888.

Hon. ABRAM S. HEWITT, Mayor:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 24th ultimo, in reference to the renewal of the lease to the Williams & Guion Line, of Pier No. 46, old number, North river. You state that in your judgment "the proper course would seem to be to give a new lease to the same parties or their assigns at the current market value, less a sufficient amount to enable them to recoup the cost of the shed in ten years. If it be assumed that the present value of the pier is forty thousand

dollars, and that the cost of the shed was forty thousand dollars, an allowance of four thousand dollars per annum would seem to be just as between the City and the lessees. In other words, a new lease at thirty-six thousand dollars per annum might be made, I should think, without exciting unreasonable criticism. But I do not see how it is possible to make any other reduction than the one which I have suggested." You also state that you should like to have my opinion "as to the propriety of this solution of what is certainly a very embarrassing question."

The matter to which you refer has been already the subject of conference between the Dock Commissioners and myself, but mainly upon the question of their legal powers. The papers submitted to me show that at the time this pier was leased to the Williams & Guion Co., other piers were leased to rival companies for the same term and on the same conditions, but with covenants of renewal for a further term of ten years at slightly advanced rents.

For some reason which does not appear, the lease to the Williams & Guion line did not contain such a covenant. As far as I can ascertain, this was the result of oversight or misapprehension on the part of the company. No other reason can be discovered, as other companies similarly situated had obtained such covenants, and Mr. Dimock, the only surviving Commissioner of those who granted the lease, states that the renewal would have been granted to this company had it been asked for.

Relying upon this expectation, the Williams & Guion Co. has expended some forty thousand dollars in shedding the pier in question, and is, therefore, entitled to whatever claim upon the justice of the City this may imply.

There are, it seems to me, two elements of importance which should be considered in leasing the city's water front. One is its value for revenue, and the other, the general interests of the community, which demand the most generous provisions for the accommodation and encouragement of the shipping interests, which contribute so largely to the commercial supremacy of our city. While, of course, the city should receive a just and fair return from its piers, proportioned to their value, still, it is to be borne in mind that this revenue, while important, is incidental only to the chief purpose of their use in promoting the interests of trade. This is illustrated by the provisions of section 716 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, which authorizes the Dock Department to "appropriate any" of such wharves, piers, bulkheads, basins or slips, and such private wharves and piers as the owners "thereof may apply to have so designated or appropriated to the sole use of special kinds of commerce, or of steamboats, or of any other class or description of ships or vessels," and provides that such piers, etc., need not be leased at public auction.

The dock facilities the city is able to offer now are not sufficient to meet immediate demands, far less to invite a present increase in shipping, or properly to provide for the requirements of the near future. Bearing this in mind, I do not think that it is to the interest of the city that this company should be either driven from it, or be heavily handicapped by rent based, in part, upon the large expenditure it has made upon this pier, in the expectation of receiving a renewal of its lease. The interests of the city lie in the promotion of competition in the carrying trade, not in its diminution. In view, then, of these considerations, and of what seems to be the not unreasonable expectation of the company that it should be placed as far as may now be practicable in the renewal of its lease on the same basis as its competitors, who received leases at about the same time, I consider the suggestion that the rent for the renewed term be based upon the rental value of the pier, with a shed privilege, to be a reasonable and just solution of the difficulty. Even then, the rent so reserved will largely exceed that which other companies are to pay upon similar renewals fixed when their leases were originally granted, and which would also have been conceded to this company had its application for such a renewal been considered and acted upon by the Department of Docks at the same time that the other companies applied. I return herewith the papers forwarded to me.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

The Hon. Charles H. Marshall, Commissioner of Docks, appeared on the part of the Department of Docks. He stated that it was the judgment of the Dock Commissioners that the lease should be renewed, in justice and equity, as though it contained originally a covenant of renewal, except that the advance of the rent on such renewal should be at the rate now usually prevailing in renewing similar leases—that is, at an increase of \$1,500, instead of \$500 per annum. For granting such renewal the Commissioners of Docks desired the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Stephen P. Nash, Esq., of Counsel for the Steamship Company, addressed the Board in support of the claim of the company to have a renewal of their lease at a small increase of the rental, and expressed their willingness to pay an advance of \$1,500 per annum on the present rental. He said that a covenant of renewal common to similar leases to other steamship companies made at the same time, of wharf property in the same locality, was omitted in the original lease by some oversight or inadvertence, when it was executed, and that this omission could be explained only by the fact that there was a lapse of five years from the date of the commencement of the lease before it was executed by the Department of Docks. It was conceded, he said, that the Commissioners of Docks would have granted such renewal if it had been applied for, as had been done in a similar lease to the National Steamship Company, in which the covenant of renewal at a small increase of the rental had been omitted.

The Mayor reviewed all the facts in the case and expressed his views in favor of a renewal of the lease, either at the highest rental that could be got for the pier, or at such an increase on the present rental as would have been paid if the original lease had contained a covenant of renewal at the lowest rate, that is to say, at an annual rental of \$30,500. Offers had been made by other steamship companies for a lease of the pier at a rental of \$40,000 per annum, and one company had offered \$42,500.

After a general and full discussion of the subject by the members of the Board, the Chamberlain offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Department of Docks has executed a lease to the Liverpool and Great Western Steamship Company of the Pier, new 38, North river, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1878, at an annual rental of \$30,000, which lease does not contain a covenant of renewal; and

Whereas, The said company have applied to the Department of Docks for a renewal of said lease, at a small advance of the annual rental, the same as if the original lease contained such covenant of renewal, which, it is alleged, was omitted through oversight and inadvertence, and which was inserted in other similar leases of wharf property in the same locality made to other steamship companies; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of Docks are willing to grant a renewal of said lease, with an increase of the rental now usually prevailing in renewing similar leases, provided the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall approve of such renewal; and

Whereas, The said steamship company have erected iron sheds and other structures upon said pier for conducting their business, at an expense of \$40,000, which structures will revert to the City on the expiration of the lease, which expenditures were made by the steamship company in the belief that they would have a renewal of it at the rate of \$30,500 per annum; and

Whereas, The removal from the locality in which the business of the company is now established would subject them to great loss and sacrifice, and, in the opinion of this Board, it would do great injustice to the company if said lease were not renewed at a small increase of the annual rental for another term of ten years; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners will and hereby do approve of the execution of a lease by the Department of Docks for Pier, new 38, North river, upon the terms and conditions on which said lease would have been renewed if the original lease of which a renewal is sought by the Liverpool and Great Western Steamship Company had contained the usual covenant of renewal inserted by the Board of Dock Commissioners in other leases executed at the same time as the original lease of said pier, that is to say, at the rate of \$30,500 per annum.

The motion being put, was lost, as follows:

Affirmative—The Mayor—1.

Negative—The Recorder, Comptroller, Chamberlain, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen—4.

The Chamberlain then moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that the lease of Pier, new 38, North river, made by the Department of Docks to the Liverpool and Great Western Steamship Company, should be renewed for a term of ten years from May 1, 1888, and that the Department of Docks would be entirely justified in granting such renewal of said lease at an annual rental of \$31,500, which is considered just and equitable.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report on the sale of City Bonds:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 6, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of section 146 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, sealed proposals were invited by public advertisement for \$3,000,000 Additional Water Stock, payable in the year 1907, authorized by chapter 490, Laws of 1883, and were publicly opened by the Comptroller at his office, on the 28th day of February, 1888, at 2 o'clock P. M., in the presence of the Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Bidders.	Amounts.	Rate.
Harriot & Groesbeck	\$50,000 00	\$101.65
"	50,000 00	101.78
Manhattan Savings Institution	300,000 00	100.00
Hamilton Fire Insurance Company	50,000 00	100.50
"	50,000 00	100.00
K. L. Terry	214,000 00	100.50
Bowery Savings Bank	1,000,000 00	102.50
Pacific Fire Insurance Co.	25,000 00	101.56
Moller & Co.	150,000 00	100.125
"	150,000 00	100.25
"	150,000 00	100.375
"	150,000 00	100.50
"	150,000 00	100.625
"	150,000 00	100.75
"	150,000 00	100.875
"	150,000 00	101.00
"	150,000 00	101.125
"	150,000 00	101.25
"	150,000 00	101.375
"	150,000 00	101.50
"	150,000 00	101.625
"	150,000 00	101.75
"	150,000 00	101.875
"	150,000 00	102.00
"	150,000 00	102.125
"	150,000 00	102.25
"	150,000 00	102.375
"	150,000 00	102.50
Atlantic Trust Company	100,000 00	101.15
Blake Bros. & Co. and Vermilye & Co.	2,500,000 00	100.69
L. W. Morrison	50,000 00	101.035
Trustees of the New York Fire Department Relief Fund	30,000 00	101.00
Total	\$7,419,000 00	

The whole amount of said stock was awarded to the highest bidders, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund present at the opening of the proposals, as follows, to wit:

Awarded to	Amount.	Rate.
Bowery Savings Bank	\$1,000,000 00	\$102.50
Moller & Co.	150,000 00	102.50
"	150,000 00	102.375
"	150,000 00	102.25
"	150,000 00	102.125
"	150,000 00	102.00
"	150,000 00	101.875
"	150,000 00	101.75
"	150,000 00	101.625
"	150,000 00	101.50
"	150,000 00	101.375
"	150,000 00	101.25
"	125,000 00	101.125
Harriot & Groesbeck	50,000 00	101.78
"	50,000 00	101.65
Pacific Fire Insurance Co.	25,000 00	101.56
Atlantic Trust Company	100,000 00	101.15
Total	\$3,000,000 00	

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller presented the following report on the sale of the East Thirty-fourth Street Ferry:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 2, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to a resolution adopted by this Board, March 8, 1888, the franchise and wharf property belonging to the City, of the ferry from foot of Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Long Island City, was sold at public auction on March 30, 1888, to the Metropolitan Ferry Company, the highest bidder, at a yearly rental of \$10,000 under a lease for the term of ten years from May 1, 1888, reserving to the City the option of substituting for the fixed rental a percentage of five per cent. upon the gross receipts of ferriage received by said company for and during the last five years of said term of ten years.

Respectfully,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller presented the following report on the sale of the Jay Street Ferry:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 6, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to a resolution adopted by this Board January 25, 1888, a lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Jay street, North river, to Weehawken, New Jersey, was sold at public auction on February 1, 1888, to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, the highest bidder, for the term of one year from January 1, 1888, at a yearly rental of \$2,000.

Respectfully,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller presented the following resolution to fix the terms of sale of city real estate :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby fix and determine the terms and conditions of sale at public auction of certain lots, pieces and parcels of land belonging to the City, authorized by this Board on March 28 last, as follows, to wit :

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

The highest bidder will be required to pay ten (10) per cent. of the purchase money and the auctioneer's fee on each lot immediately after the sale ; thirty (30) per cent. upon the delivery of the deeds, within thirty days from the date of the sale ; and the balance, sixty (60) per cent. of the purchase money, or any portion thereof, may remain, at the option of the purchaser, on bond and mortgage for five years, with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, the mortgages to contain the customary thirty days' interest and ninety days' tax clauses.

The bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time within the term thereof on giving thirty days' notice to the Comptroller, or it may be paid by installments of not less than five hundred dollars, on any day when the interest is due, or on thirty days' notice. The bonds and mortgages will be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents will be charged for drawing, acknowledging and recording each separate mortgage. If more than one lot of land is included in any mortgage, the whole mortgage must be paid off before any release can be given by the Corporation, as a release of any part of the premises included in a mortgage to the Corporation is forbidden by law.

The Comptroller may, at his option, resell any lot which may be struck off to the highest bidder who may fail to comply with the terms of sale, and the party who may fail to comply therewith will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from any such resale.

The right to reject any bid is reserved.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following resolution to authorize brief advertisements of sale of city real estate :

Whereas, It is deemed advisable in the interest of the city that the proposed sale of real estate belonging to the Corporation should be briefly advertised,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish brief notices of the proposed sale of city real estate belonging to the City, in two daily newspapers, the expense to be paid from the appropriation entitled, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund—Expenses of, for 1888.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report on lease of premises for the Sixth Judicial District Court :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 5, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund :

GENTLEMEN—At the meeting held March 28 I presented a resolution to authorize a lease of premises No. 12 East Twenty-third street for the use of the Sixth District Court as court-rooms, which was laid over.

The proposed removal of the court from its present location, corner of Eighteenth street and Fourth avenue, to the premises in East Twenty-third street, has been objected to by several owners and tenants in that locality as injuriously affecting their interests if the lease should be made ; but I have received a number of letters from other residents and owners of property in the vicinity expressing their desire for the removal of the court to East Twenty-third street, which letters are herewith presented.

As requested, however, I have made a further examination of the subject, and have conferred with Mr. John J. Bradley, who has charge of the premises now occupied by the court, and he has agreed to reduce the rent and renew the lease of them to the City for the term of one year from May 1, at a rental of \$2,000, and to make such repairs and improvements as may be necessary to accommodate the court.

Mr. Bradley will not give a lease for longer than one year, nor agree to renew it after May 1, 1889.

I have also conferred with Mr. Edward Kearney, the owner of the premises No. 12 East Twenty-third street, and he will lease those premises only at the rental and upon the terms and conditions previously reported, viz. : \$2,500 rent for the first year, and \$3,500 per annum for three years more, and make all alterations and repairs required for the accommodation of the court free of expense to the city.

This report is respectfully submitted for such action as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may deem advisable.

Respectfully,
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

And offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease to the City of the upper part of the building situated on the southwest corner of Fourth avenue and Eighteenth street, occupied by the Sixth Judicial District Court, for the term of one year from May 1, 1888, at the yearly rent of \$2,000, payable quarterly, with the usual covenants and conditions of the existing lease, and also that the lessor shall immediately, at his own expense, cleanse and renovate the water-closets thoroughly, paint and kalsomine the premises and make all such repairs and alterations as may be necessary for the accommodation of the court, and shall be approved of by the Comptroller, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interest of the City that such lease should be made ; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to execute such lease when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by sections 123 and 181 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and resolution on the petition of Katie Sulzer for a release of land formerly under water in Harlem creek, Twelfth Ward, together with an appraisal by the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, of the City's interest in said land :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 6, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund :

GENTLEMEN—The petition of Katie Sulzer for a release or grant of land originally under water in the bed of a creek known as Harlem creek, being part of a lot on the southerly side of One Hundred and Seventh street, between Second and Third avenues, and now filled in, was presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a meeting held December 1, 1887, and referred to the Comptroller.

I submitted the petition to the Counsel to the Corporation, and present herewith his opinion and advice to the effect, dated February 13, 1888, that "The City's title to lands under water in this section of the city below the line of low water is acquired by virtue of certain grants made by the Commissioners of the Land Office, pursuant to statutes of the State authorizing them, and which provided that in any grants to be made by the City the owners of the adjacent lands should have the pre-emptive right ; and owing to the character of the shore at this point, the lands in question must be regarded as lying below low water line ;" and he advised that "the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have power to make a grant or release of the premises in question below the

"line of low water to the petitioner for such sum as may be fixed by the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works as appraisers, pursuant to the ordinances and the statutes at present existing."

After due examination of the premises, and in accordance with the opinion and advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, the City's interest in the said land formerly under water in the bed of Harlem creek, has been appraised by the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, and fixed by them at the sum of \$250, for a release or grant thereof to the petitioner, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The appraisal and a resolution to authorize a grant or release to be made are herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 4, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, in conformity with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated July 8, 1884, presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund October 30, 1884, and as provided by section 79 of article VI. of chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1880, have examined and inquired into the facts concerning a certain piece or parcel of land below the original high-water mark of a creek known as Harlem Creek, situate on the southerly side of One Hundred and Seventh street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, as shown upon a map attached to the petition of Katie Sulzer, presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, December 1, 1887, for a grant or release of the City's interest in said land formerly under water and now filled in, and they respectfully report that in their judgment, the sum which should be paid for such grant or release, and which is deemed to be fair and equitable, and including all expenses attending thereon, is \$250, all taxes and assessments on the premises to be paid by said petitioner.

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.
JOHN NEWTON, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of and agree to the appraisal of the interest of the City of New York made by the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, at the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), as the amount which should be charged as the consideration for a release or grant of a certain piece or parcel of land formerly under water, in the bed of Harlem Creek, and now filled in, bounded and described as follows : Beginning on the south side of One Hundred and Seventh street two hundred feet west of the west side of Second avenue ; thence westerly along the southerly line of One Hundred and Seventh street twenty-five feet ; thence southerly and parallel with Second avenue ten feet, more or less, to line of high water ; thence easterly along the line of high water, as it winds and turns, to a point two hundred feet westerly from Second avenue ; thence northerly and parallel with Second avenue twenty-four feet, more or less, to the point or place of beginning, being a part of lot, Block No. 310, Ward No. 33, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York ; and do hereby fix the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) as the amount to be charged for the release or grant of the City's interest in said land, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to cause a grant or deed of conveyance thereof to be issued to the petitioner, Katie Sulzer, or the party who may be legally entitled to receive the same, to be executed by the Mayor and the Clerk of the Common Council, when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, and to be delivered upon the payment of said sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), all taxes and assessments imposed upon said land now due and unpaid, if any, to be paid by said petitioner.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller also presented the petition of Katie Sulzer with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation upon granting it, as follows :

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York :

The petition of Katie Sulzer respectfully shows :

That the Harlem Creek, sometimes called the Mill Creek, from its mouth at the East river, extending over and including the mill and pond, which mill was anciently owned, used and occupied by the Benson family for about a period of more than forty years, prior to the year 1825, for the purpose of grinding grains for the use of freeholders and inhabitants of Harlem, were included within the bounds and limits of the farm commonly known as the Third Avenue Tract.

That the portion of said stream or creek represented by the diagram hereto annexed and colored, came into possession of Benjamin L. Benson by will of his father, Peter Benson, who was in possession of said land prior to 1792.

That the said premises finally were owned and in possession of Margaret McGown, widow of Andrew McGown, she being the sole heir-at-law of Samson Benson, the owner of said premises, and by sundry mesne conveyances said portion was conveyed to your petitioner, and she is now in possession thereof.

That the premises now owned and in possession of your petitioner are described as follows : Beginning at a point in the southerly side of One Hundred and Seventh street, distant 200 feet west of the westerly side of Second avenue ; running thence southerly parallel with said Second avenue 100 feet 11 inches ; thence westerly parallel with said One Hundred and Seventh street 25 feet ; thence northerly parallel with said Second avenue 100 feet 11 inches to the southerly side of said One Hundred and Seventh street, and thence easterly along said south side of One Hundred and Seventh street, 25 feet to the point or place of beginning.

That said portion is part of a block which has been laid out upon the map of the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, and has been regularly assessed for taxation and assessments against different individuals as true owners thereof through whom petitioner claims title, for each year during a period of more than forty years last past, and, as your petitioner is informed and believes, has been sold at various occasions for non-payment of taxes and assessments imposed, and in some cases leases have been executed and delivered by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in pursuance of the sales so made.

That, as petitioner is informed and believes, said portion shown on the annexed diagram was assessed to such individuals as the owners thereof for the opening of One Hundred and Seventh street, as well as the Second and Third avenues, which assessments were duly confirmed by the Supreme Court upon the application and motion of the Counsel to the Corporation of this city, and the said assessments were duly collected from such recognized true owners thereof, and improvements have been made on said portion, without objection by the City, and on the faith of the ownership of said land large amount of moneys have been expended by such former owners, as well as by your petitioner.

That she has been informed and believes that, notwithstanding said several acts of and on the part of the corporation and its officers, that there exists a doubt that there may be a claim to the same on the part of said corporation and that the same is a cloud upon the title of your petitioner to said portion formerly covered by said creek.

That your petitioner and the persons through whom she derived her title has been in the quiet, open and peaceable possession of said premises for upwards of fifty years, and no claim has ever been made antagonistic to said title, that your petitioner is now in possession and enjoyment of said premises.

That your petitioner is desirous that such claim and cloud upon her title as aforesaid may be extinguished, and to that end respectfully prays that a grant be made to her by your Honorable Body of any claim which may exist in the Honorable The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the land covered by water, as represented in the annexed diagram, upon such terms as to your Honorable Body may seem just.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

KATIE SULZER, Petitioner.

