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## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL SESSION.

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

No. 15 CITY HALL,  
WEDNESDAY, November 19, 1873,  
3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber No. 15 City Hall, for the purpose of considering the Provisional Estimate for 1874, as specified in section 112, chapter 335, laws of 1873.

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

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

The Commissioner of Public Works, The President of the Department of Public Parks,

The President of the Department of Police, The President of the Department of Charities and Correction,

The President of the Department of Health, The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, were present.

The minutes of November 6th and 10th, were read and approved.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Morris—

Whereas, The evil effects of the species of speculation that gave to great public enterprises fictitious values; the combinations of labor that have taken from the day 20 per cent. of the time allotted and recognized heretofore as the standard of a day's work, and increasing the compensation for the remaining portion from 20 to 25 per cent., thereby adding from 40 to 45 per cent. to the cost of production, with many extraneous, though minor causes, have resulted, as might have been foreseen, in widespread panic and ruin, injuriously affecting not alone the laboring classes but capitalists and business men throughout the country, and now bears, with a weight of daily increasing misery, upon the poorer classes of the people of this city; and

Whereas, In view of the deplorable effects of the scarcity of capital or the over-sensitiveness of capitalists, which deters them from embarking in those enterprises that moves, directs and controls the vast business of this country, and which is felt with more than ordinary severity in this city, its financial centre, it is incumbent upon the city authorities to take such measures as they may deem best calculated to meet the emergency and to ameliorate, so far as they have the means, the suffering and privations which are certain to be the lot of the unemployed laborer, mechanic and artisan during the coming winter, or until such times as reviving business through reassured capitalists shall bring about more prosperous times, or a new era of prosperity is inaugurated by arrangements mutually advantageous to both capital and labor; and

Whereas, It is fortunately in the power of the Board of Aldermen to provide, in a measurable degree, at least, the employment so necessary at this time to enable many, if not most of the laborers of our city, to provide for themselves and their families. It is true that section 18, chapter 335, Laws of 1873 (commonly called the Charter), prohibits the Common Council from borrowing money or contracting debts, or loaning the credit of the city, unless specially authorized so to do by act of the Legislature; but the same law, by section 112, vests the power for making appropriations for the expense of conducting the public business of the City of New York, in a Board of Estimate and Apportionment consisting of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, who annually, between the first day of August and the first day of November, make up such estimates and submit the same to the Board of Aldermen, on or before the 10th day of the last named month. This Board is then given fifteen days for the consideration of the estimates so submitted, and a special meeting is to be called for that purpose. Wednesday next, the 19th inst., is named as the day for such special meeting. Any objection to or rectifications of said estimates, made by the Board of Aldermen, at such special meeting, shall be made by the said

Board in writing to the Board of Apportionment, and, if not overruled by the latter Board, become the final estimates for the ensuing year; it is not probable that, under existing circumstances, any reasonable recommendation of this Board, made with a view of providing employment for the laboring classes at this time, will be overruled by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; and

Whereas, Ordinary prudence, apart from any other or higher consideration, should induce this Board to recommend the means of providing employment for the resident poor and unemployed in this city, even if the work performed was of little present or prospective benefit to the city; how imperative the duty of so doing when the work is certain to be advantageous and beneficial to the city, and every interest in it. The Eastern Boulevard, the Eastside, Morningside and Riverside Parks, improvements yet in embryo, and other large improvements on the upper part of the city, should be immediately undertaken and prosecuted to completion without delay, and the means necessary therefor should be placed in the hands of the Departments of the City Government entrusted with the direction of these improvements. The expense, in most, if not all cases, is paid one half by the owners of property benefited, the other half by the city at large. If not in violation of law or ordinance, the assessment bonds, issued during the progress of the work, might be in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100 each, and should it be difficult to obtain money, be given in payment to the workmen as wages. If done at the present time, it is indisputable that the work can be completed at a much reduced cost, as the prevailing prices for labor, paid by private employers only, should be paid the employees of the city. With a view therefore, of economically and expeditiously completing the public improvements in the upper part of the city, thereby providing employment for the multitude of laborers, mechanics, and others now out of employment; be it