City and County of New York, ss. :

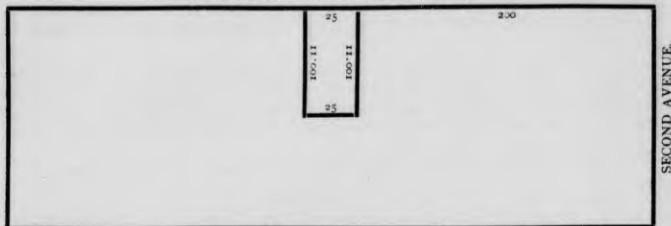
Katie Sulzer being duly sworn, says that she is the petitioner herein, that she has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters she believes the same to be true.

KATIE SULZER.

Sworn to before me, this }
19th day of October, 1887. }

C. L. MEAN, Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH STREET.



NOTE.—The creek covered part of the premises shown by above diagram and the whole premises were at times covered by water.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, February 13, 1888.

Hon. THEODORE W. MYERS, *Comptroller of the City of New York*:

SIR—I am in due receipt of your communication of January 30, 1888, enclosing a petition of Katie Sulzer to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, for a release or quit claim from the City to her of certain land below, original high-water mark in Harlem Creek (now filled in) being part of a lot fronting on the southerly side of One Hundred and Seventh street, between Second and Third avenues in this city.

You request me to advise you what course shall be taken with this petition.

The map attached to the petition, made in your office, and the Randall Map on file in the Department of Public Works, show that the waters of the Harlem Creek at this point washed a perpendicular bank, so that no strand or horizontal space was left between high and low water mark.

The City's title to lands under water in this section of the city below the line of low water, is acquired by virtue of certain grants made by the Commissioners of the Land Office, pursuant to statutes of the State authorizing them, and which provided that in any grants to be made by the City the owners of the adjacent lands should have the pre-emptive right; and owing to the character of the shore at this point, the lands in question must be regarded as lying below low-water line.

I therefore advise you that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have power to make a grant or release of the premises in question below the line of low-water to the petitioner for such sum as may be fixed by the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works as appraisers, pursuant to the ordinances and the statutes at present existing.

I return to you the petition and map attached thereto.

I am, sir, very respectfully yours,

HENRY R. BECKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

Which were ordered on file and printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution to lease the Cortlandt Street Ferry:

Resolved, That the minimum yearly rental or upset price of the franchise or right to operate the ferry established to run between Cortlandt street in the City of New York and Jersey City, to be sold at public auction, as authorized by this Board on February 6, 1888, on a lease for the term of ten years from the first day of February, 1888, shall be and is hereby appraised and fixed at the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per annum, the lease to contain the usual covenants and conditions of ferry leases, as provided by law and the ordinances of the Common Council, and such as may be approved by the Comptroller and the Counsel to the Corporation as necessary for the protection of the interests of the City, the terms and conditions of sale to be such as are required by law and prescribed by the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, and the Chairman, Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen—4.

Negative—The Mayor—1.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution to lease the Desbrosses Street Ferry:

Resolved, That the minimum or upset price of the franchise or right to operate the ferry established to run between Desbrosses street, in the City of New York, and Jersey City, to be sold at public auction, as authorized by this Board on February 6, 1888, on a lease for the term of ten years from the first day of February, 1888, shall be and is hereby appraised and fixed at the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per annum, the lease to contain the usual covenants and conditions of ferry leases, as provided by law and the ordinances of the Common Council, and such as may be approved by the Comptroller and the Counsel to the Corporation as necessary for the protection of the interests of the City, the terms and conditions of sale to be such as are required by law and prescribed by the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, and the Chairman, Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen—4.

Negative—The Mayor—1.

The Comptroller presented the following resolution to lease the Houston Street Ferry:

Resolved, That the minimum yearly rental or upset price of the franchise or right to operate the ferry established to run between the City of New York, to and from Houston street, and the City of Brooklyn, Eastern District, to and from Grand street, to be sold at public auction, as authorized and directed by this Board February 6, 1888, on a lease for the term of five years from May 1, 1888, shall be and is hereby appraised and fixed at the sum of \$5,000, the lease to contain such covenants and conditions as are required for the protection of the interest of the City, in pursuance of the provisions of law and the ordinances of the Common Council relating to the sale of ferries, and the terms and conditions of sale such as shall be prescribed by the Comptroller and are required by law.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and resolution on the application of the executors of the estate of Philip M. Lydig, deceased, for a sale of land under lease from the City, together with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to it:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 6, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—On February 6th last an application made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by the executors of the estate of Philip M. Lydig, deceased, for the sale of a lot of land corner of Peck Slip and Front street, leased by the City, in connection with an adjoining lot belonging to that estate, the lease of the city property to be surrendered and canceled, was referred to the Comptroller, and I now respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

The lot in question is now under lease to the Lydig estate for the term of twenty-one years from May 1, 1871. The question of the power vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to cancel the lease and sell the property at public auction jointly with the adjacent premises belonging to the Lydig estate was referred by me to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion. He advises that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have no power to make the sale as proposed by the executors of the Lydig estate, and I therefore submit a resolution denying the application.

Respectfully,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the application of the executors of Philip M. Lydig, deceased, for a sale of the lot corner of Peck Slip and Front street, now under lease to his estate, be and the same is hereby denied, the power to authorize such sale in the manner as proposed not being vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as they are advised by the Counsel to the Corporation.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The application of the executors and the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation are as follows:

LAW OFFICES OF DALY, HOYT & MASON, COUNSELORS AT LAW,
No. 44 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, January 30, 1888.

Hon. THEODORE W. MYERS, *Comptroller, etc.*:

DEAR SIR—We have been requested by our clients, Charles P. Daly, John R. Brady and David Lydig, the executors of the estate of Philip M. Lydig, deceased, to present to you for your consideration their views in regard to the property No. 235 Front street, in this city.

Mr. D. G. Watson has already spoken to you in regard to this matter, we believe.

Mr. Philip M. Lydig was the owner in fee of No. 233 Front street, and owned also a corporation lease for twenty-one years in the building adjoining on Front street, known as No. 235; this lease expires in 1892.

The buildings on both pieces of land are very old, and cannot be used advantageously, either by the City or the tenants, as we think the following brief statement will show:

The two pieces of property are assessed at \$25,500 (\$13,000 on No. 235 and \$12,500 on No. 233); the two buildings rent for \$1,400 a year together, or \$700 a piece, though probably if they were rented separately they would not bring as much as this.

The expenses of No. 235 are \$480 a year ground rent, about \$550 a year for taxes and in addition the repairs and insurance; therefore, on this building there is a loss to the estate of about \$330 a year; the net receipts which the estate receives from 233 is about \$400 a year, and the net receipts from the two buildings about \$70 a year, which represents the income derived from the investment.

The estate has several times tried to sell the property, No. 233, and their leasehold interest in 235, but have not been able to; they have offered to sell for \$10,000 but cannot obtain it; both pieces of property are small and are of very little value separately. The objection of proposed purchasers has been that the present buildings are practically worthless, and that there is no security or inducement to tear them down and put up new buildings, for the lease contains no absolute covenant of renewal, and when the lease expires the City must dispose of the same at public auction; and further, because the present lease contains a condition to the effect, that in case the City should require the said property for public purposes, it will only pay for such buildings as were erected on said leasehold premises on the 20th day of April, 1829.

From the above facts the executors have come to the conclusion that it will be against the interest of the estate to continue the present arrangements after the present lease has expired, unless a very much more favorable arrangement could be made out which they understand the City cannot now do, and they therefore respectfully present for your consideration the following proposition, which they think would be equally advantageous to the interests of the City as theirs:

If the City will sell at auction its interest in No. 235 Front street, the executors of Mr. Lydig's estate will join with the City, so that both pieces can be sold together, and sell their interest in No. 235 and the fee of No. 233; and they think that in this way a much better price can be obtained than if the two pieces were sold or rented separately. They would also suggest that the present market seems to be a very favorable one. The division of the proceeds of the sale to be made on the basis of the appraised value for taxes, viz.: \$13,000 for 235, and \$12,500 for 233 (233 being much the larger piece).

Yours, respectfully,

DALY, HOYT & MASON.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, March 29, 1888.

Hon. THEODORE W. MYERS, *Comptroller*:

SIR—I am in due receipt of your communication of February 28, 1888, in which you enclose a diagram of premises at the northwest corner of Peck Slip and Front street; also letter from Daly, Hoyt & Mason, attorneys for the executors of the estate of Philip M. Lydig, with the report thereon made by Eugene E. McLean, Engineer in your Department.

It appears that the premises referred to, being twenty-three feet five inches in width on Front street and extending along Peck Slip thirty-six feet and six inches, are now under lease to the Lydig estate for a term of twenty-one years from May 1, 1871, at an annual ground rent of \$480 per annum, the lessee paying the taxes; that the estate is the owner of the lot adjoining the premises referred to on the north, and that the executors desire to sell their lot, and that the City should sell the premises shown on the diagram in connection therewith, and that they think that a larger sum could be obtained at such sale than if the lots were sold separately, and express their willingness to consent to a cancellation of the lease, if such sale is made.

It is proposed that the division of the proceeds of the sale of the two lots together be made on the basis of the assessed value for taxation of the respective parcels, namely, \$13,000 for the city's property, and \$12,500 for that of the Lydig estate.

You state that there is probably no pecuniary objection to such sale, and request me to advise you whether the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have the power to cancel the lease and sell the property as requested by the executors.

The statutes and ordinances regulating the sale of the city's real estate, provide that such sale shall be made at public auction upon an upset price, to be fixed by appraisal, and the result of this method is that the sum which shall be received for the city's land is arrived at by competitive bidding, while on the other hand, if the method suggested by the executors is adopted, the sum to be received is fixed in advance of the sale by an arbitrary apportionment of the sum bidden for the city's land with others, so that the value in open market of the land sold is fixed by appraisal rather than by public bidding, and in my opinion this is a violation, at least, of the spirit of the statutes and ordinances. I therefore advise you that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have no power to make the sale of the premises in question, as proposed by the executors of the Lydig estate; and this conclusion disposes of the question as to their power to cancel the lease.

I return to you the papers enclosed to me.

Very respectfully,

HENRY R. BECKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

Which were ordered on file and printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following report and an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation upon the grant of land from the Corporation to the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 6, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of this Board held on the 16th of February last, his Honor the Mayor, stated that his attention had been called to the grant made by the Common Council to the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum of property belonging to the City at the corner of Third avenue and Seventy-seventh street, and that the Comptroller had reported the facts to him. Upon the report being read it was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion upon the legal effect of the Acts of the Legislature and the resolutions of the Common Council relating to the property, and the tenure under which it is now held by the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum, after the removal of that institution from the premises granted to it originally, subject to certain conditions of occupation and use.

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation upon this subject is herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, March 28, 1888.

Hon. THEODORE W. MYERS, *Comptroller*:

SIR—I acknowledge the receipt of your communication of February 20, 1888, in which you enclose:

1. Letter from his Honor the Mayor, requesting information about the grant to the Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Society of lands at the corner of Third avenue and Seventy-seventh street.
2. The report of the Comptroller to the Mayor, with diagram of property.
3. Copies of the grants made to the society and the resolutions of the Common Council referred to in the Comptroller's report.

You state that the report was presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation with a request for an opinion upon the legal effect of the acts of the Legislature and the resolutions of the Common Council, and as to the tenure under which the property is now held by the society.

The Orphan Asylum Society acquired title originally to the premises in question, which includes the north half of the block between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh streets, and extending from Third avenue to Lexington avenue, by two separate grants from the City. The first bears date October 29, 1860, and grants the premises on the southwest corner of Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, being half the block on the avenue, and extending back three hundred feet on Seventy-seventh street, "to be used exclusively as a site for the necessary buildings for an orphan asylum." This conveyance was made pursuant to chapter 316 of the Laws of 1860, and an ordinance of the Common Council, adopted October 29, 1860, and is, upon condition that if the premises or any building which may be erected thereon, shall be used for any other purpose than as an asylum for Jewish or Hebrew orphans, half orphans and indigent children, that then the grant shall be absolutely void. The other grant bears date October 17, 1864, and was made pursuant to chapter 349 of the Laws of 1864, and pursuant to a resolution of the Common Council previously adopted, and conveys premises fronting on Lexington avenue, and extending to the middle of the block between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh streets, with a frontage of one hundred and twenty feet on the southerly side of Seventy-seventh street, for a like purpose as that declared in the first grant, and upon a similar condition.

By chapter 251 of the Laws of 1874 the City was authorized to modify, alter and qualify any grant or conveyance theretofore made by them to this society, so as to permit it to sublet or lease the whole or any part of any premises conveyed, and permitting the society to devote the rents thereof to the maintenance and support of the society and the children under its charge. Accordingly, a resolution was adopted by the Common Council, and approved by the Mayor December 31, 1874, permitting the leasing of the said premises, anything in the conveyance contained to the contrary notwithstanding, and with the proviso that the proceeds of such leasing should be applied to the purposes specified in the act, and that if the premises were used for any other purpose than an asylum they should not be exempt from taxation. This resolution was amended by one approved the same day by adding thereto a clause which relieves the lessees from seeing to the proper application of rents.

It appears that the premises granted are now occupied by tenement-houses, which yield a large revenue, and that, although assessments have been levied upon the lands referred to, amounting to about \$11,000, and taxes and Croton-water rents, amounting to about \$8,000, they all remain unpaid, some of the assessments having been confirmed as early as 1869. From a careful examination of the statutes and resolutions of the Common Council, and the grants made to the society, I am of the opinion and advise you that the Orphan Asylum Society are the owners in fee of the premises referred to, subject to the right of the City to re-enter for a breach of the condition that the rents, issues and profits derived therefrom shall be devoted to the maintenance and support of such society and the children under its charge.

The payment of the taxes and assessments and Croton-water rents levied and imposed upon the premises should, however, be enforced, and under the circumstances, it is my opinion that the most effective way to accomplish this would be by an action to foreclose certain of these assessments, and unless advised by you to the contrary, I shall commence an action for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

Which were ordered on file and printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following communication from the Counsel of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

I am directed by my client, The Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company, to make a formal communication to you on the subject of the relations of that company to the city under its ferry leases, and the imperative necessity in the interest of the public for immediate and extensive improvements upon the leased premises at the foot of Whitehall street.

It will be remembered that last summer there was much complaint in the press and otherwise of the ferry service between New York and Staten Island. To a certain extent it was temperate and well founded; to a great extent it was unfounded and malicious. The fact is, that since the completion of the company's railroad travel has increased more rapidly than was anticipated, and faster than it has been possible for the company to augment its ferry facilities.

Your Board has already been informed that two steel ferry-boats were contracted for last summer, said to be the largest ferry-boats in the world. They will be ready for service in about two months—one of them perhaps sooner—but they will be useless without extensive changes in the slips at Whitehall street. Of this you have also been advised.

The company laid its plans for the improvements before you. They were referred to the Department of Docks. That Department made alterations in them, and as changed approved them. The Dock Board passed a resolution giving permission to make the improvements on the usual terms, unless better terms should be granted by your Board. That resolution was afterwards rescinded, at the request of the Comptroller. A pre-emptory demand was then made upon the company by the Comptroller for the payment of over thirty-three thousand dollars, alleged to be due for unpaid rent, and the company was informed that, unless payment was made within ten days, its leases would be forfeited.

The company is advised by its counsel that the demand is utterly groundless. The company offered to submit the question to judicial decision immediately, and so that a decision might be obtained in the speediest possible way. No attention was paid to that suggestion, and the company, for its own protection, was obliged to appeal to the law to determine the question and protect its possession.

It does not occur to the company that there can be any just relation between this demand for additional rent and the proposed improvements, but, on the 29th inst., the company was informed by the Comptroller that, "by advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, all action in the matter would be suspended until the question now pending in regard to the lease of the ferry shall have been settled."

That, we understand to mean, that unless the company will pay a sum of money which it is advised there is no color of legal right to exact, or until the action brought to determine the validity of the demand shall have been finally decided, perhaps years hence, by the Court of Appeals, there can be no improvements.

I am unwilling to believe that such is the considered and final judgment of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. If it is, or shall be, it concerns the public that it should be known to be so, and it concerns the company that the public should be informed of the grounds on which the decision rests. The company has endeavored and is struggling to perform its full duty to the public. If it is prevented from doing so by the City, it is but just that blame should not rest on the company. I say and am ready to maintain, that the company in the matter of rent has dealt fairly and justly by the City, and more. Under its management the Staten Island ferries have for the first time in their history become a source of substantial revenue to the City, and it is in the power of the City to increase this revenue greatly, without any cost or risk to itself.

The company is not a supplicant for any favors. It asks for itself and the public it serves simple justice and fair dealing. This it will not pay by the payment of money that it believes to be demanded without law or right. If adjudged liable, it is ready to pay with interest, and I am well assured that this Board will not ask more.

The plans approved by the Dock Department call for the expenditure of \$115,000. The company is ready to make the improvements at its own cost. All it asks is an agreement with the City that the City shall take over the improvements at an appraisal at the end of the company's occupation. It is, of course, extremely probable that the company will continue to operate these ferries indefinitely; but inasmuch as the term of the existing leases is so short, and the expenditures so large, it is only the part of prudence to provide for some indemnity, without which the company would not feel justified in spending so much money.

I have to ask, on behalf of the company, a decision from the Sinking Fund Commissioners of this question. If the travel of the present spring and summer seasons is to be properly provided for, work should be commenced immediately.

Faithfully yours,

W. W. MACFARLAND.

Dated NEW YORK, April 3, 1888.

Which was referred to the Mayor and the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare stipulations.

The Comptroller presented the following communication from Rev. J. W. Shackelford, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER,
NO. 117 EAST EIGHTY-SECOND STREET,
NEW YORK, April 5, 1888.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—Having learned by a dispatch from the office of the Secretary of State that a bill enabling your Honorable Body to sell to the Church of the Redeemer the land occupied by said corporation, or such portion thereof as they may desire to purchase, has become a law, I hereby, on behalf of the Corporation, request your Honorable Body to sell us on the most favorable terms possible, the eight lots at the corner northeast of Park avenue and Eighty-second street, running thence westerly along the line of Eighty-second street two hundred feet; thence southerly one hundred and two feet six inches; thence easterly two hundred feet; thence along the line of Park avenue, northerly one hundred and two feet six inches to the line of commencement—and to inform me as soon as possible at what price we may obtain them.

Your obedient servant,

J. W. SHACKELFORD, Rector.

The Mayor presented a certified copy of the law referred to in the foregoing communication, as follows:

CHAPTER 101.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Commissioners of "The Sinking Fund of the City of New York for the Redemption of the City Debt," to sell at private sale to the Corporation of the Church of the Redeemer, of Yorkville, in the City of New York, certain premises in said City.

Became a law without the approval of the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of article four, section nine of the Constitution, April 4, 1888; passed, three-fifths being present.

The people of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York for the Redemption of the City Debt are hereby authorized and empowered to sell at private sale to the Corporation of the Church of the Redeemer the certain premises situate in the City and County of New York, and owned by, and belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, commencing at the corner of Fourth avenue and Eighty-second street in said city, and running thence westerly along the southerly line or side of said Eighty-second street, two hundred feet; thence southerly and parallel with the said Fourth avenue, one hundred and two feet, two and one-half inches; thence easterly one hundred feet; thence southerly one hundred feet to the northerly line of Eighty-first street; thence easterly and along the northerly line of Eighty-first street to the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly line of the Fourth avenue with the northerly line of Eighty-first street, one hundred feet; thence northwardly and along the westerly line of the Fourth avenue to the point or place of beginning, or any part or portion thereof, for such sum and on such terms, as to the said Commissioners of the said Sinking Fund may seem reasonable.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Office of the Secretary of State, ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

Given under my hand and seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

[SEAL.]

FREDERICK COOK, Secretary of State.

The whole matter was referred to the Comptroller to report on the value of the property and have it appraised by competent appraisers, one of whom shall be Mr. Richard V. Harnett, by request of the Recorder.

The Comptroller presented the following petition of property-holders, asking for an exchange of lots in Eighty-third street, between the Ninth and Tenth avenues:

To the Honorable ABRAHAM S. HEWITT, Mayor of the City of New York, Chairman Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The undersigned owners of property on Eighty-third street, between the Ninth and Tenth avenues, and Eighty-second street, between the Ninth and Tenth avenues, in the City of New York, respectfully show, by this their petition to your Honor, as follows:

That they are the owners, collectively, of over four hundred thousand (\$400,000) dollars of real estate, situate on said two blocks of ground;

That the City of New York has recently taken title to a certain lot of ground on the south side of Eighty-third street, between said Ninth and Tenth avenues, and beginning two hundred feet west of the southwest corner of Eighty-third street and Ninth avenue, and running westerly along said Eighty-third street twenty-five feet, and said lot being in depth about one hundred feet;

That the purpose for which the said city acquired title to said lot of ground was for the purpose of erecting thereon an engine-house;

That there have been erected eleven private dwellings on the north side of said Eighty-third street facing the lot upon which the City proposes erecting said engine-house;

That there is proposed to be erected upon the ground adjoining the said lot so purchased by the City, and on the westerly side thereof, certain dwelling-houses;

That there are four dwelling-houses in the rear, on Eighty-second street, of said lot so purchased by the City for the purpose aforesaid;

That the loss to your petitioners by an engine-house being erected on said lot so purchased by the City will be from fifteen to twenty per cent. of the valuation of their property, or, in other words, from \$60,000 to \$80,000 of a decrease in the valuation of their lands;

That, as a consequence of the engine-house being erected on said lot, there will be a considerable depreciation in the assessable valuation of said lands for taxable purposes, and a consequent loss in the amount of taxes to be received by the City;

That your petitioners can purchase the lot of ground on the south side of said Eighty-third street, which begins one hundred feet west of the southwest corner of Eighty-third street and Ninth avenue, and which runs westerly along said Eighty-third street twenty-five feet, and which has the same depth as the lot which the City has purchased as aforesaid;

That your petitioners hereby offer to the City of New York the said lot of ground in exchange for the said lot which was recently purchased by the City, and that they will pay all the expenses which may be incurred by the City in examining the title to the lot which is so offered by your petitioners in exchange for the lot now owned by the City;

That the lot of ground which your petitioners are willing to have transferred to the City in exchange for said other lot has the advantage over the one which the City has recently purchased, in this particular—that the lot so offered by your petitioners is so situated as to give to any building which the City may erect thereon for engine-house purposes or otherwise, side-lights on the easterly side of said lot;

That by such exchange being made by the City, the loss and damage which otherwise would so heavily fall upon the owners in particular of the three lots of ground which intervene between the lot recently purchased by the City and the lot which your petitioners hereby offer in exchange therefor, will be lessened.

That the request, which is by your petitioners now made, for the exchanging by the City of the lot which it has purchased for the one adjoining the corner property, as above mentioned, is in consonance with that equitable principle applicable alike to cities as to individuals, that one should so use his own as not to injure another's property.

That your petitioners respectfully submit, that irrespective of the private rights and interests of themselves, your petitioners, that the great question of public policy pleads on behalf of your petitioners to grant this their request.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

March 15, 1888.

John Coar, 156 West 58th street and 83d street, 9th and 10th avenue.

David B. Keen, 150 West 83d street.

Richard Deeves, 66 West 83d street.

Margaret Deeves, 66 West 83d street.

H. E. Knight, 117 West 83d street.

Sarah C. Morrill, 119 West 83d street.

W. H. Stafford, 117 West 82d street.

Edmund Dodge, 219 West 33d street.

J. S. McWilliam, 261 West 84th street.

J. Joseph, 1384 Park avenue.

Fredrick C. Knowles, 131 West 82d street.

J. Edgar Leaycraft, 1544 Broadway.

Thomas Carney, 1396 Ninth avenue.

Which was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion on the power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make the proposed exchange of lots.

Adjourned.

RICHARD A. STORRS, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
WEDNESDAY, April 11, 1888—1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, April 3, 1888.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 183d section of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, 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 Mayor, on Wednesday, April 11, 1888, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering the proposed contract of purchase with the Herzog Telesome Company, submitted by the Police Commissioners, for furnishing an electric signaling system for municipal purposes, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the Board.

ABRAHAM S. HEWITT, Mayor.

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this 3d day of April, 1888.

ABRAHAM S. HEWITT,
Mayor;

THEO. W. MYERS,
Comptroller;

GEORGE H. FORSTER,
President of the Board of Aldermen;

M. COLEMAN,
President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz.:

Abram S. Hewitt, the Mayor; Theodore W. Myers, the Comptroller; George H. Forster, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Michael Coleman, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held March 28, 1888, were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of a proposed contract for furnishing an electric signaling system to the Police Department for municipal purposes.

Whereupon the Chairman presented the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, March 29, 1888.

Hon. A. S. HEWITT, Chairman, etc.:

DEAR SIR—By direction of the Board of Police, I herewith enclose copy of resolution relative to telegraph signaling as proposed by the Herzog Telesome System, for the consideration of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Very respectfully,
WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, March 29, 1888.

To the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police held this day, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the preamble and resolution in relation to the electric signaling system presented by the Herzog Telesome Company, adopted by the Board of Police, March 6, 1888, be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that the said Board be and is hereby respectfully requested to sanction and approve the proposed contract of purchase with the Herzog Telesome Company; also

Resolved, That said proposed contract and the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, dated March 17, 1888, enclosing form of resolution, which he recommends to be submitted, be respectfully referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Very respectfully,
WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

Enclosures:

1. Proposal of Herzog Telesome Co.
2. Resolution of the Board of Police, March 6, 1888.
3. Opinion of Counsel to the Corporation.
4. Proposed form of resolution for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment (submitted by the Counsel to the Corporation).

"Whereas, After twenty months' consideration of the requirements of a perfect electric signaling system for municipal purposes, and after a thorough examination into the features and details of numerous systems presented to us, including those in use in other cities, as well as others not yet adopted; and after competitive tests, made by and in the presence of the entire Board, with the working plants installed by the respective contestants, the same having been, for a long period, subjected to extremes of weather exposure; and after consideration of the reports of various members of the force, it is our opinion the system presented by the Herzog Telesome Company fully meets all the requirements of the service, and is the only one that does so meet them;

"Therefore, It is hereby

Resolved, That the 'Telesome' system (as exhibited by the Herzog Telesome Company, modified in details of constructions as proposed in the specifications accompanying their informal bids to us) be and is hereby adopted as the system for signaling between the various station-houses and outlying posts, thus serving as an extension of the signaling system at present existing between headquarters and the station-houses, provided that such boxes, together with all station connections complete, can be furnished, erected and delivered, under the terms and conditions set forth in the bids of said company; it being understood that the contractors are to have the exclusive right, subject to the consent and control of the Board of Police Commissioners, to extend the circuit system, without cost to this Department, from the street boxes to the neighboring sub-stations.

"(2.) That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to proceed immediately to advise and to take all steps necessary to enable us to procure the said system for the city, to the extent of the funds at the disposal of the Board for this purpose."

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, March 17, 1888.

WILLIAM H. KIPP, Esq., Chief Clerk, Police Department:

SIR—I have received your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing resolutions of the Board of Police Commissioners in relation to procuring the system of signaling presented by the Herzog Telesome Company.

The resolution, in the first place, recites that the matter of procuring a perfect system of electric signaling has been under consideration for twenty months; that a thorough examination has been made of the feature and details of numerous systems; that competitive contests have been made by the Board with the working plants installed by the respective contestants; that after careful consideration it is the opinion of the Board that the system of the Herzog Telesome Company only meets all the requirements of the service; the Board therefore adopts said system.

The resolution, in the second place, provides "that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to proceed immediately to advise and to take all steps necessary to enable us to procure the said system for the city, to the extent of the funds at the disposal of the Board for this purpose."

In the Final Estimate adopted December 30, 1886, I find an appropriation made "For the Construction of Electrical Boxes, \$100,000," which I am informed is the fund proposed to be used in procuring the Herzog Telesome System.

I am also informed that the system in question is patented, and, for that reason, my opinion is required as to the method of procedure to be observed in making the purchase.

(1.) The expenditure involved exceeds one thousand dollars, and therefore, if the article desired was not patented, the supply should be procured by contract based upon competitive bids after public advertisement, pursuant to section 64 of the Charter.

The fact, however, that the system in question is patented, renders the provisions of the charter requiring advertisement and competitive bids inapplicable, and it is, therefore, proper to procure the supply desired without such advertisement and competition.

(2.) The Consolidation Act, against The Mayor, 33 N. Y. Rep., 309.

Harlem Gas-light Co. against The Mayor, 33 N. Y. Rep., 309.

"Section 63, Except for repairs, no patented pavement shall be laid, and no patented article shall be advertised for, contracted for, or purchased, except under such circumstances that there can be a fair and reasonable opportunity for competition, the conditions to secure which shall be prescribed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

This section, as found in the Consolidation Act, seems by its language to require that the terms and conditions of purchase of patented articles should be prescribed, in every case, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The provisions in question, however, first became a part of the City Charter in 1873, as section 115 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873.

That section, as originally enacted, provides, in the first place, that no street which has once been paved, and the expense thereof paid by assessment, shall afterwards be paved at the expense of the adjacent property-owners, unless the repavement be petitioned for and that ordinances theretofore passed, directing a repavement which has not been petitioned for, and for which no contract had been made, should become inoperative and void.

Following the provisions in respect to repavement, and as part of the same section, is the provision above quoted, which now constitutes section 63 of the Consolidation Act.

The provision as thus enacted in 1873 came under discussion, and in repeated instances the Counsel to the Corporation advised several heads of departments that patented pavements only were covered by the provisions of the act, and that the purchase of patented articles, other than patented pavement, was not affected thereby.

See opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation.

January 29, 1876.
January 22, 1878.
November 30, 1877.
March 27, 1880.
July 23, 1881.

These opinions are founded upon and illustrate the well-established principle, that when general words follow special provisions in relation to a particular subject-matter, the general words will be deemed to be limited in their application to the special subject-matter indicated.

The separation of the general prohibitory clause from the special provisions in relation to the repavement of streets, which has been effected in the Consolidation Act, may perhaps be deemed to indicate an intent that the provision in question shall be extended to comprehend any purchase of a patented article, and that it shall no longer be limited to the purchase of patented pavements; it seems to me, however, that since the object of the Consolidation Act, declared in its title, is to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York, it is probable that no change of the existing law was intended.

However that may be, I am of the opinion that the facts recited in the resolution of the Police Board, which asserts that thorough examination has been made of the features and details of numerous systems of electric signaling, and that competitive tests have been made in the presence of the Board with the working plant installed by the respective contestants, show that everything intended to be secured by the provisions of section 63, in the way of competitive examinations of rival systems, has already been secured, and under the strictest construction of the act, it is only necessary now to secure the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to the result of such examination by the Police Board.

If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are satisfied that a fair and reasonable opportunity for competition has been given, and that the conditions of the proposed contracts will secure a just result, they may ratify the tests that have been made, approve the proposed purchase, and sanction the acquisition of the system desired.

If they are not satisfied with the competition tests already had, they should prescribe others before approving the purchase.

Therefore, without intending to reverse the opinions pronounced by my predecessors in office, which were given before the Consolidation Act was enacted, yet, in view of the changes which the provision in question has undergone (as incorporated in that act), I suggest that prior to the purchase the matter should be submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and their resolution procured sanctioning the proposed contract.

I enclose herewith a form of resolution which I recommend to be submitted to the Board named. I remain,

Yours, respectfully,
(Signed) HENRY R. BECKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The Board of Police Commissioners have presented to us a preamble and resolution in which it is recited:

(1.) That after twenty months' consideration of the requirements of a perfect electric signaling system for municipal purposes, and after a thorough examination into the features and details of numerous systems, including those in use in other cities, as well as others not yet adopted, and after competitive contests made by and in the presence of the entire Board of Police Commissioners with the working plants installed by the respective contestants, and after having subjected the competing systems for a long time to extremes of weather, and after considering the reports of various members of the force, it is their opinion that the system presented by the Herzog Telesome Company fully meets all the requirements of the service, and is the only one that does meet them.

(2.) That the Board of Police Commissioners have therefore adopted the same as the system for signaling between the various station-houses and outlying posts, thus serving as an extension of the signaling system at present existing between Headquarters and the station-houses.

And the said Board of Police Commissioners having presented to this Board the proposed contract of purchase with the Herzog Telesome Company; it is therefore

Resolved, That the facts set forth in the resolution of the Board of Police Commissioners are such that in the opinion of this Board there has been a fair and reasonable opportunity for competition between the respective patented systems of electrical signaling, and the conditions of said proposed contract are hereby sanctioned and approved.

THE GAMEWELL FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, No. 14 BARCLAY STREET,
NEW YORK, March 30, 1888.

Hon. ABRAM S. HEWITT, Mayor of the City of New York, City Hall, New York:

DEAR SIR—Absence from the city has prevented my acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 23d in reply to mine of the previous day, in which I requested an opportunity to lay before you facts concerning the adoption of a system of police signal telegraph.

I owe you an apology for not having been more definite in my former letter. I ought to have called your attention, as my main excuse for writing you, to the fact that the action of the Police Department in approving a patented system of signaling would necessarily, under the charter, require some action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and therefore it was, as I thought, proper for you to listen to the explanation I desired to present, without question of fraud or charge of official misconduct against anyone. It was, and is, in view of that situation that I desired, and desire, an opportunity to present a statement of facts to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, provided such a course would meet with your approval.

Respectfully yours,
JOS. W. STOVER, President.

PEARCE & JONES, MANUFACTURING ELECTRICIANS,
No. 79 JOHN STREET, NEW YORK, March 31, 1888.

Hon. ABRAM S. HEWITT, Mayor of New York City, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—We desire to call your attention to the conclusion reached by the Police Commissioners in reference to the selection of the "Herzog" system of telegraphing, and desire that we may be allowed to enter, as one of the competitors for the contract, our protest against awarding the contract to this system.

We do not desire to criticize in any way the judgment of the Commissioners, but knowing that it is their intention and aim to procure for their Department the best, simplest, and most perfect system, we cannot but conclude that the system they have selected has certainly been misrepresented to them, as it certainly does not meet the above requirements.

While our system has been in use in several cities for various lengths of time, with the best of satisfaction, which is certainly the only proper test of any system, in proof of which we shall be pleased to submit you reports and references from these cities, or can refer you to these places, if you so desire, the "Herzog" system has never been in service as a Police Patrol System anywhere, and can furnish no recommendation as to its working. Our simple system furnished the Police Department, and now in use in the Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Precincts, has worked with good results, and by its use most of the requirements of the Department are met.

The object carried out by us in this system, before all others, was simplicity, and with this end in view our improved system, which we placed on exhibition in the Nineteenth Precinct, was made as simple as possible, so as to render it easy of use by the men in the Department, and to require no skill in handling, also the addition of the telephone, which we understood would furnish the further service required, which we lacked in our simple system.

In handling a system of telegraph, one of the principal items considered by us was that of the expense of same, and under these circumstances a single wire running from box to box is the only one to consider. The cost of a system, in the maintenance alone, in which a separate wire is used for each box, would in a single year amount to a very large sum. As you can see, that a single precinct with, say forty posts, on each of which a box is located, would require forty wires, and almost forty times as much labor and battery material to maintain, and when you increase the single precinct to thirty-five—as in this city—the cost of maintenance amounts to an enormous sum in the total. With a system such as we propose this expense is saved, and without doubt with better results to the workings of the Department.

We should also ask if the privilege granted to the "Herzog" system, that of the sole right of connecting private parties to the Department, would be granted to us, as this right we consider of considerable value, and if extended to us would allow us to make considerable difference in our estimate, as submitted for our system, which would very much more increase the saving to the City, providing our system was adopted. Not having been informed that such right was to be given to the system selected, we did not in any way enter its value into our estimate as submitted to the Police Commissioners.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that you will grant us permission to personally explain to you, fully, the advantages in operation and effectiveness, cost and maintenance of our system, and to call your attention to a few points of the "Herzog" which, when put to a practical test, will be only an experiment, instead of giving good results, and will be the means of making it an expensive additional cost to the City, without giving what is needed and desired, viz.: A simple and complete patrol system, and one not expensive in its maintenance. Without any doubt, the more line-wire used the greater the cost for maintaining, the greater the chance for trouble, the larger the cost for battery material; and the construction of the Central Office apparatus and boxes of the "Herzog" are so complicated, when compared with our system, that you will readily see there is very much more liability of confusion and trouble in its operation, and the greater the knowledge required throughout the Department in using it.

The records kept by the Police Department during the time these systems have been in service in the Nineteenth Precinct, will show that while our system has been in constant use since its introduction, the "Herzog" system has been in use only a very short time, and that during this period it has not been successful in its workings, which, without doubt, is due to the complicated apparatus used.

Knowing that you take a very lively interest in all city improvements, and feeling that you certainly would be interested in this, as the Chairman of the Finance Board, we desired to call your attention to the matter, and we shall be pleased to meet and explain more fully the details of our system and the objections to the system selected by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Yours, respectfully,
PEARCE & JONES.

Which were received and read.

The following gentlemen appeared before the Board and made statements relative thereto:

Charles P. Daly and F. B. Herzog, representing the Herzog Telesome Co.
Joel B. Erhardt, representing the Gamewell Fire-alarm Telegraph Co.
C. T. Driscoll, representing the Brewer & Smith System.
John M. Pendleton, representing the Equitable Electric Co.
Mr. Wilson, representing the Municipal Signal System.
Frederick Pearce, representing Pearce & Jones.
John R. Voorhis and John McClave, Police Commissioners.

After full discussion, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments moved that the matter be laid over.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.
Negative—The President of the Board of Aldermen—1.

The Chairman presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NOS. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET,
April 2, 1888.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held on 28th ultimo, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, Plans having been submitted by the Board of Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, for the extension of the Museum building, which plans have been amended as suggested by this Board; therefore,

Resolved, That the said plans, as amended, be and hereby are approved, and that they be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its concurrence, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 44 of the Laws of 1887.

Herewith I beg to forward the plans above referred to and am,

Very respectfully,

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary, D. P. P.

M. C. D. Borden, President of the Department of Public Parks, appeared before the Board and made a statement relative thereto.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved that this Board concur in the said plans as submitted by the Department of Public Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved that the Comptroller be requested to prepare and present to this Board a resolution to authorize the issue of bonds for the construction of the extension of the American Museum of Natural History building, as per approved plans.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NOS. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET,
April 9, 1888.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held on 5th instant, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That under the power vested in this Board by chapter 575 of the Laws of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the completion of the construction of certain public parks in the City of New York," the plans, report and estimate presented by the Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks for the permanent landscape improvement of the unfinished portion of Central Park north of One Hundred and Second street and west of Fifth avenue, be and hereby are approved, and that the plans be forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for their approval, with the request that they set apart the sum of \$45,000 for the use of this Department in carrying out the work.

Herewith I beg to forward the plans referred to in the foregoing resolution and copy of report of Messrs. Vaux and Parsons.

Yours, very respectfully,

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary, D. P. P.

APRIL 5, 1888.

Hon. M. C. D. BORDEN, President, Department of Public Parks:

SIR—In accordance with your instructions, I desire to report to you that the cost of completing the improvements in the northeast corner of the Central Park, as shown on plans presented this day, will be as follows:

Propagating houses.....	\$15,000 00
Grading, shaping, path making, etc., of grounds throughout this territory.....	12,000 00
Cost of trees, shrubs, etc.....	5,000 00
Ladies' cottage and tool-house.....	5,000 00
Completion of roadway at One Hundred and Second street entrance.....	4,800 00
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	\$41,800 00

The estimate of cost of improvement of grounds and trees I have made myself. I have secured from the Engineer of Construction a written estimate of cost of the finishing of the roadway at One Hundred and Second street. The cost of the propagating houses and buildings is based on careful estimates made by experts in the Department.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL PARSONS, JR., Superintendent of Parks.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS,
MUSEUM BUILDING, SIXTY-FOURTH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE,
April 3, 1888.

Hon. M. C. D. BORDEN, President, Department of Public Parks:

SIR—As requested by you in January last, we present some suggestions to the Board in regard to the permanent landscape improvement of the section of the Central Park lying between One Hundred and Second and One Hundred and Tenth streets, west of Fifth avenue.

The existing state of things as furnished to us by your Engineer of Construction is shown on Plan No. 1, and the improvements we recommend for your consideration at this time are shown on Plan No. 2.