Resolved, That the sum of one million dollars be added to the appropriation made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for each of the Departments of Public Works and Public Parks, to be expended by the said Departments in payment of the City's portion of the expense of completing the public improvements known as the Eastern Boulevard, the Eastside Park, the Morningside Park, the Riverside Park, and such other of the public works as may in the opinion of said departments be at the present time, or near future, most advantageous or desirable, provided that the ruling prices for labor, among private individuals or companies, only shall be paid to the employees of the City, and that no person who is not a resident of the city, was not such resident for a period of three months prior to the passage of this resolution, shall be employed on any of such public works; and be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing rectification of the Provisional Estimates for the year 1874, made for the Departments of Public Parks and Public Works, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be transmitted by the Clerk to the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as provided in Section 12, of Chapter 335, laws of 1873, together with a copy of this preamble and resolutions.

Alderman Clausen was then called to the chair. The preamble and resolutions were then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Clausen, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Reilly, Van Schaick—12.

Negative—Alderman Ottendorfer—1.

By Alderman Reilly—

Whereas, The condition of many of the paved streets of this city is a standing reproach to whoever is responsible for the failure to appropriate for the present and the past two or three years money sufficient to keep such streets in thorough repair; the result of this system of false economy being to add, at a future and not very distant period, twice or thrice the amount that would be required if appropriated and expended annually in the repairs of streets and street pavements, our citizens and others, in the meantime suffering all the losses and inconveniences inseparable from broken pavements and nearly impassable thoroughfares; and

Whereas, It is obvious that the sooner the streets of this city are thoroughly repaired, the better it will be for all concerned; and, as a large number of workmen can be advantageously employed in this work during the approaching winter, if an adequate appropriation is made for the purpose; be it therefore

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars be and is hereby added to the appropriations made for the Department of Public Works by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the provisional estimates for the year 1874, now under consideration, to be expended in the repairs of street pavements by the said Department during the ensuing year.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Reilly, Van Schaick—7.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Clausen, Falconer, Morris, Ottendorfer—6.

Alderman Billings moved that the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to transmit to

the Board a statement of the repairs, &c., required to be made to the different descriptions of street pavements.

Which was adopted. The Commissioner subsequently presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
Room 19, City Hall,  
NEW YORK, November 19, 1873.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN,—In answer to a resolution of your Honorable Board, adopted this day, requesting me to submit an estimate of the quantities of stone, wooden and concrete pavements that are required to be repaired throughout the city, in order to put the pavements in the best possible condition, together with the cost thereof, I respectfully submit the following:

On the first day of the current month there were 253 miles of streets paved, as follows:

Belgian and granite block pavements, 139 miles.

Cobble stone pavements, 89 miles.

Wooden pavements, 21 miles.

Concrete pavements, 4 miles.

At which date there were repairs required to one-tenth of all cobble stone pavements, one twelfth of all stone block pavements, one sixth of all wooden pavements, and 12,000 square yards of concrete pavements, giving the following quantities of work to be done:

Concrete pavements, 2,000 square yards at \$2 50.....	\$5,000 00
Concrete over cobble stone, 10,000 square yards at 50c.....	5,000 00
Wooden pavements, 61,000 square yards at \$2 50.....	152,500 00
Cobble stone pavements, 155,900 square yards at 25c.....	38,975 00
Stone block pavements, 204,000 square yards at 50c.....	102,000 00
Total.....	\$303,475 00

It is estimated that the above amount will be sufficient to put all the pavements in this city in good condition under ordinary circumstances. Should the coming winter be very severe and of long duration, the amount of repairs required will probably exceed this estimate.

A less sum will be sufficient to cover such repairs as are absolutely necessary to prevent accidents to persons and property from the bad condition of the pavements, and in the Departmental estimate made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment this was taken as the basis, the sum of \$100,000 having been stated as required for repairs to stone pavements, and \$50,000 for repairs to wooden and concrete pavements.

Very respectfully,  
GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

By Alderman Koch—  
Resolved, That the estimates for the year 1874, contained in document No. 12 of this Board, be referred as follows:

The Legislative Department.—To the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The Mayoralty.—To the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The Finance Department.—To the Committee on Finance.

The Law Department.—To the Committee on Law Department.

The Department of Public Works.—To the Committee on Public Works.

The Department of Public Parks.—To the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The Department of Buildings.—To the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

The Department of Charities and Corrections.—To the Committee on Streets.