The dotted lines A, B, C and D show the general plan of propagating houses, as approved by the Board, August 9, 1886, and partially executed at that time in regard to foundation work and the general construction of sashes, etc., in the carpenter shop.

This block of propagating houses was designed to be executed (under the instructions of the Department) with a view to its removal at small cost from the position on which it was then ordered to be temporarily located.

If the improvements recommended for your consideration (Plan No. 2) are carried into effect the time will come when such a block of buildings will be out of place in this part of the park. As, however, for a number of years this territory must be comparatively uninteresting on account of the slow growth of trees and shrubs, we advise an adherence to the existing plan of operations, which will undoubtedly have its own features of interest for the general visitor during the transitional period above referred to.

The plan contemplates the removal of the buildings marked E, F, G, H, I, K and L. E and I are conservatories for growing large and small greenhouse plants; their removal is expedient because they are so decayed as to be unsafe, and the original plan of each is defective either for the purposes of exhibition or propagation.

F, G and H are small separate houses open to the same objections in regard to propagating that have been made above with reference to buildings marked E and I.

K is a tool-house, originally made out of an old building and so much decayed now that it requires to be pulled down. A new tool-house and ladies' cottage at point K on Plan No. 2 is proposed to take its place.

L is a rude building put up originally as a temporary stable, which is no longer needed, as all the horses employed on maintenance are now satisfactorily accommodated at the Department Stables on Eighty-fifth street transverse road.

The territory marked M M, originally planted as a park nursery, is partially occupied at present by old and young trees and shrubs.

Some of the old stock is unsuitable for removal, but the greater portion of the new stock is in a thrifty condition and will be transplanted.

At the commencement of the Central Park improvement the permanent design of this territory was left undeveloped, because it was a part of the Mount St. Vincent Convent grounds, which the

City did not get possession of immediately, and because the whole district was selected for office and nursery purposes till the convent buildings burned down; the conservatory attached to the convent building was thus allowed to stand, and was used for a greenhouse in connection with the nurseries.

For twenty years, therefore, this ground has been devoted to the experimental growth of plants, under the direction of the Department of Parks, and as the result of all this to-day we have a number of curious and well-developed specimens of trees and shrubs thriving year after year, because they have been growing in a sheltered position. Fine specimens may be seen here of the deodar cedar, limonia trifoliata, the cedar of Lebanon, and certain more or less tender varieties of Japanese maples, rhododendrons, azaleas and yews.

We propose, therefore, not only to extend the plantation of trees and shrubs that have already succeeded in this protected amphitheatre, but to collect here as large a variety as possible of choice and somewhat tender plants.

There is some unfinished ground close to the boundary wall on the inside of the park, between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, near Fifth avenue, and on the line of One Hundred and Tenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

The completion of this unfinished work should, we think, be undertaken at this time to the extent colored green on Plan No. 2, one hundred feet in each direction being left unchanged at the northeast angle (as shown) with reference to future adjustment in connection with contemplated plaza.

The grade of Fifth avenue at One Hundred and Second street having been changed since a park entrance was made at that point, a readjustment has become necessary and should now be made. The work of reconstruction thus involved is estimated by the Engineer of Construction at \$4,800.

The general lines remain unaltered on the plan.

Respectfully,

CALVERT VAUX, Landscape Architect, D. P. P.
SAMUEL PARSONS, JR., Superintendent of Parks.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved that this Board approve of the said plans as submitted by the Department of Public Parks.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved that the Comptroller be requested to prepare a resolution to authorize the appropriation of \$45,000 for the purposes specified in above communication.

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller presented the following:

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, April 11, 1888.

Hon. Commissioners of Estimate and Apportionment of New York City:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose to you a proposed agreement with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in reference thereto. This agreement is the result of negotiations between the Aqueduct Commissioners and the Cemetery Company, now approved by the said Counsel, who advises us to submit the same for your approval before its execution, because it involves the granting of an easement for the Aqueduct and the use of a highway and the relinquishment of damages on the part of the Cemetery Company, and the transfer of broken stone by the City, and consequently falls under section 23 of the Aqueduct Act.

Will you please consider and act in the premises.

Yours, very truly,

JAMES C. SPENCER, President.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, April 10, 1888.

Hon. JAMES C. SPENCER, President, Aqueduct Commission:

SIR—I beg to acknowledge the letter of Mr. James W. McCulloh, Secretary of your Committee on Real Estate, dated April 6, 1888, enclosing for my examination a proposed form of agreement to be entered into by your Commission with the Mount Hope Cemetery Association of the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, by the terms of which, in consideration of receiving the broken stone and debris taken out of Shaft 15½, except such as may be required for the construction of the Aqueduct and shaft, the Cemetery Association binds itself to make no interments within a certain area of land lying over the line of the Aqueduct, and to grant to The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York a right of way from Jackson avenue to Shaft 15½, over a roadway to be constructed by the Association through its own grounds.

By Mr. McCulloh's letter, I am asked to make any suggestions which I may deem requisite; my attention is also called to clause "Fourth" of the agreement, providing for the delivery of a deed by the Association, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and I am asked whether the form of the proposed agreement itself, when executed and recorded, is not such as to render a deed unnecessary.

I have examined the proposed agreement and return a fair draft to you with certain changes in form.

This agreement, if duly executed and recorded, in my opinion, will be fully effectual for its purposes. It is in fact a deed; clause "Fourth," therefore, can be omitted.

I suggest that a map be attached to the agreement, and when the latter is recorded, a copy of the map, prepared on suitable paper, should also be recorded at the same time.

Since the subject-matter of this agreement would seem to be "real estate," as that term is defined in section 24 of the Aqueduct Act, chapter 490, Laws of 1883, for which compensation is undertaken under the agreement to be made by the delivery of broken stone and debris from the shaft, I advise, as a matter of abundant caution, that the agreement prior to its execution be approved by a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as provided in section 23 of the act referred to.

I am, sir, respectfully yours,

(Signed) HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

This agreement, made and entered into this _____ day of April, 1888, by and between the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, acting by and through the Aqueduct Commissioners by virtue of the power vested in them by chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883 of the State of New York, parties of the first part, and the Mount Hope Cemetery Association of the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, a corporation for cemetery purposes, organized under the Laws of the State of New York, party of the second part,

Witnesseth: That, in consideration of the sum of one dollar by each of the parties to the other in hand paid, and for other valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said parties have agreed and do hereby agree as follows:

First—The parties of the first part do hereby relinquish, transfer and set over unto the party of the second part the broken stone and debris taken out of and out of Shaft No. Fifteen and one-half upon the line of the New Croton Aqueduct, which shaft is situated within the area of the lands heretofore set apart for use by the party of the second part for cemetery purposes, and now owned and occupied by said party of the second part; which said stone and debris includes all of the same that is now upon the land occupied by said parties of the first part adjacent to said Shaft Fifteen and one-half, and all thereof which may hereafter be taken out of said shaft, excepting and reserving such stone as may be required for the construction of said Aqueduct and shaft.

Second—Whereas, The New Aqueduct passes through a portion of the cemetery lands of the party of the second part in the aforesaid Town of Greenburgh and an easement for the use of the lands under the surface on the line of said Aqueduct, for aqueduct purposes, has vested in the party of the first part; and the Aqueduct Commissioners deem it important for the prevention of any pollution or unwholesome drainage, into the said Aqueduct from the surface, that no interments whatsoever shall be made or caused to be made by the party of the second part in their cemetery lands lying directly over and upon the line of said Aqueduct, within the area hereinafter described, and for the full protection of said Aqueduct, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

That in consideration of the use and benefit of the aforesaid stone and debris, and in furtherance of the objects and purposes of the parties of the first part, and for the complete protection of the said Aqueduct, the party of the second part, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby covenants and agrees to and with the parties of the first part that it, said party of the second part, will set apart, and it does hereby set apart the following-described strip or piece of land, running from south to north through its said property, and said party of the second part does hereby covenant, promise and agree, for itself, its successors and assigns, that within said strip or piece of land it will never make, nor suffer or permit ever to be made, any interment whatsoever. Said strip or piece of land is one hundred and fifty (150) feet in width, and is bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning on the northerly side of Jackson avenue, otherwise known as Ravensdale road, at the point where the centre line of the said Aqueduct intersects the northerly line of said avenue and running thence northwardly along the line of said Aqueduct to the centre of said Shaft 15½, said strip of land, for that distance being of the uniform width of seventy-five feet on each side of said centre line of said Aqueduct; and from the centre of said shaft northwardly along the line of said Aqueduct to the extreme northerly boundary line of the lands of said parties of the second part, the said strip of land being of the uniform width of fifty feet on the easterly side and one hundred feet on the westerly side of said centre line of said Aqueduct, as will more fully appear by a reference to the annexed map or diagram hereby made a part of this agreement.

And Whereas, It is the intention of the party of the second part to ornament and beautify the said piece or strip of land as may be most in keeping with the general style of ornamentation or landscape gardening upon the remainder of its grounds, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent it so doing, the intention of this agreement being only to assure the parties of the first part that the said strip or piece of land hereinbefore described shall be forever kept at all times free from interments.

Third—Said party of the second part, for itself, its successors and assigns, in consideration as aforesaid, does hereby give and grant unto the parties of the first part and their successors a right of way over the roadway to be constructed by the party of the second part, from a point near said Shaft Fifteen and one-half to the nearest point of access to said Jackson avenue or Ravensdale road, which said roadway will extend from said avenue to said shaft in a general northeasterly direction; and said party of the second part, for itself, its successors and assigns, does hereby covenant and agree that said parties of the first part and their successors shall at all times have, possess and enjoy full right of ingress, egress and regress over the said road of the party of the second part to, from and between said Jackson avenue and said shaft; and the party of the second part, for itself, its successors and assigns, does hereby give, grant and confirm to the party of the first part and their successors the easement for the use of the said lands on and within the lines of the New Aqueduct for aqueduct purposes, and does hereby release to the party of the first part and their successors all damages that have been or may hereafter be sustained by the party of the second part from the construction, maintenance and use of said Aqueduct by the party of the first part, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the party of the second part of compensation for any land heretofore or hereafter taken or acquired by the Aqueduct Commissioners in fee, or as a waiver of its claim therefor.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, and the said Aqueduct Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and seals on behalf of the said parties of the first part, and the party of the second part has caused these presents to be subscribed by its President and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, the day and year above written.

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

By

Aqueduct Commissioners.

THE MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION,

By

Sealed and delivered in presence of

State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

On this day of April, 1888, before me personally came

to me known, and known to me to be the Aqueduct Commissioners, the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

Notary Public, New York County.

State of New York, County of Westchester, Town of Greenburgh, ss.:

On the day of April, 1888, before me personally came

President of The Mount Hope Cemetery Association of the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he resided that he was the President of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association; that he knew the corporate seal of said association; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument was such corporate seal; that it was affixed by order of the Board of Trustees of said association; and that he signed the name of said association and his own name as President of said association by like order.

Notary Public, Westchester County.

And offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Aqueduct Commission have made an agreement with the Mount Hope Cemetery Association, of the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County, to make no interments within a certain area of land lying over the line of the Aqueduct, and to grant to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York a right of way from Jackson avenue to Shaft 15½ over a roadway to be constructed by the association through its grounds, in consideration of receiving the broken stone and debris taken out of Shaft 15½, except such as may be required for the construction of the Aqueduct and shaft; and

Whereas, The Aqueduct Commission have requested that this Board shall approve of the execution of said agreement, in accordance with the opinion and advice of the Counsel to the Corporation;

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York do hereby approve of the execution of said agreement by the Commissioners of the New Aqueduct, as provided in section 23 of chapter 400 of the Laws of 1883.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller presented the following:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to provide the sum of five hundred dollars, in aid of the moneys necessary to be expended by the Grand Army of the Republic for the celebration of Decoration Day, May 30, 1888.

Which was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, April 3, 1888.

Hon. ABRAM S. HEWITT, Mayor, Chairman of Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The Counsel to the Corporation having advised this Board that the money required to pay the bills of Messrs. Masten & Nichols and Mr. Blinn should be procured under the statutory provisions indicated in his communication to this Board, bearing date March 29, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, rather than by transfer of appropriation, as heretofore proposed, I have the honor to transmit a resolution in accordance with his opinion, to be presented to and adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Resolved, That the costs, counsel fees and expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction in the proper presentation and justification of their official conduct before the State Board of Charities be and the same hereby are audited and allowed at the sum of \$1,301.25, and that the Comptroller be and he hereby is directed to raise said sum by the issue of Revenue Bonds, pursuant to section 155 of the Consolidation Act.

By order.

G. F. BRITTON, Secretary.

(Copy.)

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, March 29, 1888.

Hon. H. H. PORTER, Commissioner of Charities and Correction:

SIR—By section 196 of the Consolidation Act, as amended by chapter 680 of the Laws of 1887, power is given to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to audit as charges against the City the reasonable cost, counsel fees and expenses paid and incurred by the Commissioners of your Department for the proper presentation and justification of their official conduct before the State Board of Charities.

By section 155 of the Consolidation Act, the Comptroller is authorized to issue Revenue Bonds to raise the money to pay such expenses when allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the money required to pay the bills of Messrs. Masten & Nichols and Mr. Blinn should be procured under the statutory provisions indicated rather than by a transfer of appropriation as heretofore proposed.

I have, therefore, prepared the resolution appropriate to be presented to and adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

I remain, yours respectfully,
(Signed) HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved that the matter be referred to the Comptroller for examination and report.

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amounts following be and hereby are appropriated from the "Excise Fund," under the provisions of section 210, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882), for the support of children in the month of March, 1888, committed by magistrates to the institutions named, pursuant to law:

NAME.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN.	NUMBER OF DAYS.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
Institution of Mercy.....	806	24,516	\$2 per week.	\$7,004 57
Missionary Sisters, Third Order of St. Francis.....	598	18,212	"	5,198 43
Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary.....	517	15,742	"	4,374 71
Asylum Sisters of St. Dominic.....	448	13,818	"	3,916 00
St. Joseph's Asylum.....	411	12,668	"	3,312 43
Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society.....	569	17,275	"	4,935 71
Ladies' Deborah Nursery and Child's Protectory.....	298	9,218	"	2,517 71
St. Agatha Home for Children.....	166	5,146	"	1,450 20
St. James' Home.....	116	3,586	"	1,024 57
Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans.....	120	3,611	"	1,028 71
American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless.....	125	3,602	"	926 14
Five Points House of Industry.....	120	3,526	"	925 43
Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul.....	141	4,356	"	1,244 57
St. Michael's Home.....	57	1,755	"	472 15
St. Ann's Home.....	119	3,508	"	948 29
Association for Befriending Children and Young Girls.....	19	524	"	149 71
Total.....				\$39,529 42

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and seventy dollars and eight cents (\$370.08) be and hereby is appropriated from the "Excise Fund" to the "Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls," for the support of forty-three inmates, in the month of March, 1888, aggregating nine hundred and three days, at the rate of \$150 per annum, pursuant to section 208, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (New York City Consolidation Act of 1882).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The President of the Board of Aldermen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Police Commissioners of the City of New York in pursuance of chapter 572 of the Laws of 1887, entitled "An act to authorize the fixing of salaries of Sergeants and Detective Sergeants of Police in the City of New York," by which the said Police Commissioners fixed and determined the salary of Sergeants and Detective Sergeants of Police in this city at the sum of two thousand dollars per annum, be and hereby is approved.

The Comptroller moved that the said resolution be laid on the table.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

Negative—The President of the Board of Aldermen—1.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved that the Police and Fire Commissioners, together with an electric expert from each Department, and such other electric experts that any member of this Board may designate, be invited to appear before this Board and express their views relative to a system of electric signaling, for municipal purposes, in the Police and Fire Departments.

Which was agreed to.

The Chairman submitted plans of proposed improvement of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, between Eighth avenue and St. Nicholas place.

Which were received and laid over.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

M. COLEMAN, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

MEETINGS, MARCH 26 TO 31, 1888.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending March 24, 1888: Males, 42; females, 2. On file.

List of 44 prisoners to be discharged from April 1 to 7, 1888. Transmitted to Prison Association.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—History of 17 patients received during week ending March 24, 1888. On file.

From N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—History of 17 patients received during week ending March 24, 1888. On file.

From District Prisons—Amount of fines received during week ending March 24, 1888, \$228. On file.

From City Cemetery—List of burials during week ending March 24, 1888. On file.

From Heads of Institutions—Reporting meats, milk, fish, etc., received during week ending March 24, 1888, of good quality and up to the standard. On file.

From the Comptroller—Weekly statement of unexpended balances up to and including March 24, 1888. On file.

From Infants' Hospital—Reporting death of a cow. On file.

From Storekeeper—Rejecting groceries, hardware, etc., furnished under contract, they being inferior to sample. Approved.

Appointed.

March 26. Patrick A. Lindsay, Walter Fitzgeorge, Otto Buchholz, Patrick J. King, Attendants, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane. Salary, \$300 per annum each.

" 27. Patrick J. Riordan, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane. Salary, \$300 per annum.

" 28. William McFarland, Orderly, Bellevue Hospital. Salary, \$240 per annum.

" 29. Mary McMullen Nurse, Charity Hospital. Salary, \$240 per annum.

" 31. Frank Martin, Stableman, Ninety-ninth Street Hospital. Salary, \$180 per annum.

" 31. J. W. Chalmers, Junior Assistant Surgeon, Ninety-ninth Street Hospital. Salary, \$400 per annum.

" 31. William Mooney, Orderly, Bellevue Hospital. Salary, \$240 per annum.

" 31. Maggie Valdez, Assistant Laundress, Charity Hospital. Salary, \$96 per annum.

" 31. J. Elvain Courtney, Assistant Physician, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane. Salary, \$300 per annum.

Resigned.

March 26. Maggie McCabe, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.

" 26. Margaret Harkins, Helper, Charity Hospital.

" 26. F. W. Winters, Assistant Physician, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

" 28. Nora Daly, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.

" 30. M. F. Hanley, Nurse, Charity Hospital.

" 31. George Berger, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

" 31. John Rice, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

" 31. Abbie Doughty, Assistant Matron, Workhouse.

" 31. W. N. Lindsay, Nurse, Homoeopathic Hospital.

" 31. Beatrice Irego, Assistant Laundress, Charity Hospital.

" 31. T. W. Miller, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

Relieved from Duty.

March 31. James McAleer, Attendant, Branch Lunatic Asylum.

Place Declared Vacant.

March 27. Alexander Wager, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

Dismissed.

March 26. Thomas Callan, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.
 " 29. Annie Hart, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.

Salary Increased.

March 31. Thomas A. Mackey, William Bergin, Attendants, Lunatic Asylum, from \$300 to \$400 each.

G. F. BRITTON, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks held April 5, 1888.

Present—Commissioners Stark and Marshall; absent, Commissioner Matthews.

The minutes of the meeting held March 30, 1888, were read and approved.

The report of the Engineer-in-Chief on Secretary's Order No. 7532, as to dredging required at east side of Third Avenue Bridge, Harlem river, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, ordered to be placed on file, action being taken where necessary as stated to wit:

From Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, Mayor—Enclosing reply of Witherspoon Brothers respecting report of Dock Master in reference to the complaint made about the wharf at Little West Twelfth street. The Secretary directed to send copy to the Dock Master for a reply.

From Hon. Theo. W. Myers, Comptroller;

1st. Advising the Board that \$200,000 has been placed to the credit of the Dock Fund. The Secretary directed to notify the Chief Clerk.

2d. Requesting information respecting wharf property leased to ferry premises. The action of Commissioner Marshall in directing the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report was approved.

3d. Approving sureties of Richard Cronin on contract for building pier, etc., at West Fifty-first street, North river.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—Requesting the Department to build a small wharf at foot of East Fifty-first street and construct some steps at small pier south of Maternity Hospital, Blackwell's Island. The action of the President in directing the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report was approved.

From Department of Street Cleaning—Requesting dredging at Seventeenth street, East river, and Forty-seventh street, North river. The action of the President in directing the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report was approved.

From New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company—Requesting permit to keep plank-ing in approach on Piers 20 and 21, and bulkhead between, in repair for three months. Permit granted under the usual conditions and for time stated.

From Ridgewood Ice Company:

1st. Requesting withdrawal of lot No. 30 from sale to take place April 11, 1888. The Secretary directed to advise that the Board decline to withdraw said lot from the sale.

2d. Respecting the necessity of dredging between East Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets. The Secretary directed to advise that the dredging has been ordered.

From John M. Tierney—Requesting permit to erect buildings on the bulkhead at the intersection of One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Cromwell's creek. Referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report.

From Horace E. Van Ranst—Reporting hole in bulkhead at James Slip, East river. The action of the President in directing the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report was approved.

From John N. Briggs—Requesting renewal of permit for tally-house, scales and also permit for ice bridge on north side of Pier foot East Eleventh street, East river. The Secretary directed to advise him that he must obtain the written consent of the owner of the premises and furnish the dimensions of said structures before the Board will take action on his application.

From Southern Pacific Company—Enclosing check for \$22,312.50, being 37½ per cent. of the cost of rebuilding Pier, new 37, North river.

From C. P. Huntington, lessee, Pier, new 37, North river—For permit to construct water-meter box under said pier in accordance with plans submitted. The action of the President in directing the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report was approved.

From James W. Colwell—Stating that he has not erected and does not own house placed on piles east of Third Avenue Bridge, Harlem river.

From John Wilshear—Reporting damage to bark "John" at Pier 11, East river. The action of the Secretary in directing the Dock Master to examine and report was approved.

From Citizens' Steamboat Company—In reference to berth for their boats about May 1. The Secretary directed to advise that the Board will do what it can to accommodate them, but cannot guarantee to provide them with a berth.

From Henderson Bros., agents, Anchor Line—In reference to use Pier, new 43, North river. Referred to Commissioner Marshall.

From Homer Ramsdell Transportation Company—Requesting permission to allow Poaghekeepsie steamers to land at Pier, new 24, North river, as soon as a portion of it is ready. Permission granted, provided the consent of the Contractor be obtained.

The President reported that he had issued the following permits under the usual conditions: Pennsylvania Railroad Company—To repair Pier 3, North river.

Gedney's Freight and Transfer Line—To cut sluiceway in Pier, new 32, East river.

M. Goodwin—To dredge under dump lower side East Twenty-ninth street, East river.

Gas Engine and Power Company—To build a rough stone-wall and fill in within the same north of Morris Dock, Harlem river, in the vicinity of Powell place and Commerce avenue.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company—To repair piers, new 27 and 28, North river.

On motion, his actions were approved.

From C. H. Pendergast, Dock Master—Reporting cluster of piles adrift at Pier 46, East river.

From Edward Abeel, Dock Master—Reporting chain fastenings broke on oak piles on the upper corner of Pier 44, East river. The action of the President in directing the Engineer-in-Chief to repair was approved.

From Charles H. Thompson, Dock Master:

1st. Reporting that Pier 7, East river, needs cleaning. The action of the President in requesting Department Street Cleaning to clean was approved.

2d. Respecting damage to bark "John" at Pier 11, East river. The Secretary directed to send copy of the complaint and the Dock Master's report to the Union Dredging Company, and notify Wilshear & Co., of the action of the Board.

From John Callan, Dock Master:

1st. Reporting that he had stopped the Department of Street Cleaning from filling in water-front south side of Harlem river, west of Madison avenue.

2d. Reporting that the house on piles north side of Harlem river, is owned by Mrs. Jordan & Son, No. 485 East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street. The Secretary directed to notify them to remove said house.

From Joseph B. Erwin, Dock Master—Reporting that Piers at West Forty-sixth and West Fifty-fifth streets, North river, need cleaning. The Engineer-in-Chief directed to clean the said piers.

From Engineer-in-Chief:

1st. Reporting assignment of employees to special duty.

2d. Reporting the amount of work done during the week ending March 31, 1888.

3d. Reporting repairs required to tin roofing of Pier, new 1, North river. The action of the President in notifying the lessee to repair was approved.

4th. Stating that access from the river to the bulkhead-platform north of Pier old 35 and south of Pier old 36, North river, is cut off in consequence of the work of tearing up the inner end of Pier old 36, North river, and recommending that parties using or intending to use the said bulkhead be notified.

On motion, the report was received and recommendation adopted.

5th. Reporting that he had directed that Laborer acting Watchman Christopher Dalton, be not again assigned to duty as Acting Watchman and recommending that his action be approved.

On motion, his action was approved.

6th. Reporting damage to Department float at Pier "A," North river, by tug "James H. Rutter." The Engineer-in-Chief directed to repair and report cost, for collection from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.

7th. In reference to crib-log at Pier 7, East river. The Engineer-in-Chief directed to remove.

8th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7252, dredging required at Piers at East Eighty-sixth street, East river. The Engineer-in-Chief directed to make requisition for dredging as recommended in his report.

9th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7623, in reference to the application of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, for the Department to construct wharf foot of East Fifty-first street, East river, and stone steps south of Maternity Hospital. The Engineer-in-Chief directed to do said work as recommended in his report.

10th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7622, in reference to the application of C. P. Huntington, lessee, Pier, new 37, North river, for permission to construct a meter-box under said Pier. Permit

granted, the work to be done in accordance with plans submitted, and under the direction and supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

11th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7427, that he had made requisition for dredging at dumping-board at Pier 12, East river.

12th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7471, that he had supervised dredging in front of bulk-head between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, East river.

13th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 6894, that he had directed and superintended the erection of a structure for coal hoisting purposes on bulkhead One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Second avenue, Harlem river.

14th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7508, that he had refastened the iron plating on south corner of north Pier at Eighty-sixth street, East river.

15th. Report on Secretary's Orders Nos. 7509 and 7540, that he had refastened pile at bulkhead north of Eighty-sixth street, East river.

16th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7519, that he had repaired dumping-board at Twenty-second street, East river.

17th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7536, that he had placed two mooring posts on bulkhead at Thirtieth street, East river.

18th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7546, that he had directed the driving of piles, etc., at Pier 8, North river.

19th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7563, that he had directed the repairing of damage to Pier 7, East river.

20th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7571, that he had repaired north side of Pier 58, East river.

21st. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7595, that he had repaired deck of Pier at Thirty-eighth street, East river.

22d. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7597, that he had repaired Pier at Fifty-fifth street, North river.

23d. Report on Secretary's Order No. 7611, that he had repaired deck of Pier 7, East river.

IN THE MATTER

of

Building bulkhead, One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, east side, Harlem river.

The report of the Engineer-in-Chief on Secretary's Order No. 7578, in relation thereto, was ordered to be placed on file and the President authorized to advise Henry L. Morris and Charles L. Adams that their application for permission to build a crib-bulkhead instead of a pile-bulkhead, has been denied.

The following resolution was

On motion, adopted:

Resolved, That in consideration of the payment of one hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$185), which has been made to the treasurer of this Department, Thomas Smith & Company be and they are hereby permitted to fill in behind the bulkhead at the foot of West Ninety-sixth street, North river, from this date to and including the 30th day of June, 1888; provided that all of the said filling shall be composed of clean ashes, earth, sand or stone, if of stone, no piece of stone to be larger than sixteen (16) inches in its largest dimension; and, provided further, that all the filling shall be done as directed by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and under his supervision.

The application of Thomas Smith & Co., requesting an extension of time to fill in at West Seventy-eighth street, North river, was,

On motion, ordered to be placed on file, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the time given Thomas Smith & Company to fill in behind the crib-work bulk-head, from Seventy-seventh to Seventy-eighth streets, North river, be and hereby is further extended from April 1, to and including April 15, 1888.

Commissioner Marshall, Treasurer pro tem., submitted the following report of receipts for the week ending April 4, 1888, amounting to \$50,258.65, which was received and ordered to be spread in full on the minutes, as follows:

DATE.	FROM WHOM.	FOR WHAT.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	DATE DEPOSITED.
1888.					1888.
Mar. 30	Thomas O'Connell	Sale of map	\$5 00		
" 31	Hunt & Donaldson	1 mos. rent bhd. bet. Piers, old 34 and 35, N. R.	150 00		
" 31	Brown & Fleming	Dump Tickets, 1-300, at 15½ cents.	46 50		
Apr. 2	"	" 301-350, at 15½ cents.	38 75		
" 2	Sand & Koenig	1 mos. rent berth for bath, E. 55th st.	6 25		
" 2	Twenty-third Street R. R. Co.	1 mos. rent l. u. w., pfm. N. Ferry W. 23d st., N. R.	100 00		
" 2	Long Island R. R. Co.	1 qrs. rent pfm. bet. Piers 32 and 33, E. R.	500 00		
" 2	A. Van Santvoord and H. P. Farrington	1 qrs. rent extension S. half Pier, old 39, N. R.	107 95		
" 2	Ocean Steam Navigation Co.	1 qrs. rent Piers, new 44 and 45, N. R.	11,375 00		
" 3	C. P. Huntington	Repairs to Pier, new 37, 37½ p. c. cost of rebuilding	22,312 50		
" 3	Patrick Curley	Wharfage District No. 4	209 29		
" 3	Charles B. Husted	" 6	191 08		
" 3	Patrick J. Brady	" 8	99 96		
" 3	Joseph B. Erwin	" 10	127 13		
" 3	John J. Ryan	" 12	47 25		
" 3	Charles H. Thompson	" 1	207 77		
" 3	Edward Abeel	" 3	266 52		
" 3	Charles H. Pendergast	" 5	453 01		
" 3	Charles Hutchinson	" 7	143 43		
" 4	George A. Dearborn	" 9	87 50		
" 4	John Callan	" 11	33 75		
" 4	Simson & Spence	1 qrs. rent Pier, new 56, N. R.	\$6,250 00	\$36,508 65	Apr. 3
" 4	Sanderson & Son	1 qrs. rent Pier, new 54, N. R.	5,000 00		
" 5	C. P. Huntington	1 mos. rent, Pier, new 46, N. R.	2,500 00	\$13,750 00	Apr. 4
			\$50,258 65	\$50,258 65	

Respectfully submitted,
 CHAS. H. MARSHALL, for Treasurer.

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

Register No.	Estimated cost,	
6531. For 1 smoke-stack for Pile-driver No. 7	\$25 00	
6532. For repairs tug "Manhattan"	113 50	
6533. For 130 tons of coal	650 00	
6534. For 2 kegs nails, 50 lbs. finishing nails	12 00	
6535. For 6,000 lbs. wrought spikes	165 00	
6536. For hardware supplies	80 00	
6537. For testing iron	55 00	
6538. For repairs floating property	40 00	
6539. For 100 half-round white oak fenders, each	1 60	
6540. For 10,000 feet 3-inch spruce, per M.	22 00	

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with WM. M. IVINS, Chamberlain, for and during the week ending March 17, 1888.

1888. Mar. 17			SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE CITY DEBT.		SINKING FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.	
			Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
By Balance, as per last account current.....				\$838,579 27		\$998,912 07
Street Improvement Fund.....		Cady.....	\$5,542 69			
Licenses.....		Byrnes.....	5 00			
Market Rent and Fees.....		Kelso.....	3,044 00			
Market Cellar Rent.....		Mathews.....	55 00			
Dock and Ship Rent.....		Central Trust Company.....	1,896 21			
Interest on Deposits.....		Importers and Traders' National Bank.....	340 03			
".....		Mercantile Trust Company.....	1,333 22			
".....		Fifth National Bank.....	357 06			
".....			53 82			
Croton Water Rent and Penalties.....		Chambers.....	\$24,514 95	12,621 03		
Croton Water Arrears and Interest.....		Cady.....	558 73			
Croton Water Arrears.....		McLean.....	772 05			
Fines.....		Britton.....	38 00			
House Rent.....		Kelso.....	193 48			
Balances.....			\$851,200 30		\$625,013 28	26,102 21
				\$851,200 30	\$625,013 28	\$625,013 28
Mar. 17, 1888. By Balances.....				\$851,200 30		\$625,013 28
E. & O. E.						
NEW YORK, March 17, 1888.					WM. M. IVINS, Chamberlain.	

BALANCES IN BANK AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, APRIL 10, 1888.

CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE.

<i>Banks.</i>		National Shoe and Leather Bank	\$93,000 00
Bank of North America	\$105,000 00	Ninth National Bank	121,000 00
Bank of the State of New York	60,000 00	Oriental Bank	80,000 00
Bowery National Bank	64,000 00	Phoenix National Bank	155,000 00
Central National Bank	103,000 00	Seaboard National Bank	50,000 00
Chase National Bank	100,000 00	St. Nicholas Bank	60,000 00
Chatham National Bank	70,000 00	Third National Bank	80,000 00
Corn Exchange Bank	82,000 00	Tradesmen's National Bank	50,000 00
First National Bank	305,125 00	Western National Bank	100,000 00
Fourth National Bank	136,377 47	Irving National Bank	50,000 00
Garfield National Bank	65,000 00	Fifth National Bank	25,000 00
Gallatin National Bank	135,000 00	Citizens' National Bank	25,000 00
Hanover National Bank	119,000 00	North River National Bank	25,000 00
Importers and Traders' National Bank	1,255,000 00	<i>Trust Companies.</i>	
Lincoln National Bank	112,000 00	Atlantic Trust Company	50,000 00
Mechanics and Traders' Bank	70,000 00	Central Trust Company	149,975 00
Mechanics' National Bank	128,000 00	Knickerbocker Trust Company	50,000 00
Mercantile National Bank	80,000 00	Mercantile Trust Company	126,055 00
Merchants' Exchange National Bank	90,000 00	Metropolitan Trust Company	40,000 00
National Bank of the Republic	120,000 00	Union Trust Company	150,000 00
National Broadway Bank	219,000 00		
			\$4,898,532 47

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The following schedules form a report of the transactions of the office of the Counsel to the Corporation for the week ending April 7, 1888:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York are defendants, unless otherwise mentioned.

SCHEDULE "A."

SUITS AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED.

SUPREME COURT.

William Cauldwell—For printing election notices, etc., in "New York Mercury" and "Sunday Mercury," between January 1, 1872, and December 31, 1873, \$12,605.05.
 People ex rel. Jacob Rosenberg vs. The Mayor, etc., John Newton, Commissioner of Public Works, and John Richardson, as Superintendent of Incumbrances—To restrain interference with show-windows and fixtures at No. 72 Nassau street, corner of John street.
 People ex rel. Henry Budgishefsky vs. Commissioners of Charities and Correction—Habeas corpus for release of relator.
 In the matter of opening One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and other streets in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, on petition of Lawrence V. Conover—For an award made to unknown owners, Map Nos. 995 and 996, \$206.
 David Whipple—For rent of Pier No. 12, East river (used as dump by Street Cleaning Commissioner) from April 30, 1885, to November 1, 1887, at \$400 per month, \$12,000.
 In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks on behalf of the Mayor, etc., relative to opening East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Brook and Elton avenues, in the City of New York, on petition of Gouverneur Morris—For an award made to unknown owners on damage Map No. "E," \$84.72 and No. "F," \$120.54—\$205.26.
 Mary Courtney—Damages for alleged personal injuries sustained from falling on ice on sidewalk at No. 404 West Thirty-third street, March 5, 1887, \$5,000.
 People ex rel. Joseph P. Sebastian vs. The Medical Superintendent of Ward's Island Insane Asylum of New York—Habeas corpus for release of relator, an inmate of the Asylum.
 The Mayor, etc., of the City of New York vs. Hanneke Hencken and Frederic H. Willenbrock—For possession of premises at First avenue and East Ninety-fourth street.

SUPERIOR COURT.

East River Savings Bank—That assessment for Avenue A regulating, etc., Fifty-seventh to Eighty-sixth street, on Ward Nos. 20½, 21½, 22, 22½ and 23, Block 84, be vacated, and that plaintiff recover back, etc., \$78.70.
 John C. Ely—For excess of assessment paid for Manhattan street outlet sewer, through One Hundred and Thirtieth street to Hudson river, on Ward Nos. 18 to 22, 42 to 47, Block 918, \$670.03.
 George M. Miller—For excess of assessment paid for regulating and paving Seventy-ninth street, from Ninth avenue to Hudson river, on Ward Nos. 37½ and 38, Block 167, \$105.56.

COMMON PLEAS.

Henry Heldmann—Damages for alleged personal injuries, sustained from falling upon ice on sidewalk in West Thirty-seventh street, February 1, 1888, \$20,000.
 Alice Holland—Damages for alleged personal injuries resulting from falling off gang-plank at East One Hundred and Twentieth street and Harlem river, December 12, 1887, \$10,000.

CITY COURT.

Delia Ann Ward vs. James G. Patton and others—Damages for alleged assault and battery at No. 2069 Third avenue, February 2, 1888, \$2,000.

SCHEDULE "B."

JUDGMENTS ENTERED AND ORDERS OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL TERMS.

People ex rel. The Commonwealth Insurance Company of New York vs. Michael Coleman et al., Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments—Order entered reducing assessment of relator on capital stock for year 1887, from \$16,644 to the sum of \$11,310.21, upon decision of Lawrence, J.
 Eli S. West—Judgment entered in favor of the city dismissing the complaint with \$77.31 costs, etc.
 Annie M. Lozier et al.—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$68.39 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 Mary A. Peck—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$81.64 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 Robert B. Saul, executor, etc.—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$81.64 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 Mary Diersen—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$346.77 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 Joseph Blumenthal—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$238.54 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 Mayor, etc., vs. The Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company—Order entered sustaining demurrer and directing judgment for defendant with costs, with leave to amend complaint within twenty days.
 Clarkson C. Seaman, executor, etc.—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$705.97 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 Matter John H. Cheever, Railroad avenue award—Order entered directing payment of award into court, and referring to Charles Donohue to ascertain title.
 August Rosenfeld—Order entered dismissing appeal without costs upon stipulation.
 Caroline C. Bishop—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$527.54 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 William A. Cauldwell—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$440.75 without trial; letter to Comptroller.
 In re James E. Craig, Third avenue sewers—Order entered reducing assessment pursuant to decision in re N. Y. Lumber and Wood Turning Co.
 In re Benjamin H. Adams and ano., Third avenue sewer—Order entered reducing assessment pursuant to decision in re N. Y. Lumber and Wood Turning Co.
 In re Catharine E. Lyons, et al.—Order entered reducing assessment pursuant to decision in re N. Y. Lumber and Wood Turning Co.
 In re Cornelius Crow, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Order entered dismissing petition upon motion made before Barrett, J.
 In re J. O. Brown, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Order entered dismissing petition upon motion made before Barrett, J.
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 In re Denis Ryan, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Order entered dismissing petition upon motion made before Barrett, J.
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 In re Thomas Sullivan, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Order entered dismissing petition upon motion made before Barrett, J.
 In re Elizabeth Seery, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Order entered dismissing petition upon motion made before Barrett, J.
 In re Matthew Tierney, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Order entered dismissing petition upon motion made before Barrett, J.
 In re Henry Vehstedt, sewer at One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Order entered dismissing petition upon motion made before Barrett, J.
 Mayor, etc., vs. John McBride Davidson—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

SCHEDULE "C."

SUITS AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS TRIED OR ARGUED.

Denis W. Moran—Reference proceeded and adjourned to April 6, 1888, at 2 P. M.; W. Carmalt for City.
 Matter New York and Harlem Railroad Company—Hearing proceeded and adjourned to 16th, at 2 P. M.; D. J. Dean for City.
 Mayor, etc., vs. George Blair—Motion to open judgment argued before Barrett, J.; papers submitted; W. Hartwell for City.
 The Mayor, etc., vs. John Brady et al.—Motion to punish for contempt argued by Messrs. Conkling and Masten before O'Gorman, J.; decision reserved; briefs to be submitted.
 Abbie C. Fitch—Argued at General Term; decision reserved; D. J. Dean for the City.
 Marian Langdon, Walter Langdon—Reference proceeded one and one-half hours and adjourned to April 11, at 1.30 P. M.; F. A. Irish for City.
 Sophia Hillesum—Tried before Dugro, J., and jury; verdict for the City; H. B. Twombly for the City.
 The Mayor, etc., vs. New York Roofing Co.—Motion to open city judgment made before Barrett, J., granted without costs; A. D. Keyes for the City.
 Sedgwick avenue opening—Hearing before the Commissioner proceeded and adjourned to April 14, at 10 A. M.; L. McLoughlin for the City.
 In re Cornelius Crow, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Motion to dismiss petition made before Barrett, J., granted; G. L. Sterling for the City.
 In re J. O. Brown, sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street—Motion to dismiss petition made before Barrett, J., granted; G. L. Sterling for the City.
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HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 6th day of April, 1888.