The Department of Health.—To the Committee on Lands and Places.

The Police Department.—To the Committee on Street Pavements.

The Fire Department.—To the Committee on Markets.

The Board of Education.—To the Committee on Railroads.

The Department of Taxes and Assessments.—To the Committee on Finance.

Advertising, printing, stationery, &c.—To the Committee on Printing and Advertising.

City courts and court expenses.—To the Committee on Law Department.

Miscellaneous. To the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

With instructions to report to this Board within the time requested by law, viz.: fifteen days after the receipt of the provisional estimates—viz., Monday, the 24th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

The President here appeared and resumed the chair.

The President first put the motion that when this Board adjourn, it do adjourn to meet on Monday, the 24th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock.

Alderman Monheimer moved a reconsideration of this vote.

Which was agreed to.

Alderman Van Schaick moved that a special meeting be held on Monday next, the 24th inst., at 3 o'clock, for the consideration of the provisional estimates for 1874.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution offered by Alderman Koch was then adopted.

By Alderman Flanagan—  
Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to prepare the proper resolutions and ordinances to carry on whatever kinds of work may be indicated by the Commissioner of Public Works, in order that the laboring class may find employment during the winter, and to be done as soon as possible.

Which was adopted.  
COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The following communication was received from the Department of Public Parks:

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
19th November, 1873.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

The Department of Public Parks invites the consideration of your honorable body to the following representations concerning the departmental estimates for the year 1874, sent by this Department to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, a duplicate of which was also made to your Board, and also concerning the award which has been made in the provisional estimate of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, now under consideration by your honorable body.

The following table shows the amounts of the estimates furnished by this Department, the amounts awarded by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the amount of reduction made by the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

FOR 1874.	ESTIMAT'S	AWARD.	REDUCT'N
Maintenance and government of parks and places, including the sum of \$30,000 for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	\$592,000	\$500,000	\$92,000
City Hall Park—Pavement of.....	30,000	10,000	20,000
Maintenance and government of the Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art.....	30,000	15,000	15,000
Maintenance and government of the Harlem River Bridges; proportion chargeable to New York County.....	15,000	15,000	..
Celebration of Independence day.....	10,000	10,000	..
Sea wall at Battery—repairs of.....	10,000	7,500	2,500
Supplies of gas, Dep't of Public Parks, for 1872 and 1873 (bills \$63,987 86)	63,000	58,000	5,000
Total.....	\$750,000	\$615,500	\$134,500

The following is a statement of those items of the Estimate which were not called for in the year 1872, but upon which it is imperatively necessary that expenditures should be made in the year 1874:

SPECIAL ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATE AND AWARD—	AWARD—
Care of the collections of the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	\$30,000
Pavement City Hall Park.....	10,000
Independence day.....	10,000
Supplies of gas, Dep't of Public Parks, for 1872-3.....	58,000
Sea-wall at Battery.....	7,500
Total.....	\$115,500

ITEMS IN MAINTENANCE OF PARKS NOT REQUIRED IN 1872—	AWARD—
Gas for city parks.....	\$33,000
Increase of police force.....	16,300
Masonry, repairs of.....	10,000
Contingencies.....	21,000
Total.....	\$80,300

\$195,800

If the sum of these special and heretofore unrequired expenditures be deducted from the amount of the award, there will remain available for the maintenance and government of the parks and places under the control of this Department, other than the new and important undertakings named in the above table the sum of \$419,700.

The amount expended for the same purposes in the year 1872 was about \$483,000.

The amount expended for the same purposes in the year 1873 (estimated for November and December) will be \$496,000.

The award therefore to this Department for the maintenance and government of parks and places for 1874, though apparently larger than in the two previous years is really about \$63,000 less than the expenditures of 1872 for the same purposes, and about \$76,000 less than the expenditures of 1873.

In 1872 the expenditures exceeded the appropriation in spite of the economy pursued during the last half of that year. In the present year, since September, the rate of expenditure has been reduced to the lowest point consistent with safety and efficiency, yet the fund for maintenance is so nearly exhausted that the Department will be compelled in a short time to discontinue the performance of some of its more important duties, as for instance the lighting of the parks, the care of buildings and of walks, the care of the ice during the skating season and the employment of a sufficient police force.

There is no reason to believe, therefore, that the expenditures in the year 1874 will be less than those of 1872 or 1873.

The estimate for the pavement of the City Hall Park, made by the Department after the most careful and exhaustive consideration and examination of the merits of various pavements is \$30,000.

The amount awarded by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is \$10,000.

This sum will only be sufficient to make such patching and repairs as will be of temporary service and postpone to another year the entire relaying of all the bituminous pavements in this park. If the amount called for were furnished, the pavement could be relaid early in the Spring and a real saving would be made to the city.

These reductions made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will compel the Department to refrain from undertakings of permanent value, which are not only imperatively necessary to the efficient care and repairs of the parks and places, but which, if carried out, would give employment to a number of laborers who would otherwise be thrown upon the charity of the community.

The Department of Public Parks therefore requests your honorable Board to rectify the said provisional estimate of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as follows:

1st.—That the appropriation for the "pavement in the City Hall Park" shall be increased by the addition of \$20,000 thereto, so that the same shall be thirty thousand dollars instead of ten thousand dollars as awarded in said provisional estimate.

2d.—That the appropriation for the "maintenance and government of parks and places, including the sum of \$30,000 for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art" shall be increased by the addition thereto of \$92,000, so that the same shall be five hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars, instead of five hundred thousand dollars as awarded in said provisional estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. WALES,  
President D. P. P.

Which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

Alderman Morris moved to take from the table the following:

Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York hereby consent to and authorize the loan of the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars to the Industrial Exhibition Company out of the funds of the city, to be raised in the manner and upon the terms specified in and by Chapter 784 of the Laws of 1873, and that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and deliver the bonds therein specified, and to pay over to said company the amount of said loan, pursuant to the provisions of said law, on receiving the security for the repayment thereof which is therein directed to be given.

Which was agreed to.  
The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, and it was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Alderman Flanagan, Kehr, Koch—3.

Negative—The President, Alderman Billings, Cooper, Clausen, Falconer, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris and Van Schaick—9.

Alderman Ottendorfer declined to vote, being prohibited as an interested party.

Alderman Reilly was excused from voting.

By Alderman Reilly:

Whereas, In view of the approaching winter which from present indications promises to be one of unexampled severity to the working classes of this city, by reason of the scarcity of employment, caused by the almost total suspension of business, the stringency in the money market, the stagnation in trade and other causes incident to the unsettled condition of capital and the requirements or exactions of labor, it is manifestly the duty of the corporate authorities so far as they have the power to provide the means to enable the workmen who depend for their daily bread upon their daily labor to sustain themselves and families; and

Whereas, The work of rebuilding the wharves and piers of this city, and improving its water front is one of the most urgent necessities, and the more expeditiously prosecuted to completion, the more advantageous to the city, and as the present appears to be the most opportune time to proceed vigorously with this work, already too long delayed; be it

Resolved, That the Department of Docks, be and is hereby requested to report to this Board, at its earliest convenience, what measures, if any are necessary to be taken to have the work under its charge expedited by the employment of as many laborers, skilled and others as can be advantageously engaged in the more rapid prosecution of the work; and be it further

Resolved, That in the prosecution of the said work, none but residents of the city, and who have been such residents for a period of three months prior to this date, shall be employed by the said Department; that the stone used in the erection of new piers shall be "dressed" in this city, and not in the quarries, in other states, as has heretofore been, and is now the practice; that all other material when practicable be procured in this city from our own citizens; and that the said Department be and it is hereby requested, and so far as the Common Council has the power, directed to co-operate with the city authorities in supplying to our resident working population, the means of providing for their families during the approaching winter.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Alderman Monheimer, the Board then adjourned.

And the President announced that the Board

stood adjourned until Thursday, the 20th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,  
Clerk.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

No. 16 CITY HALL,  
WEDNESDAY, November 19, 1873,  
2 o'clock P. M.

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

Present—WILLIAM WADE, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:

Thomas Foley, Joseph P. Strack,  
Charles M. Clancy, William S. Kreps,  
John C. Keating, Patrick Keenan,  
Henry Wisser, Edward Brucks,  
Michael Healy, George Kelly,  
Thomas L. Thornell, Stephen N. Simonson,  
John Theiss, Isaac Sommers,  
George F. Codrington, Benjamin Beyea.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Assistant Alderman Thornell moved that the Clerk make a requisition on the Commissioner of Public Works for the necessary chairs for the members, and for other repairs to the Chamber. Which was carried.

G. O. 250.

By Assistant Alderman Simonson—  
Resolved, That the roadway or surface construction of the Eighth avenue, from the northerly side of the circle at Broadway, Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street to the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth street, be executed under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, by days' work or in such manner as the said Commissioner may deem expedient for the best interests of the city and property owners, and of such material and on such plan as may be prescribed or determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, as authorized by chapter 850, Laws of 1873.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Being a communication from the Comptroller as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
November 15, 1873.

To Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Weekly Statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in chapter 758, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Legislative Department, from January 1 to December 31, 1873, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation:

Title of Appropriations.	Amt. of Appropriations.	Payments.
Advertising for the Common Council	\$8,000 00	\$8,000 00
City Contingencies.	5,000 00	1,310 00
Contingencies, Legislative Dep't....	1,000 00	410 78
Printing for the Common Council	8,000 00	7,001 72
Salaries, Legislative Department....	183,597 17	146,149 80
Legislative Department Printing and Binding.....	4,225 00	.....
	AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.	

Which was ordered on file.

REPORTS.

Assistant Alderman Healy, from the Special Committee to which was referred the resolution appropriating \$2,500,000 to the Industrial Exhibition Company, offered the following report:

The undersigned, a Special Committee appointed on the 3d instant for the purpose of hearing persons in favor and against the Industrial Exhibition Company, beg leave respectfully to recommend the rejection of the resolution appropriating two millions five hundred thousand dollars, and for the following reasons:

The principal objects of the Industrial Exhibition Company are to purchase and hold real estate, and to erect thereon such buildings as may be necessary for the maintenance and carrying on of the business of exhibiting the products, goods, wares and merchandise, machinery, mechanical inventions, such as are usually exhibited at fairs, and to award and to pay to exhibitors therein such prizes and awards, such medals and honorary distinctions, as they shall deem proper; and to lease, let or own stalls, stands and rooms and places in said building or buildings upon such terms or conditions as the Board of Directors shall deem best for the interests of said company, and for the promotion of science, art, commerce and literature; in other words, it is proposed to establish a permanent exhibition building, which shall be open to the public at all times during the year, thus making it a sort of perpetual Fair. To such a scheme we have to urge that the experience, both in Europe to a large extent and in this country to a limited extent, proves it clearly to be impractical, resulting everywhere in complete failure. It is impossible to induce manufacturers, inventors or artists to keep their goods on exhibition for any great length of time. It is equally impossible to keep up the public interests beyond certain periods. We have only to refer to the Sydenham Palace for an illus-

tration of this statement abroad, and to our Crystal Palace at home. So far as the necessity of an institution of this nature is concerned, we already have one which, for more than forty years, has accomplished all the objects sought for by the Industrial Exhibition Company. We refer to the American Institute, whose annual exhibitions are among the most interesting in the country, and yet even these cannot be continued beyond certain limits, the managers never keeping them open only so long as may be warranted by public interest therein, with all its prestige of age and experience in the management of its Fairs it is impossible to attract popular attention beyond a period of from one to two months.

The same may be said of the Industrial Exhibition of Cincinnati, one of the best in the country and in fact of all exhibitions of this nature. There can be nothing perpetual connected with them from the fact that they are competitive in their nature, inventors and exhibitors here present their respective works and when the comparison is once made and the prize awarded, there ends the interest to them and they are away to new and other labors.

It is claimed by those who favor the passage of the resolution that the appropriation will be the means of giving employment to a great number of laborers, and thus help to alleviate the distress which just now seems imminent for the coming winter. To this suggestion we have to state that the city is already pledged by law to finish the Riverside Park, The Morningside Park, the Museum of Natural History, and Manhattan Park, the Museum of Art and Conservatory in the Central Park, the new Docks, the new City Prison, besides other works which we need not here mention. Now, if it is desirable to furnish work, our answer is that the works enumerated are abundant for this purpose, and it only rests with the appropriate authorities to set it in operation.

Upon this point we would further urge that among the works above enumerated, and to which the City is pledged, are those with which the Industrial Exhibition proposes to come in competition with, the advantages altogether against them, for who will become the patrons of an exhibition where a fee is exacted when one is open absolutely free to all, and this is precisely what the city promises in its proposed Museum of Art.

We would further urge that the project of the Industrial Exhibition is in opportune, inasmuch as our Centennial Anniversary is to be a World's Fair, and this from its magnitude will absorb the attention of the public to the exclusion of any other. Its location at Philadelphia was not selected from antagonism to New York City, but from associations connected with the history of the Republic, to foster any clanish feelings upon this point is altogether uncalled for. The public will sustain the Centennial Exhibition from patriotic emotions, having no thoughts that in so doing they are furthering the interests of any one portion of our country to the injury of another.

We have another suggestion which we deem worthy the calm consideration of every one. It is simply this, that the debt of our city is now more than one hundred millions of dollars, and it has been estimated by those competent to judge, that when the works already projected, and those improvements made necessary by changes in the geographical limits of our city are completed, this debt will have swelled to two hundred millions of dollars. We say therefore that it is unwise, impolitic and unjust to our constituents to add to this indebtedness two and a half million of dollars for a work, which to say the least of it, would be of questionable value to the city.

Respectfully submitted,  
NEW YORK, Nov. 19, 1873.  
MICHAEL HEALY, Chairman.  
S. N. SIMONSON,  
BENJAMIN BEYEA,  
EDWARD BRUCKS,  
WM. S. KREPS,  
HENRY WISSER,  
JOSEPH P. STRACK,  
JOHN THEISS, Committee.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—15.  
Negative—Assistant Alderman Kelly—1.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up  
G. O. 68,

being a resolution as follows:  
Resolved, That One hundred and second street, from First to Third avenues, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.  
Assistant Alderman Sommers called up  
G. O. 242,

being a resolution as follows:  
Resolved, That Seventeenth street, between Third avenue and the East river, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Brucks called up  
G. O. 178,

being a resolution as follows:  
Resolved, That the vacant lots on the north side of Seventy-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Simonson moved to take from the file General Order 220, and that the same be laid over, which was carried.

G. O. 251.

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

Assistant Alderman Strack called up  
G. O. 230,

being a resolution as follows:  
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of P. J. Finn for the sum of \$262.60, the amount of the annexed bill for services rendered as stenographer to the Joint Committee on Salt Water Supply of the Common Council, and to charge the same to the appropriation for city contingencies.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.  
Negative—Assistant Alderman Kelly—1.

Assistant Alderman Codrington called up  
G. O. 90.

being a resolution as follows:  
Resolved, That Eleventh avenue, from Sixtieth to Seventy-ninth street, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Theiss called up  
G. O. 165.

being a resolution as follows:  
Resolved, That on both sides of Eighty-fifth street, from Avenue A to First avenue, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Thornell called up  
G. O. 236.

being a resolution as follows:  
Resolved, That a public gas lamp be placed and the same lighted at the westerly end of Garden Row, being in West Eleventh street, near Sixth avenue, the same to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codrington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Theiss moved that this Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.  
And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday next, the 24th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

CONSTANTINE DONOHO,  
Clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, 127 and 129 Mercer st.,  
Wednesday, November 12, 1873.

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

Reading of minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

Dismissals

on recommendation of Committee on discipline to take effect on the 13th instant, Fireman John Michael McNally, Eng. Co. No. 32, Fireman John W. McGloin, Eng. Co. No. 27.

Fines

on recommendation of committee on discipline were imposed as follows:  
Fireman Thomas Gray, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, to forfeit two days pay.

Adjourned to Thursday, 13th instant.  
W. B. WHITE,  
Secretary.

**LAW DEPARTMENT.**

**OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.**

The votes cast for a Civil Justice in the three southern towns of Westchester County, on the fourth of November, 1873, under the act providing that on the first of January, 1874, those towns should become and be a part of the City of New York, were required to be canvassed, not in the County of Westchester, but in the city; and upon the Board of Canvassers of the County of New York was enjoined, under the true construction of the law, the duty of examining the returns and declaring the result.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, November 17, 1873.

*The Honorable the Board of County Canvassers of the City and County of New York,*

GENTLEMEN:—You submit to me a proposed resolution now under consideration in your Board, to the effect that the votes cast in the towns of Morrisania, West Farms, and Kingsbridge, (in future to constitute the 23d and 24th Wards of the City of New York, under chapter 613 of the statute known as the Annexation Act), for the office of Civil Justice of the district hereafter to be known as the Tenth Judicial District of the City of New York, be canvassed by your Board in the same manner and with a like effect as if said towns or wards were a part of the City and County of New York on the fourth of November, 1873.

You also transmit to me a resolution, that the Counsel to the Board be requested to give his opinion as to the right of the Board to canvass the votes cast for Civil Justice for the Tenth Judicial District of the City of New York.

It is impossible to rise from a careful reading of the act, without the conviction that the intent of the Legislature was that on and after the first day of January, 1874, the territory referred to should become and be an integral portion of the City of New York, with only such exceptions as are rendered necessary by some general laws in respect to Congressional and other districts. (See Section 1.) For instance, with regard to the higher Courts of Justice, in relation to which Westchester County, together with other sections of the State, contains a constituency, it was found convenient, if not necessary, that existing laws as regards elections should for a period remain unchanged. But as the annexed territory could be conveniently formed into a district by itself for the administration of justice with respect to minor civil claims, and with respect also to minor criminal offenses, the act seems express that the annexed territory shall be supplied with Courts and Justices from and after the very commencement of the coming year. Thus it is enacted that by the 15th of December proximo, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New York shall appoint a Police Justice for the Police Court which the act establishes over the territory referred to. (See Section 5.) And with regard to the Civil Justice, the act also, by section 5, constitutes a district, to be called the tenth; and provides for it a District Court, with a Civil Justice to be promptly elected by the voters of the district.

It is true that the choice of a Civil Justice might be deemed by some as required by the act to take place at the election following the time when the annexation is, by the terms of the act, to become complete. That time is the first of January, 1874, and the next general election after that would take place in the Fall of 1874. But I think the true sense of the various provisions is that the words, "the next general election," mean the election following the passage of the act. And this construction gives the new territory a Civil Justice by virtue of the election held on the 4th of November instant, just as the act furnishes a Criminal Justice by the requirement that the Mayor shall nominate a Police Justice by the 15th of December proximo.

The second section provides that the electors of this territory shall, until certain new districts are established by law, continue to vote for certain officers, as electors of the County of Westchester. Among those enumerated officers, a Civil Justice is not mentioned. The provision then goes on to say that for all other offices such electors shall vote as electors of the City and County of New York. It is directed in the second section, now under consideration, that the returns of every election held in such territory for Member of Assembly, Senator, Justice of the Supreme Court, and Representative in Congress, shall be made to the Board of County Canvassers of the County of Westchester as now provided by law, and the returns of elections for: all other offices shall be made to the Board of County Canvassers of the City of New York. Among the other offices so mentioned, the Civil Justiceship must

necessarily be included. It seems to me there can be no escape from the conclusion, that under the words of Section 2 last quoted, the canvass of the votes for Civil Justice must be made not in Westchester, but in New York.

It is true the same section provides that the election must be held under the provisions of such laws as are in force in relation to elections in the city; and it may be objected that the election of Civil Justice was invalid, because the election was not, in many respects, conducted according to the election laws relating to New York. This may raise a difficult question; but the reasonable construction of the law seems to me to be, that the election in the towns referred to must conform, *so far as practicable*, to the regulations governing elections in the city. The Legislature having failed to extend to those towns the election laws specially relating to the city, can hardly have intended that the election for Civil Justice should be nullified by a failure in the towns to obey regulations relating to the City, many of which are directory and not mandatory. I acknowledge that lawyers and courts might differ on this subject; yet I cannot but think that the legal and fair way is to canvass the votes, and leave the question to subsequent adjudication, if counsel should regard the question sufficiently serious to call for judicial solution.

In further illustration of the legislative intent that the annexation, in all practicable respects, should be complete on the 1st of January, 1874, it will be seen that Section 4 provides for the then immediate extension of our New York school system to these towns. (See also Section 8.) So Section 6 provides that at the choice of municipal officers at the election next succeeding the passage of the act, which election would of course take place on the 4th of November instant, there shall be elected in the 23d and 24th Wards of New York, comprising the annexed territory, such municipal and other officers as may be by law voted for in each of the other wards of the city. Section 7 continues the functions of present officers in these towns only until December 31, 1873, except as may otherwise be provided by other parts of the act. And although during this present year of 1873 the officials of Westchester County are to collect taxes in these towns in the way there usual, yet taxes of 1873 that shall remain unpaid are to be collected and returned to the Comptroller of New York. A similar provision is made with regard to assessments for improvements. The public property in these towns is to be transferred to the City of New York, which assumes their public obligations. (See section 9.) And these provisions are to be carried out by the 2d of July, 1874.

It is not to be denied that although the act is in general well drawn, there are incongruities leading to doubts and uncertainties which require some amendatory and supplementary legislation. And neither is it to be denied that the act contains provisions which embarrass a decision upon the very question now submitted. For instance, in section 10 it is enacted that Justices of the Peace in office on the first of January, 1874, are to continue until the expiration of their respective terms. It will thus be seen that for a time these two new wards will be supplied with a double set of minor officers; yet this occurs with other provisions which continue pending litigations without change until they shall have been terminated. Without going into further particulars, it will be observed that other provisions confirm the view we have taken. So far as practicable, the annexation is to be made complete on the first of January, 1874; and to effect that object everything that could be practically done before that date is required to be consummated during the months of November and December preceding.

It is known that the 17th section, making annexation to depend upon a vote in its favor in both the counties of New York and Westchester, was not in the bill as originally passed. This section provides that the act shall be null if the electors of the two counties vote in the negative. The language is peculiar, and the validity of the act is perfect from the day of its passage, unless an adverse vote on the question of annexation should be cast on the 4th of November.

It will be observed that the votes given in both counties, for and against annexation, in accordance with section 17, are, in terms, required to be canvassed in the same manner as votes given for State officers are by law required to be canvassed and returned. But in section 5, which requires an election for a civil justice to be had only in the annexed territory, there is no provision as to where the canvass shall take place. But I think that section 2, in the words "other offices," must be held to include the

Civil Justice, and that the votes for this office must, according to the terms of this section, be canvassed in New York. I do not forget that section 18 provides that the act shall not take effect until the first of January, 1874, except as to such parts as are otherwise provided for; and as to such parts it shall take effect at the times in this act specified; and except also section 17, providing for a vote on annexation; which section 17 shall take effect immediately. Section 5, however, is express that the election for Civil Justice shall take place at the next general election, which I have already said, is, in my judgment, the election next after the passage of the act. The election for Civil Justice being ordered by section 5, I think the intent of the Legislature, that the votes shall be canvassed, is as plain as though such canvass had been in terms provided for. If I am right in this view, then the words of section 2, which I have referred to, are not, with respect to this Civil Justiceship, postponed in their operation; but must be regarded as taking effect upon the canvassing of the votes for this office, and must be held as requiring that the votes for this office, being one of the "other offices" not enumerated in section 2, must be canvassed not in the County of Westchester, but in the County of New York, and your Board should proceed with the duty enjoined by law.

I am, gentlemen,  
Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,  
Counsel to the Corporation, and Counsel to the Board of Canvassers.

By the ordinances of the city of New York in force before the Charter of 1873, the opening by the Commissioner of Public Works of proposals for contracts, might be adjourned from time to time, and the bids could not be opened until the presence of the Comptroller should be secured. The Charter provides that "The opening of the bids shall not be postponed if the Comptroller shall, after due notice, fail to attend." HELD, that the ordinary power of postponement is not abrogated by the provision last quoted, and that the opening of the proposals may legally take place upon an adjourned day, after due notice, with or without the Comptroller's attendance.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, Nov. 15, 1873.

*Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller,*

SIR:—You request my opinion as to the effect of bids for contracts opened and awarded under the following circumstances:—

The ninety-first section of Chapter 335 of the laws of 1873, called the Charter, provides, among other things, that "all bids or proposals shall be publicly opened by the officers advertising for the same, and in the presence of the Comptroller, but the opening of the bids shall not be postponed if the Comptroller shall, after due notice, fail to attend."

In cases of proposed contracts now submitted for your approval of sureties, it appears that notwithstanding the language above quoted, the bids and proposals were not opened