Present—Commissioners French, Porter, McClave and Voorhis.

On recommendation of the Committee on Repairs and Supplies, it was

Resolved, That the following bills be approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay the same

all aye:

Martin B. Brown, printing, etc.	\$28 60	Daniel W. Morrison, saddle, bridle, etc.	\$38 75
" " " "	475 00	" " " "	11 25
" " " "	52 55	Moore & Co., printing	8 50
" " " "	61 60	National Disinfectant Co., disinfectant	18 75
" " " "	70 00	Nicholson & Galloway, repairing,	
" " " "	6 40	etc., roof	32 19
Henry Bungary, repairing harness	6 55	Patterson Bros., hardware	97 94
William Carlin, horseshoeing	52 50	" " lanterns	5 00
Clark & Wilkens, wood	24 00	Alex Pollock, oil, etc.	10 65
Colwell Lead Co., plumbing materials	127 99	" " casks	42 13
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" " " "	96 50	James M. Shaw & Co., water cooler	3 13
F. W. Devoe & Co., oil	10 54	T. G. Sellow, table	3 75
Patrick Dolan, expenses	22 85	Abraham Steers, lumber	25 45
" " " "	24 85	W. H. Schefflin, sponges, etc.	32 75
Thomas C. Dunham, glass	6 10	Sloan & Martin, gate bars	22 50
Frazer & Co., horsefeed	281 78	F. Stuart, services	46 00
" " " "	242 64	Louisa Timm, prisoners' meals	1 80
" " " "	241 62	T. & W. Thom & Co., coal	13 00
Samuel B. Ferson, repairing railing	23 08	Von Gerichten & Start, repairing	
" " " "	28 00	wagon	24 75
" " " "	354 65	Ward & Olyphant, coal	469 13
S. A. French, shield pins	25 00	George W. Wynant & Son, coal	70 00
John J. Fox, horse-shoeing	40 25	" " " "	120 00
" " " "	33 25	D. J. Whitney, handcuffs	6 92
B. Gray, carriage hire	32 50	White & Co., lime	1 75
Garrett E. Green, lumber	21 67	Wyckoff, Seaman & Co., type-writer	112 50
Frank B. Hedenberg, window shades	4 50	Robert L. Wood, expenses	2 80
Howe Bros., horseshoeing	45 51	D. A. Woodhouse & Co., hose	56 25
M. & J. B. Huntoon, ice	16 64	Charles M. Young, attorney, keeping	
Hugh McCormick, repairing pipes	11 00	horses	65 00
William McKenna, horseshoeing	5 00	W. J. Sloane, linoleum	24 89
P. Malone	40 25	Nicholson & Galloway, ironwork	171 00
Daniel W. Morrison, repairing saddles	157 00		\$4,228 08

Adjourned.

WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

APPROVED PAPERS

Whereas, The death of one of our most eminent and respected citizens—the Hon. John T. Hoffman, which occurred suddenly, at Weisbaden, Germany, on Saturday, the 24th instant, in the sixtieth year of his age—imposes upon this Common Council the sad duty of giving expression to the sorrow of our people and government; of testifying to his many virtues; of placing on record our appreciation of his public services; his pre-eminent abilities; his exalted character; his fidelity to principle; and to manifest our deep sympathy with his bereaved family and his sorrowing relatives and friends; and

Whereas, The deceased was honored by the people of this State and city, in his life time, to an unusual degree, having been chosen by their suffrages to the most exalted offices in their gift: He was Recorder of this city from 1861 to 1866; Mayor from 1866 to 1869; Governor of this State, during the years 1869 and 1870, and held, at other times, minor offices of honor and responsibility, the duties of which he performed with marked ability and fidelity; his death is a loss to the people, a cause of grief to his friends and acquaintances, and a calamity to his family and relatives; be it therefore

Resolved, That the members of this Common Council, for themselves and as the representatives of the people of this city, have learned, with the most profound sorrow, of the death of the Hon. John T. Hoffman, formerly Governor of this State and Mayor and Recorder of this city; his public life was characterized by such exalted principles of honesty and integrity that he secured the unbounded confidence of an admiring constituency in this State and city, and the admiration and respect of the people of this republic; while in his private and domestic relations, he was an exemplar of all the Christian virtues; and be it further

Resolved, That out of respect for the memory of the deceased, it is hereby ordered that, should his family approve of the proposition, the Governor's Room in the City Hall be placed at their disposal, in which his body may lie in state, upon its arrival in this city, and the people be permitted to view his features before interment; that the flags on all the public buildings be displayed at half-staff, from sunrise until sunset each day, from the arrival of his remains in this port, until their interment, and the owners of private buildings and the masters and owners of vessels in our harbor be requested to display their flags in like manner on the day set apart for solemnizing the funeral rites and ceremonies; that the members of this Board will attend his funeral in a body, and that his Honor the Mayor, and the heads of the several departments of the City Government be requested to participate with the members of the Common Council in paying the last sad tribute of respect to his remains, and that a Special Committee of seven members of this Board be appointed by the President to confer with the Mayor and the heads of departments in order to perfect the foregoing, and make such other and further arrangements as they may deem better calculated to manifest the profound grief of our people for the death, and their respect and reverence for the memory of the deceased statesman; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be engrossed and duly authenticated by the President and the Clerk of the Common Council, and transmitted to the family of the deceased, as an additional evidence of the estimation in which the recollection of the invaluable public services and exemplary private life of the deceased are cherished by the people and government of this city.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1888, and the President appointed as such Committee, Aldermen John Murray, Dowling, Divver, Rinckhoff, Oakley, Cowie, and McMurray.

Approved by the Mayor, April 2, 1888.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas J. Mooney to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of his premises, No. 552 West Fourteenth street, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1888.

Approved by the Mayor, April 3, 1888.

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance, approved November 11, 1887, reducing the width of the roadway of Kingsbridge road, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and One Hundred and Ninetieth street, from sixty feet, as now graded and curbed, to forty-eight feet, be and are hereby repealed; and be it further

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 31, 1887, directing the roadway of Kingsbridge road, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth to One Hundred and Ninetieth street, to be paved with macadamized pavement, with Telford foundation, except that the gutter be paved four feet wide with trap-block pavement, and that the space included between the line of the gutter nearest the centre of the road and the crosswalks at the intersecting streets be also paved with trap-block pavement, etc., were returned to this Board by the Mayor, unapproved, by request of the Board, June 14, 1887, be and are again hereby adopted; the said resolution and ordinance being as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of Kingsbridge road, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth to One Hundred and Ninetieth street, be paved with macadamized pavement, with Telford foundation, "except that the gutter be paved four feet wide with trap-block pavement, and that the space included between the line of the gutter nearest the centre of the road and the crosswalks at the intersecting streets be also paved with trap-block pavement," and that crosswalks be laid on the east and west sides thereof, at the intersecting streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1888.

Approved by the Mayor, April 3, 1888.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Benjamin H. Hewlett, for the sum of two hundred and seventy-five (\$275) dollars in full for the payment of the annexed bill, for framing and engrossing resolutions on the death of ex-Alderman William Sauer, and charge the amount to the appropriation made by the Board of Apportionment in their "Final Estimate for the year 1887" (Minutes of Board, page 950, 1886), viz.: "For expense of engrossing, binding and procuring cases for the resolutions passed by the Common Council, April 24, 1886, relating to the death of Peter Cooper and William Sauer."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1888.

Approved by the Mayor, April 2, 1888.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the south side of Seventy-first street, about one hundred feet east of Second avenue and extending about seventy-five feet, be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1888.

Approved by the Mayor, April 2, 1888.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jacob Bier to place and keep a stand for the sale of newspapers and fruit in front of southeast corner of Tenth street and Avenue B, provided such stand shall not be an obstruction to the free use of the street by the public, nor exceed six feet long by four feet wide; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1888.

Approved by the Mayor, April 3, 1888.

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Madison avenue to Fifth avenue, and through Madison avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, pursuant to section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1888.

Approved by the Mayor, April 3, 1888.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, February 10, 1888.

I, Abram S. Hewitt, Mayor of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 10 of the Laws of 1888, do hereby designate the New Herald, Times, World, Star, Tribune, Journal, Press, Evening Post, Commercial Advertiser, Graphic, Telegram, Evening Sun, Evening World, Mail and Express, Staats Zeitung, New Yorker Zeitung and Daily News as the newspapers in which the advertisements provided for in said act may be printed.

(Signed), ABRAM S. HEWITT,
Mayor.

CIVIL SERVICES SUPERVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARDS.

CITY OF NEW YORK—CIVIL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARDS, SECRETARY'S OFFICE, ROOM 11, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, June 3, 1887.

THOMAS COSTIGAN, Esq.,
Supervisor City Record:

DEAR SIR—The following amendment to Regulation 16 of the New York City Civil Service Regulations has been made:

If the appointing officer shall notify the Secretary of more than one vacancy at any one time, the Secretary shall certify to the appointing officer for appointment, the names of as many persons as there are vacancies to be filled, with the addition of two names for the first vacancy and one name for every two vacancies in addition to the first.

Yours respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

CITY OF NEW YORK—CIVIL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARDS, SECRETARY'S OFFICE, ROOM 11, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, May 31, 1887.

THOMAS COSTIGAN, Esq.,
Supervisor:

DEAR SIR—The following resolution was passed by the Supervisory Board at their meeting, held May 27, 1887:

"Resolved, That in view of the inadequate space in the Secretary's office and in order to enable him more readily to discharge the business of the same, the Secretary is authorized to arrange the business of the office so that the same shall be open for personal interviews with applicants and the public during a part of the day only."

Pursuant to the above action, I hereby designate the two hours between 2 and 4 o'clock in afternoon as the time for which the offices shall be open for personal interviews with applicants and the public.

Very respectfully,

LEE PHILLIPS,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

CITY COURT—TRIAL TERM, PART I.

In view of the alterations going on in the old City Hall, the April term of Part I. of the City Court will be held in room known as Part III. of the Superior Court in the New Court-house.

By order of the Court.

MICHAEL T. DALY,
Clerk.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the 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; together with the heads of Departments and Courts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
ABRAM S. HEWITT, Mayor. ARTHUR BERRY, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS W. BYRNES, First Marshal.
GEORGE W. BROWN, Jr., Second Marshal.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Rooms 114 and 115, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. PITT SHERRMAN, J. B. ADAMSON.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

Room 209, Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
JAMES C. SPENCER, President; JOHN C. SHERRMAN, Secretary; BENJAMIN S. CHURCH, Chief Engineer; J. C. LULLY, Auditor.

BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

THE MAYOR, Chairman; PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary.
Address M. COLEMAN, Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.
No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE H. FORSTER, President Board of Aldermen.
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.
City Library.
No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
D. N. CARVALHO, City Librarian.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN NEWTON, Commissioner; D. LOWBER SMITH, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

Bureau of Water Register.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Street Improvements.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. M. DEAN, Superintendent.

Engineer-in-Charge of Sewers.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HORACE LOOMIS, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM G. BERGEN, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALSTON CUTLER, Water Purveyor.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEO. E. BARCOCK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN RICHARDSON, Superintendent.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

MARTIN J. KESSE, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

No. 15 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THEODORE W. MYERS, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

Nos. 19, 21, 23 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM J. LYON, First Auditor.
DAVID E. AUSTEN, Second Auditor.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.
Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTEMAS S. CADDY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets.

Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES J. KELSO, Collector of the City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.
GRAHAM MACADAM, Chief Clerk.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

No. 37 Chambers street and No. 35 Reade street, Stewart Building.
 GEORGE W. McLEAN, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED V. REDENBURGH, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

Nos. 25, 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 WM. M. IVINS, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster.

No. 33 Reade street, Stewart Building.
 JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.**Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.**

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 HENRY K. BREMER, Counsel to the Corporation
 ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.

Office of the Public Administrator.

No. 46 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 RICHARD J. MORRISON, Public Administrator.

Office of the Corporation Attorney.

No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 WILLIAM A. BOYD, Corporation Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.**Central Office.**

No. 100 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 STEPHEN B. FRENCH, President; WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk; JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Chief Bureau of Elections.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.**Central Office.**

No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 CHARLES E. SIMMONS, President; GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.
 Purchasing Agent, FREDERICK A. CUSHMAN Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Closed Saturdays, 12 M. to 1 P. M.
 Contracts, Proposals and Estimates for Work and Materials for Building, Repairs and Supplies, Bills and Accounts, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Closed Saturdays, 12 M. to 1 P. M.
 RUFUS L. WILDER, General Bookkeeper and Auditor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours for all except where otherwise noted from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, to 12 M.

Headquarters.

Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street.
 HENRY D. PURROY, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

Bureau of Chief of Department.

CHARLES O. SHAY, Chief of Department.

Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.

PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

Bureau of Fire Marshal.

GEORGE H. SHIELDON, Fire Marshal.

Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.

ALBERT F. D'ONCHEN, Superintendent of Buildings.

Attorney to Department.

WM. L. FINDLEY.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.

J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent
 Central Office open at all hours.

Repair Shops.

Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.
 JOHN CASTLES, Foreman-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Hospital Stables.

Ninety-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
 JOSEPH SHEA, Foreman-in-Charge.
 Open at all hours.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 JAMES C. BAYLES, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank Building, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 M. C. D. BORDEN, President; CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Third avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Battery, Pier A, North River, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 L. J. N. STARK, President; G. KENDALL, Secretary.
 Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily, except Saturdays; on Saturdays as follows: from October 1 to June 1, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; from June 1 to September 30, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 12 M. to 1 P. M.
 MICHAEL COLEMAN, President; FLOYD T. SMITH, Secretary.

Office Bureau Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes

Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 CHARLES S. BEARDSLEY, Attorney; WILLIAM COMBERFORD, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

49 and 51 Chambers street. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; JACOB SEABOLD, Deputy Commissioner; R. W. HORNOR, Chief Clerk.

CIVIL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARDS.

Cooper Union.
 EVERETT P. WHEELER, Chairman of the Supervisory Board; LER PHILLIPS, Secretary and Executive Officer.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Office of Clerk, Staats Zeitung Building Room 5, The Mayor, Chairman; CHARLES V. ADER, Clerk.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 JAMES J. SLEVIN, Register; JAMES J. MARTIN, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Room 127, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 CHARLES REILLY, Commissioner; JAMES E. CONNER, Deputy Commissioner.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 JAMES A. FLACK, County Clerk; THOMAS F. GILROY, Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 JOHN R. FELLOWS, District Attorney; JAMES McCABE, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books
 No. 2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., except Saturdays, on which days 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
 THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office City Hall, Room No. 115, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 EDWARD GILON, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

BOARD OF EXCISE

No. 54 Bond street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 CHARLES H. WOODMAN, President; DAVID S. WHITE, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 HUGH J. GRANT, Sheriff; JOHN B. SEXTON, Under Sheriff; BERNARD F. MARTIN, Order Arrest Clerk.

CORONERS' OFFICE.

Nos. 13 and 15 Chatham street, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Sundays and holidays, 8 A. M. to 12 P. M.
 MICHAEL J. B. MESSEMER, FERDINAND LEVY, FERDINAND EDMAN, JOHN R. NUGENT, Coroners; JOHN T. TOAL, Clerk of the Board of Coroners.

SUPREME COURT.

Second floor, New County Court-house, opens at 10.30 A. M.
 CHARLES H. VAN BRUNT, Presiding Justice; JAMES A. FLACK, Clerk; THOMAS F. GILROY, Deputy County Clerk.
 General Term, Room No. 9, WILLIAM LAMB, Jr., Clerk.
 Special Term, Part I., Room No. 10, HUGH DONNELLY, Clerk.
 Special Term, Part II., Room No. 18, WILLIAM J. HILL, Clerk.
 Chambers, Room No. 11, WALTER BRADY, Clerk.
 Circuit, Part I., Room No. 12, SAMUEL BARRY, Clerk.
 Circuit, Part II., Room No. 14, JOHN R. MCGILDRICK, Clerk.
 Circuit, Part III., Room No. 13, GEORGE F. LYON, Clerk.
 Circuit, Part IV., Room No. 15, J. LEWIS LYON, Clerk.
 Judges' Private Chambers, Rooms Nos. 19 and 20, EDWARD J. KNIGHT, Librarian.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
 General Term, Room No. 35.
 Special Term, Room No. 33.
 Chambers, Room No. 33, 10 A. M.
 Part I., Room No. 34.
 Part II., Room No. 35.
 Part III., Room No. 36.
 Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 30.
 Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 32.
 Clerk's Office, Room No. 31, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 JOHN SEDGWICK, Chief Judge; THOMAS BORSE, Chief Clerk.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
 Assignment Bureau, Room No. 22, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 Clerk's Office, Room No. 23, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 General Term, Room No. 24, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
 Special Term, Room No. 21, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
 Chambers, Room No. 21, 10.30 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
 Part I., Room No. 25, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
 Part II., Room No. 26, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
 Part III., Room No. 27, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
 Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 23, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 RICHARD L. LARREMORE, Chief Justice; NATHANIEL JARVIS, Jr., Chief Clerk.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

No. 32 Chambers street. Parts I. and II. Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.
 FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder; HENRY A. GILBERT-SLEWY and RUPES B. COWING, Judges of the said Court.
 Terms, first Monday each month.
 JOHN SPARKS, Clerk. Office, Room No. 11 to 10 A. M. till 4 P. M.

CITY COURT.

City Hall.
 General Term, Room No. 20.
 Trial Term, Part I., Room No. 20.
 Part II., Room No. 19.
 Part III., Room No. 15.
 Special Term, Chambers, Room No. 21, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 DAVID McADAM, Chief Justice; MICHAEL T. DALY, Clerk.

OVER AND TERMINER COURT

New County Court-house, second floor, southeast corner, Room No. 12. Court opens at 10.30 o'clock A. M.
 Clerk's Office, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, second floor, northwest corner, Room No. 11, 10 A. M. till 4 P. M.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

At Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, daily at 10.30 A. M., excepting Saturday.
 Clerk's Office, Tombs.

DISTRICT CIVIL COURTS.

First District—First, Second, Third and Fifth Wards southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets.
 MICHAEL NORTON, Justice.
 Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 Second District—Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Wards, corner of Pearl and Centre streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 CHARLES M. CLANCY, Justice.
 Third District—Ninth and Fifteenth Wards, southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 GEORGE B. DEANE, Justice.
 Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards, No. 30 First street, corner Second avenue. Court opens 9 A. M. daily; continues to close of business.
 ALFRED STRICKLER, Justice.
 Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh and Thirteenth Wards, No. 154 Clinton street.
 HENRY M. GOLDFOGLE, Justice.

Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards, No. 61 Union place, Fourth avenue, southwest corner of Eleventh street. Court opens 9 A. M. daily; continues to close of business.

Seventh District—Nineteenth and Twenty-second Wards, No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court opens every morning at 9 o'clock (except Sundays and legal holidays) and continues to the close of business.

AMROSE MONTELL, Justice.
 Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards, southwest corner of Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue. Court opens at 9 A. M. and continues to close of business. Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each court day.

On and after Monday, October 3, 1887, the trial days of this Court will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, No. 235 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
 JOSEPH P. FALLON, Justice.

Clerk's office open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Trial days Tuesdays and Fridays. Court opens at 10.30 A. M.
 Tenth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.
 Office hours, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court opens at 9 A. M.

ANDREW J. ROGERS, Justice.
 Eleventh District—No. 210 Eighth avenue; Twenty-second Ward, and all that part of the Twelfth Ward lying south of One Hundred and Tenth street and west of Sixth avenue. Court open daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 THOMAS E. MURRAY, Justice.

POLICE COURTS.

Judges—MAURICE J. POWER, J. HENRY FORD, JACOB PATTERSON, JR., JAMES T. KILBRETH, JOHN J. GORMAN, HENRY MURRAY, SOLON B. SMITH, ANDREW J. WHITE, CHARLES WELDE, DANIEL O'REILLY, PATRICK G. DUFFY.

GEORGE W. CREIGER, Secretary.
 Office of Secretary, Fifth District Police Court, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue.

First District—Tombs, Centre street.

Second District—Jefferson Market.

Third District—No. 65 Essex street.

Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.

Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue.

Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
 NOS. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET,
 NEW YORK, April 10, 1888.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, WILL, ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 1888, AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., AT THEIR OFFICE, IN THE EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK BUILDING, NOS. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET, IN SAID CITY, HEAR AND CONSIDER ALL STATEMENTS, OBJECTIONS AND EVIDENCE THAT MAY THEN AND THERE BE OFFERED IN REFERENCE TO PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF AVENUES, STREETS, ROADS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THAT PART OF THE "FORDHAM HEIGHTS DISTRICT" BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY BRIAN LANDING ROAD, ON THE EAST BY AQUEDUCT AVENUE, ON THE SOUTH BY BURESSIDE AVENUE, AND ON THE WEST BY SEDGWICK AVENUE, IN THE TWENTY-FOURTH WARD OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The contemplated changes consist in changing the following street, etc., as follows:—

First-class, namely:—
 Brian Landing road (formerly Fordham Landing road).

East One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street (proposed to be named Hampden street).

Aqueduct avenue.

Andrews avenue.

Loring place.

Irene place.

Dayton place and Osborne place.

A map showing the contemplated changes is on exhibition in said office.

M. C. D. BORDEN,
 WALDO HUTCHINS,
 J. HAMPDEN ROBB,
 Commissioners of Public Parks.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
 STAATS ZEITUNG BUILDING,
 NEW YORK.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 817 OF THE CITY CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 1882, IT IS HEREBY ADVERTISED THAT THE BOOKS OF "THE ANNUAL RECORD OF THE ASSESSED VALUATIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE" OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR 1888, WILL BE OPEN FOR EXAMINATION AND CORRECTION FROM THE SECOND MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1888, UNTIL THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1888.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, at this time, during the period said books are open, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

Applications for correction of assessed valuations on personal estate must be made by the person assessed, to said Commissioners, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. at this office, during the same period.

MICHAEL COLEMAN,
 EDWARD C. DONNELLY,
 THOMAS L. FELTNER,
 Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments

NEW PARKS.

ALL THE OWNERS OF LANDS AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE LANDS AND PREMISES AND BUILDINGS embraced within the limits of Crotona Parkway, Crotona Park, Claremont Park, and St. Mary's Park, as described in chapter 512 of the Laws of 1884, are hereby notified and required to produce before the Commissioners of Estimate, duly appointed herein by order of the Supreme Court, at their office, at No. 45 William street, at one o'clock in the afternoon of April 2, 1888, their deeds, mortgages, or other proofs of title; and the said owners and persons interested are also notified and required to produce at the same time and place their proofs of loss and damage to said lands and premises or buildings, and the said owners and persons are hereby further notified that said Commissioners of Estimate will sit at said place and hear said proofs of loss and damage offered by said owners and persons interested on the following days, to wit:—

April 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1888, at one o'clock P. M.

April 7, 1888, at eleven o'clock A. M.

April 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1888, at one o'clock P. M.

April 14, 1888, at eleven o'clock A. M., which last mentioned day shall be the final day of hearing for said owners and persons interested.

And also to hear the proofs of loss and damage to said lands and premises which shall be offered in behalf of the City of New York, on the following days, to wit:—

April 16, 18 and 20, 1888, at one o'clock P. M.; April 23, 25 and 27, 1888, at one o'clock P. M.; April 30, May 3 and May 4, 1888, at one o'clock P. M.

LUTHER R. MARSH, Chairman,
 GEORGE W. QUINTARD,
 J. SEAVEY PAGE,
 Commissioners.

Dated New York, March 23, 1888.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
 NOS. 157 & 159 EAST SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET.

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

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

CARL JUSSEN,
 Secretary.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

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

List 258, No. 1. Paving One Hundred and Seventh street, from Lexington to Fourth avenues, with granite-block pavements.

List 260, No. 2. Setting curb-stones and flagging on east side of Manhattan avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets.

List 260a, No. 3. Flagging both sides of Seventieth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

List 260b, No. 4. Paving One Hundred and Eighteenth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, with granite-block pavement.

List 260c, No. 5. Paving with trap-block pavement Seventy-fourth street, between the Boulevard and Eleventh avenue.

List 260d, No. 6. Fencing vacant lots on block bounded by One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

List 260e, No. 7. Fencing vacant lots on block bounded by One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second streets, First and Second avenues.

List 261, No. 8. Fencing vacant lots on block bounded by One Hundred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets, Seventh and Eighth avenues.

List 261a, No. 9. Fencing vacant lots on the block bounded by One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

List 261b, No. 10. Fencing vacant lots on the east side of St. Nicholas avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-seventh to One Hundred and Forty-first street.

List 261c, No. 11. Fencing vacant lots on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

List 261d, No. 12. Fencing vacant lots on the block bounded by One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, Madison and Fifth avenues.

List 261e, No. 13. Fencing vacant lots on the east side of Western Boulevard, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within the limits of the several streets, avenues, roads and public places, from Lexington to Fourth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. East side of Manhattan avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets.

No. 3. Both sides of Seventieth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

No. 4. Both sides of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 5. Both sides of Seventy-fourth street, from Boulevard to Eleventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 6. Block bounded by One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, Fifth and Sixth avenues.

No. 7. Block bounded by One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second streets, First and Second avenues.

No. 8. Block bounded by One Hundred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets, Seventh and Eighth avenues.

No. 9. Block bounded by One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

No. 10. East side of St. Nicholas avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-seventh to One Hundred and Forty-first street.

No. 11. North side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

No. 12. Block bounded by One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, Madison and Fifth avenues.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1887.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the aid Commissioners.

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; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent of the estimated amount of the contract.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Corporation, for the sum of FIVE PER CENT of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect to execute the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and relet as provided by law.

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

Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particular articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, April 9, 1888.

CHARLES E. SIMMONS, President.
HENRY H. PORTER, Commissioner.
THOMAS S. BRENNAN, Commissioner.
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, OILS, LIME AND LUMBER.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING

GROCERIES, ETC.
9,400 pounds Dairy Butter; sample on exhibition Thursday, April 12, 1888.
2,000 pounds Maracaibo Coffee, roasted.
1,000 pounds Macaroni.
1,000 pounds Whole Hot Pepper.
40,000 pounds Brown Sugar.
1,000 pounds Corn Starch, in pounds.
7,000 pounds Oolong Tea.
100 barrels Crackers.
100 barrels prime quality American Salt, 30 pounds net each; to be delivered at Blackwell's Island within 15 days.
300 bushels Rye.
100 barrels first quality Sal Soda, about 340 pounds per barrel.
50 dozen Sea Foam.
50 dozen Potash.
50 prime quality City Cured Smoked Hams, to average about 14 pounds each.
3,400 dozen Fresh Eggs, all to be candied.
453 barrels good round White Potatoes, to weigh 172 pounds net per barrel.
50 barrels prime Red or Yellow Onions, to weigh 150 pounds net per barrel.
100 barrels prime Carrots, 130 pounds net per barrel.

1,600 heads prime good sized Cabbage.
1,000 bushels Oats, 32 pounds net per bushel.
100 bales prime quality Timothy Hay, tare not to exceed 100 pounds; weight charged as received at Blackwell's Island.
100 barrels prime quality Charcoal, 3 bushels each.
120 dozen Shoe Blacking.

DRY GOODS, ETC.

50 dozen handkerchiefs.
20 gross Fine Combs.
25 dozen Dust Brushes.
12,000 yards Gingham.
10,000 yards Cottonades.
8,000 yards Blue Denim.
25,000 yards Cotton Ties.
10,000 yards Ticking.
6,000 yards Awning Stripes.
6,000 yards Hickory Stripes.
50,000 yards Brown Muslin.
30,000 yards Black Muslin.
5,000 yards Shroud Muslin.
100 pieces Oiled Muslin.
1,500 yards White Flannel.
500 yards Blue and Green.
1,000 yards Linen Diaper.
5,000 yards Crash Toweling.
100 gross Coat Buttons.
500 gross Dress Buttons.
500 gross I. R. Buttons.
50 great gross Brace Buttons.
50 great gross Bracer Buttons.
100 dozen White Spool Cotton O. N. T., No. 30.
100 dozen Basting Cotton.
500 dozen pairs Men's Socks.
500 pairs Boys' Socks.
500 dozen pairs Women's Stockings.
500 dozen Men's Straw Hats.
125 dozen Boys' Straw Hats.
250 dozen Children's Straw Hats.

LIME, CEMENT AND OILS.

50 barrels first quality Common Lime.
25 barrels first quality Rosendale Cement.
25 barrels first quality Portland Cement.
25 barrels Standard White Kerosene Oil, 150° test.
10 barrels pure Spirits Turpentine.

LUMBER.

6 pieces first quality Spruce, 8" x 8" x 20 feet.
50 pieces first quality Spruce, 4" x 5" x 20 feet.
24 pieces first quality Spruce, 3" x 4" x 16 feet.
12 pieces first quality Spruce, 4" x 6" x 20 feet.
12 pieces first quality Spruce, 3" x 9" x 24 feet.
1,000 feet first quality Box Boards for roof, dressed, tongued and grooved.
2,500 feet first quality Pine Weather Boards, dressed, tongued and grooved.
4,000 feet first quality clear, thoroughly seasoned, edged or vertical grained Georgia Yellow Pine Flooring, tongued and grooved, dressed one side, 1 1/2 x 12 x 10.
12 pairs Sash, first quality White Pine, 1 1/2" opening, 4 feet 6" x 2 feet 10".
48 Sash Weights for above sash.

All lumber delivered at Blackwell's or Randall's Island.

—will be received at the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9:30 o'clock A. M. of Friday, April 20, 1888. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Groceries, Dry Goods and Lumber," with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1887.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the aid Commissioners.

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; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent of the estimated amount of the contract.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, for the sum of FIVE PER CENT of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect to execute the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares, and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of the same on exhibition at the office of the said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, April 9, 1888.

CHARLES E. SIMMONS, President.
HENRY H. PORTER, Commissioner.
THOMAS S. BRENNAN, Commissioner.
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW BOILER AND ENGINE FOR STEAM LAUNCH "WILLIAM H. WICKHAM."

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE

aforesaid job, in accordance with the specifications and plans, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9:30 o'clock A. M. of Tuesday, April 17, 1888. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for new Boiler and Engine for Steam Launch 'William H. Wickham,'" with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1887.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent of the estimated amount of the contract.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of this security shall, in addition to the justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, for the sum of FIVE PER CENT of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect to execute the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

BIDDERS ARE INFORMED THAT NO DEVIATION FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED, UNLESS UNDER THE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department, where the plans will be on exhibition for the information of bidders.

Dated New York, April 9, 1888.

CHARLES E. SIMMONS, President.
HENRY H. PORTER, Commissioner.
THOMAS S. BRENNAN, Commissioner.
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR TWO GROUPS OF BUILDINGS, EACH CONSISTING OF THREE PAVILIONS WITH DINING-ROOM ATTACHED, AT CENTRAL ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE

aforesaid job, in accordance with the specifications and plans, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9:30 o'clock A. M. of Friday, April 13, 1888. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Two Groups of Buildings, etc., at Central Island, Long Island, New York," with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1887.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) dollars.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of this security shall, in addition to the justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

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

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and provide the proper security, as has been heretofore stated, to be requisite, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

BIDDERS ARE INFORMED THAT NO DEVIATION FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED, UNLESS UNDER THE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department, where the plans will be on exhibition for the information of bidders.

Dated New York, April 9, 1888.

CHARLES E. SIMMONS, President.
HENRY H. PORTER, Commissioner.
THOMAS S. BRENNAN, Commissioner.
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, April 11, 1888.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE of the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Chambers Street Hospital—Unknown man, aged about 35 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; dark hair, light brown moustache, brown eyes. Had on white shirt, gray knit undershirt and drawers; no other clothing.

Unknown man, from Pier 28, North river, aged about 40 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; brown hair, moustache and beard about two weeks' growth. Had on dark diagonal coat and vest, dark pants, white shirt.

Unknown man, from Ward 31, Bellevue Hospital, aged about 55 years; 5 feet high; light brown hair mixed with gray.

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—Lizzie Smith, aged 34 years. Committed March 21, 1888.

William B. Weiss, aged 61 years. Committed March 16, 1888.

August Meyer, aged 65 years. Committed March 28, 1888.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Blanche Deane, aged 23 years; 5 feet 11 inches high; brown hair and eyes. Transferred from Workhouse November 26, 1886.

Deckla Veisenmeyer, aged 36 years; 5 feet 11 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Transferred from Workhouse November 15, 1886.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Charles H. Lawson, aged 62 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Had on when admitted black coat, vest and pants, blucher shoes, black derby hat.

Nellie Hayes, aged 22 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; brown hair, brown eyes. Had on black coat, vest and pants, cotton shirt, black merino waist and skirt, laced shoes, black straw hat.

Margaret Reardon, aged 72 years; 5 feet 3 inches high; gray hair, blue eyes. Had on when admitted striped shirt, purple calico waist, black merino skirt, buttoned gaiters, black straw hat.

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Johannes Steckels, aged 42 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; brown hair and eyes. Had on black coat, vest and pants, colored shirt, white skirt, boots, black derby hat.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order,

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, April 5, 1888.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE of the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from front of No. 623 Washington street—Unknown man, aged about 40 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; dark brown hair; sandy moustache; gray eyes. Had on dark coat and pants; gray flannel lawn tennis shirt, red woolen wristlets, black derby hat, gray socks.

Unknown man, from foot of Bank street; aged about 35 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair. Had on dark Prince Albert coat, dark cardigan jacket, gray striped vest, gray mixed pants, white shirt, red flannel undershirt and drawers, red woolen socks, gaiters.

Unknown man, from foot of One Hundred and Fortieth street and North river; aged about 35 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; light brown hair; blue eyes; light brown moustache. Had on plaid sack coat, dark vest and pants, white shirt, white knit undershirt and drawers, white socks, laced shoes.

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—Lizzie Schieffelin, aged 73 years. Committed January 27, 1888.

Thomas Bellingham, aged 37 years. Committed February 21, 1888.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Mary Gorman, aged 22 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; light brown hair; blue eyes. Had on when admitted light straw hat, calico sacque, brown skirt, light petticoat.

Ann Leonard, aged 41 years; 5 feet 1 inch high; brown hair and eyes. Had on when admitted gray shirt, black dress, gray petticoat.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Bridget Fitzgerald, aged 23 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; brown eyes and hair. Had on when admitted black cloth coat, black merino waist, black skirt, gaiters, red felt hat.

Rocco Dearento, aged 24 years; 5 feet high; gray eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted black overcoat, brown pants and vest, gaiters, black derby hat.

James Hamilton, aged 60 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Had on when admitted black coat, vest and pants, blucher shoes, brown derby hat.

Peter Quinn, aged 70 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Had on when admitted black coat, black diagonal pants, brown check vest, felt shoes, black felt hat.

Ellen Stoups, aged 45 years; 5 feet 3 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted black cape, black merino waist, brown merino skirt, gaiters, brown straw hat.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order,

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY CLERK (Room No. 9),
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, 1887.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc., also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT,
Property Clerk

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of **COURTLAND AVENUE** (although not yet named by proper authority) extending from the southerly side of East One Hundred and Forty-eighth street to the northerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Department of Public Parks.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these pro-

ceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to our office, No. 200 Broadway (fifth floor) in the said city, on or before the 29th day of March, 1888, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next ensuing, to wit: on our office, 1888, and that the purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at four o'clock P. M.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the twenty-ninth day of March, 1888.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: northerly by an irregular line commencing at a point in the southerly side of East One Hundred and Fifty-third street, about 406 feet westerly from the westerly side of Courtland avenue, and running northerly, easterly and westerly to its intersection with the southerly side of Courtland avenue of the northerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, the prolongation westerly from the westerly side of Courtland avenue of the northerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, to the southerly side of Third avenue, distant about 129 feet northerly from the north-east corner of Third avenue and Courtland avenue and the westerly side of Third avenue; southerly by said last-mentioned line in the southerly side of Third avenue and the northerly side of East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, and westerly by a line parallel, or nearly so, with and distant about 400 feet westerly from the westerly side of Courtland avenue, and running northerly from the northerly side of East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street to the southerly side of East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and an irregular line commencing at the termination of said last-mentioned line in the southerly side of East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and running northerly, easterly and westerly to its intersection with the prolongation westerly from the westerly side of Courtland avenue of the northerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street; excepting from said area all the streets and avenues heretofore opened and all the unimproved land included within the lines of streets, avenues, roads, public squares or places, shown and laid out upon any map or maps filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and the laws amendatory thereof, or of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, as such area is shown upon our benefit map, deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twentieth day of April, 1888, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, February 14, 1888.

EDWARD MCCUE,
WM. V. I. MERCER,
MITCHELL LEVY,
Commissioners.

CARROLL BERRY, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of said City, relative to the opening of **LEND KATON AVENUE**, from Ninety-seventh street to One Hundred and Second street, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 200 Broadway (fifth floor), in the said city, on or before the 29th day of March, 1888, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next ensuing, to wit: on our office, 1888, and that the purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at twelve o'clock P. M.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 29th day of March, 1888.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northerly by the southerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-second street and the westerly side of Exterior street; easterly by the centre line of the blocks between Exterior street and Lexington avenue, the centre line of the blocks between Third avenue and Lexington avenue and the centre line of the block between Sylvan place and Lexington avenue; southerly by the northerly side of Sixty-seventh street, and westerly by the centre line of the blocks between Fourth avenue and Lexington avenue; excepting from said area all the streets and avenues heretofore opened, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twentieth day of April, 1888, at the opening of the court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, February 14, 1888.

GEORGE W. MCLEAN,
WILLIAM V. I. MERCER,
CHARLES W. WELSH,
Commissioners.

CARROLL BERRY, Clerk.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the School Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, until Thursday, April 26, 1888, and until four o'clock P. M. on said day, for Altering and Fitting up premises No. 324 East Fifth street, adjoining Grammar School No. 23.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blank proposals obtained at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposals will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

HIRAM MERRITT,
GEORGE H. BEYER,
CHARLES MIEHLING,
HENRY H. HAIGHT,
School Trustees for the Seventeenth Ward.

Dated NEW YORK, April 13, 1888.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR CONVEYING pupils residing at Springhurst to and from Primary School No. 44, One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and Concord avenue, the morning and afternoon of every school day for one year from May 1, 1888, will be received at the Board-room of the School Trustees for the Twenty-third Ward, Primary Department No. 60, One Hundred and Forty-seventh street and Courtland avenue, until four o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 25. Further information, if desired, may be obtained from any of the trustees.

WM. R. BEAL,
CHARLES B. LAWSON,
FREDERICK FOLZ,
WILLIAM HOGG,
SAMUEL SAMUELS,
Trustees for the Twenty-third Ward.

April 11, 1888.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Room 6, No. 31 CHAMBERS ST.,
NEW YORK, April 3, 1888.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at this office, until 12 o'clock P. M., Monday, April 16, 1888, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department.

No. 1. FOR REPAIRS TO SEWER IN SIXTH STREET, between Avenues B and C.

No. 2. FOR ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SEWER IN HOUSTON STREET, between Goerck and Mangin streets.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested who have interest in the work, and the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

No estimate will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Public Works render their responsibility doubtful.

No. 3. FOR SEWER IN TENTH AVENUE, between West Twelfth and Thirteenth streets.

No. 4. FOR EXTENSION OF SEWER IN FORTY-THIRD STREET, between First and Second avenues.

No. 5. FOR SEWER IN LEXINGTON AVENUE, between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at Room 9, No. 31 Chambers street.

JOHN NEWTON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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No. 1. FOR SEWER IN SOUTH STREET, between Roosevelt street and Peck Slip, and between Peck Slip and East River.

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No. 5. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST STREET, between Fourth and Lexington avenues.

No. 6. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH STREET, between Tenth avenue and Boulevard, CONNECTING WITH PRESENT SEWER IN BOULEVARD.

No. 7. FOR SEWERS IN ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH STREET, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, CONNECTING WITH EXISTING SEWER IN MANHATTAN AVENUE.

No. 8. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND STREET, between Boulevard and Hamilton place.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested who have interest in the work, and the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

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

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

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

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at Room 9, No. 31 Chambers street.

Commissioner of Public Works.

REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A SCALE OF WATER RENTS AND RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF WATER, FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BY ORDER OF JOHN NEWTON, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

UNDER CHAPTER 410, LAWS 1882, SECTIONS 350, 351, 352 and 353, and as amended by chapter 559, Laws 1887, as follows:

The Commissioner of public works shall, from time to time, establish scales of rents for the supplying of water, which rents shall be collected in the manner now provided by law, and which shall be apportioned to different classes of buildings in said city in reference to their dimensions, values, exposure to fires, ordinary uses for dwellings, stores, shops, private stables and other common purposes, number of families or occupants, or consumption of water, as near as may be practical, and modify, alter, amend and increase such scale from time to time, and extend it to other descriptions of buildings and establishments. All extra charges for water shall be deemed to be included in the regular rents, and shall become a charge and lien upon the buildings upon which they are respectively imposed, and, if not paid, shall be returned as arrears to the clerk of arrears. The regular rents, including the extra charges above mentioned, shall be collected from the owners or occupants of all such buildings respectively, which shall be situated upon lots adjoining any street or avenue in said city, and which shall be supplied with water by a main, and from which they can be supplied with water. Said rents, including the extra charges aforesaid, shall become a charge and lien upon such houses and lots, respectively, as herein provided, but no charges above mentioned shall be made against any building in which a water-meter may have been, or shall be placed as provided in this act. In all such cases the charge for water shall be determined only by the quantity of water actually used as shown by said meter.

***** The said commissioner of public works is hereby authorized to prescribe a penalty not exceeding the sum of five dollars for each offense, for permitting water to be wasted or for any violation of such reasonable rules as he may, from time to time, prescribe for the prevention of the waste of water; such fine shall be added to the regular water rents.

The regular rents for the regular rents and water shall be collected by the Department of Public Works as follows, to wit:

Croton Water Rates for Buildings from 16 to 50 feet, all others not specified subject to Special Rates.

FRONT WIDTH.	1 Story.				
	1 Story.	2 Stories.	3 Stories.	4 Stories.	5 Stories.
16 feet and under.	\$4 00	\$5 00	\$6 00	\$7 00	\$8 00
16 to 18 feet....	5 00	6 00	7 00	8 00	9 00
18 to 20 feet....	6 00	7 00	8 00	9 00	10 00
20 to 22 feet....	7 00	8 00	9 00	10 00	11 00
22 to 24 feet....	8 00	9 00	10 00	11 00	12 00
24 to 26 feet....	9 00	10 00	11 00	12 00	13 00
26 to 28 feet....	10 00	11 00	12 00	13 00	14 00
28 to 30 feet....	11 00	12 00	13 00	14 00	15 00
30 to 32 feet....	12 00	13 00	14 00	15 00	16 00
32 to 34 feet....	13 00	14 00	15 00	16 00	17 00
34 to 36 feet....	14 00	15 00	16 00	17 00	18 00

The rent of all tenements which shall exceed in width fifty feet shall be the subject of special contract with the Commissioner of Public Works to be collected by the Department of Public Works as follows, to wit:

The apportionment of the regular rents upon dwelling-houses are on the basis that but one family is to occupy the same, and for each additional family, one dollar per year shall be charged.

METERS will be placed on all houses where waste of water is found, and will be charged at rates fixed by the Department for all the water passing through them.

The extra and miscellaneous rates shall be as follows to wit:

BAKERSIES.—For the average daily use of flour, for each barrel, three dollars per annum.

BARBER SHOPS shall be charged from five to twenty dollars per annum each in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works; an additional charge of five dollars per annum shall be made for each bath-tub therein.

BATHING TUBS in private houses, beyond one, shall be charged at three dollars per annum each, and five dollars per annum each in public houses, boarding-houses, and bathing establishments. Combination stationary wash-tubs, having a movable division in the centre and capable of use for bathing, shall be charged the same as bathing tubs.

BUILDING FURNISHES.—For each one thousand bricks laid, or for stone-work—to be measured as bricks—ten cents per thousand. For plastering, forty cents per hundred yards.

COWS.—For each and every cow, one dollar per annum.

DINING SALOONS shall be charged an annual rate of from five to twenty dollars, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

FISH STANDS (retail) shall be charged five dollars per annum each.

For all stables not metered, the rates shall be as follows:

HORSES, PRIVATE.—For two horses there shall be charged six dollars per annum; and for each additional horse, two dollars.

HORSES, LIVERY.—For each horse up to and not exceeding thirty in number, one dollar and fifty cents each per annum; and for each additional horse, one dollar.

HORSES, OMNIBUS AND CART.—For each horse, one dollar per annum.

HORSE TROUGHS.—For each trough, and for each half barrel or tub on sidewalk or street, twenty dollars per annum; each trough is to be fitted with a proper ball-cock to prevent waste.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES shall, in addition to the regular rate for private families, be charged for each lodging room, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

LAUNDRIES shall be charged from eight to twenty dollars per annum, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

LIQUOR AND LAGER BEER SALOONS shall be charged an annual rate of ten dollars each. An additional charge of five dollars per annum shall be made for each tap or wash-box.

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERIES shall be charged an annual rate of from five to twenty dollars, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

PRINTING OFFICES, when not metered, shall be charged at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

SODA, MINERAL WATER AND ROOT BEER FOUNTAINS shall be charged five dollars per annum each.

STEAM ENGINES, when not metered, shall be charged by the horse-power, as follows: For each horse-power up to and not exceeding ten, the sum of ten dollars per annum; for each exceeding ten, and not over fifteen, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents each; and for each horse-power over fifteen, the sum of five dollars.

WATER-CLOSETS AND URINALS.—To each building on a lot one water-closet having sewer connection is allowed without charge; each additional water-closet or urinal will be charged as hereinafter stated. All closets connected in any manner with sewer shall be charged two dollars for each seat per annum, whether in a building or on any other portion of the premises.

Urinals shall be charged two dollars per annum each.

WATER-CLOSET RATES.—For each closet of any form, when water is supplied direct from the Croton supply, through any form of the so-called single or double valves, hopper-closets, stop-closets, self-closing closets, or any valve or cock of any form, connected with the closet, each, per year, twenty dollars.

For any pan closet, or any of the forms of valve, plunger, or other water-closet not before mentioned, supplied with water as above described, per year, ten dollars.

For any form of hopper or water-closet, supplied from the ordinary style of cistern filled with ball-cock, and overflow pipe that communicates with the pipe to the water-closet, so that overflow will run into the hopper or water-closet, when ball-cock is defective, or from which an unlimited amount of water can be drawn by holding up the handle, per year, each, five dollars.

For any form of hopper or water-closet, supplied from any of the forms of waste-preventing cisterns, that are approved by the Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, which are so connected that no water can pass three gallons of water can be drawn at each lift of the handle, or depression of the seat, if such cisterns are provided with an overflow pipe, such overflow pipe must not connect with the water-closet, but be carried like a safe-waste, as provided by the Board of Health regulations, per year, two dollars.

Cistern answering this description can be seen at this Department.

METERS.

Under the provisions of section 352, Consolidated Act 1882, water-meters, of approved pattern, shall be hereafter placed on the pipes supplying all stores, workshops, hotels, manufactories, public edifices, at wharves, ferry-houses, stables, and in all places where water is furnished for business consumption, except private dwellings.

It is provided by section 352, Laws of 1882, that "all expenses of meters, their connections and setting, water rates, and other lawful charges for the supply of Croton water, shall be a lien upon the premises where such water is supplied, as now provided by law."

All manufacturing and other business requiring a large supply of water will be fitted with a meter.

Water measured by meter, ten cents per one hundred cubic feet.

Rate Without Meters.

PER DAY, GALLONS.	PER 100 GALLONS, RATE.	PER ANNUM, AMOUNT.
25	05	\$3 75
50	05	7 50
75	05	11 25
100	05	15 00
125	05	18 75
150	05	22 50
200	05	30 00
250	04	37 50
300	04	45 00
350	03 1/2	52 50
400	03 1/2	60 00
450	03 1/2	67 50
500	03 1/2	75 00
550	03 1/2	82 50
600	03 1/2	90 00
650	03 1/2	97 50
700	03 1/2	105 00
750	03 1/2	112 50
800	03 1/2	120 00
850	03 1/2	127 50
900	03 1/2	135 00
950	03 1/2	142 50
1,000	03 1/2	150 00
1,500	03 1/2	225 00
2,000	03 1/2	300 00
2,500	03 1/2	375 00
3,000	03 1/2	450 00
3,500	03 1/2	525 00
4,000	03 1/2	600 00
4,500	03 1/2	675 00
5,000	03 1/2	750 00
5,500	03 1/2	825 00
6,000	03 1/2	900 00
6,500	03 1/2	975 00
7,000	03 1/2	1,050 00
7,500	03 1/2	1,125 00
8,000	03 1/2	1,200 00
8,500	03 1/2	1,275 00
9,000	03 1/2	1,350 00
9,500	03 1/2	1,425 00
10,000	03 1/2	1,500 00

The rate charged for steam-vessels taking water daily or belonging to daily lines, is one cent per gallon (Custom House measurement) for each time they take water.

Steamers taking water other than daily, one cent per Custom House measurement.

Water supplied to sailing vessels and put on board, twenty-five cents per hundred gallons.

All matters not hereinbefore embraced are reserved for special contract by and with the Commissioner of Public Works.

HYDRANTS, HOSE, TROUGHS, FOUNTAINS, ETC., ETC.

No owner or tenant will be allowed to supply water to another person or persons.

All persons taking water from the City must keep their own service-pipes, street tap, and all fixtures connected therewith, in good repair, protected from frost, at their own risk and expense, and shall prevent all waste of water.

The use of hose to wash coaches, omnibuses, wagons, railway cars or other vehicles or horses, cannot be permitted.

No horse-troughs or horse-watering fixtures will be permitted in the street or on the sidewalk, except upon a license or permit taken out for that purpose. All licenses or permits must be annually renewed on the first of May. Such fixtures must be kept in good order and the water not allowed to drip or waste by overflowing the sidewalk or street, or become dangerous in winter by freezing in and about such troughs or fixtures.

No hydrant will be permitted on the sidewalk or in the front area, and any hydrant standing in a yard or alley, attached to any dwelling or building, must not be left running when not in actual use, and if the drip or waste from such hydrant freezes and becomes dangerous in winter, the supply will be shut off in addition to the penalty of five dollars imposed.

Taps at wash-basins, water-closets, baths and urinals must not be left running, under the penalty of five dollars for each offense, which will be strictly enforced.

Fountains or jets in hotels, porticoes, eating-salons, confectioneries or other buildings are strictly prohibited.

The use of hose for washing sidewalks, stoops, areas, house-fronts, yards, court-yards, gardens, and stables, is prohibited. Where premises are provided with wells, special permits will be issued for the use of hose, in order that the police or inspectors of this department may understand that the permission is not for the purpose of Croton water.

Opening fire-hydrants to fill hand sprinklers or other vessels will not be allowed.

The penalty for a violation of any of the preceding rules and regulations for each offense shall be five dollars, and if not paid when imposed will become a lien on the premises in like manner as all other charges for unpaid water rates.

By order, **JOHN NEWTON,**
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, June 21, 1887.

PUBLIC NOTICE AS TO WATER RATES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in compliance with the provisions of chapter 559, Laws of 1887, amending sections 350 and 351 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, passed June 9, 1887, the following changes are made in charging and collecting water rents:

1st. All extra charges for water incurred from and after June 9, 1887, shall be treated, collected and returned in arrears in the same manner as regular rents have heretofore been treated.

2d. In every building where a water meter or meters are now, or shall hereafter be in use, the charge for water by meter measurement shall be the only charge against such building, or such part thereof as is supplied through meter.

3d. The returns of arrears of water rents, including the year 1887, shall be made as heretofore on the confirmation of the tax levy by the Board of Aldermen, and shall include all charges and penalties of every nature.

4th. A penalty of five dollars (\$5) is hereby established, and will be imposed in each and every case where the rules and regulations of the Department prohibiting the use of water through hose, or in any other wasteful manner, are violated, and such penalties will be entered on the books of the Bureau against the respective buildings or property, and, if not collected, be returned in arrears in like manner as other charges for water.

5th. Charges for so-called extra water rents of every kind, which are now imposed on water bills for June 9, 1887, will be canceled of record on the books of the Department.

D. LOWBER SMITH,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, September 29, 1886.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PERSONS HAVING ANY BUSINESS IN THIS Department which is not assigned to or transacted by the several Bureaus in this Department, and which should come under the immediate notice of the Commissioner of Public Works, are requested to communicate directly in person, or by letter, with the Commissioner

JOHN NEWTON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

NOTICE TO CROTON WATER CONSUMERS.

NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN made to this Department by citizens claiming reduction or rebate on bills for water supplied through meters, on the alleged ground of leakage caused by defective plumbing and worn-out service pipes, or by willful waste of water by tenants allowing the faucets to be turned on in full force in water-closets, sinks, etc., without the knowledge or consent of the owners of the premises.

The main object of the use of water-meters is to enable this Department to detect and check the useless and unwarrantable waste of an element so valuable and essential to the health and comfort of all the citizens, and this object can only be accomplished by enforcing payment for the water used.

Under the law all charges for water supplied through meters are a lien against the respective premises, and the law therefore holds the owner of the premises responsible for the amount of water used or wasted.

Notice is therefore given to all householders that, in all further applications for reduction of water rents, no allowance will be made on account of waste of water occurring through leaks, from defective service pipes or plumbing, or wasteful use of water by tenants or occupants of buildings, though such leakage or waste may have occurred without the knowledge or consent of the owners of the buildings.

House-owners are further notified that whenever their premises become vacant, and are likely to remain vacant, they must notify this Department in writing, and that unless this requirement is complied with no deductions in extra water rents will be allowed for any portion of one year.

JOHN NEWTON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CORPORATION SALE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING Fund of the City of New York will offer for sale at public auction on Tuesday, the 15th day of May, 1888, at noon, at the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Rooms (Limited), Nos. 25 or 26 Liberty Street, the lot, piece or parcel of ground, fifty feet front and rear by sixty-six feet deep, with the buildings thereon, known as Primary School No. 18, Ward No. 25, situate on the easterly side of Waverly place, between West Eleventh and Bank streets, in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York. This property is sold pursuant to chapter 80, Laws of 1882 (section 186 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882), which provides for the sale of any land or lands and the buildings thereon, owned by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, occupied or reserved for school purposes, and no longer required therefor, the money received in payment to be applied to the fund of Education for the purpose of purchasing property or erecting school buildings for new public schools.

TERMS OF SALE.

The auctioneer's fee and ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale, and the balance in cash within thirty days thereafter on delivery of warranty deed of the property from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under a resolution adopted March 28, 1888. The right to reject any bid is reserved.

THEO. W. MYERS,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 7, 1888.

CORPORATION SALE OF CITY REAL ESTATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, will offer for sale at public auction, on Tuesday, the 15th day of May, 1888, at noon, at the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Rooms (Limited), Nos. 25 or 26 Liberty Street, certain lots, pieces or parcels of unimproved real estate belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as follows, to wit:

TWELFTH WARD.

THE OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT, BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH AVENUES.

1. On Ninety-ninth street, south side, two vacant lots, 25 feet by 100 feet 11 inches each, Block No. 1029, Ward No. 28, one hundred feet west of Ninth avenue. Sales Map, Nos. 1, 2. Lots to be sold separately.

2. On One Hundred and First street, south side, two vacant lots, 25 feet by 100 feet 11 inches each, Block No. 1027, Ward No. 28, one hundred feet west of Ninth avenue. Sales Map, Nos. 3, 4. Lots to be sold separately.

3. On One Hundred and First street, north side, two vacant lots, 25 feet by 100 feet 11 inches each, Block No. 1028, Ward No. 28, one hundred feet west of Ninth avenue. Sales Map, Nos. 5, 6. Lots to be sold separately.

4. On One Hundred and Second street, south side, two vacant lots, 25 feet by 100 feet 11 inches each, Block No. 1028, Ward No. 28, one hundred feet west of Ninth avenue. Sales Map, Nos. 7, 8. Lots to be sold separately.

5. On One Hundred and Second street, north side, two vacant lots, 25 feet by 100 feet 11 inches each, Block No. 1029, Ward No. 28, one hundred feet west of Ninth avenue. Sales Map, Nos. 9, 10. Lots to be sold separately.

MANHATTANVILLE.

Northwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Twelfth avenue. Vacant lot, 25 feet by 100 feet of land, known as Ward No. 73, Block No. 1286 1/2, in the Twelfth Ward. Sales Map No. 11.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

The highest bidder will be required to pay ten (10) per cent. of the purchase money and the auctioneer's fee on each lot immediately after the sale; thirty (30) per cent. upon the delivery of the deeds, within thirty days from the date of the sale; and the balance, sixty (60) per cent. of the purchase money, or any portion thereof, may remain, at the option of the purchaser, on bond and mortgage, for five years, with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, the mortgages to contain the customary thirty days' interest and ninety days' tax clauses.

The bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time, within the term thereof on giving thirty days' notice to the Comptroller, or it may be paid by installments of not less than five hundred dollars, on any day when the interest is due, or on thirty days' notice. The bonds and mortgages will be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents will be charged for drawing, acknowledging and recording each separate mortgage. If more than one lot of land is included in any mortgage, the whole mortgage must be paid off before any release can be given by the Corporation, as a release of any part of the premises included in a mortgage to the Corporation is forbidden by law.

The Comptroller may, at his option, resell any lot which may be struck off to the highest bidder who may fail to comply with the terms of sale, and the party who may fail to comply therewith will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from any such resale.

The right to reject any bid is reserved.

Lithographic maps of the above real estate may be had at the Comptroller's Office, Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway, after April 20, 1888.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under resolutions adopted at meetings held March 28 and April 6, 1888.

THEO. W. MYERS,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 7, 1888.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 4, 1888.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 599 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property affected by the assessment list for the opening of Railroad Avenue, East, from the Harlem river to One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, as well as to the owners of property on the west side of the street, that the assessment list for the year 1888, entered on the 26th day of March, 1888, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments of Water Rents," that unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, and the same shall be added to the assessment of said person or property.

Section 598 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer

authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessment is payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments of Water Rents," Room 31, Stewart Building, between the houses of 27 and 29 M. M., and all payments made thereon, on or before June 14, 1888, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

THEODORE W. MYERS,
Comptroller.

INTEREST ON CITY BONDS AND STOCKS.

THE INTEREST DUE MAY 1, 1888, ON THE Registered Bonds and Stocks of the City and County of New York, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at the office of the City Chamberlain, Room 27, Stewart Building, corner of Broadway and Chambers street.

The Transfer Books will be closed from March 28 to May 1, 1888.

The interest due May 1, 1888, on the Coupon Bonds and Stocks of the City of New York, will be paid on that day at the Western National Bank, Equitable Building, No. 120 Broadway.

THEO. W. MYERS,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 21, 1888.

REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to their Official Indices of Records, containing all recorded transfers of real estate in the City of New York from 1853 to 1887, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

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THEODORE W. MYERS,
Comptroller.

JURORS.

NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
ROOM 127, STEWART BUILDING,
CHAMBERS STREET, AND BROADWAY
NEW YORK, June 4, 1887.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here from 9 o'clock daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

Those who have not answered as to their liability, or proved permanent exemption, will receive a "jury roll notice," requiring them to appear before me this year. Whether liable or not, such notices must be answered in person, if possible, and at this office only under severe penalties. If unable to appear, the party must bring proof of exemption; if liable, he must also answer in person, giving full and correct name, residence, etc., etc. No attention paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

All good citizens will aid the course of justice, and secure reliable and respectable jurors, and equalize their duty by serving promptly when summoned, allowing their clerks or subordinates to serve, reporting to me any attempt at bribery or evasion, and suggesting names for enrollment. Persons between sixty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States jurors are not exempt.

Every man must attend to his own notice. It is a misdemeanor to give any jury paper to another to answer. It is also punishable by fine or imprisonment to give or receive any present or bribe, directly or indirectly, in relation to a jury service, or to withhold any paper or make any false statement, and every case will be fully prosecuted.

CHARLES REILLY,
Commissioner of Jurors

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NO. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, January 31, 1888.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Health Department of the City of New York, held at its office, No. 301 Mott street, January 27, 1888, it is following resolution was adopted: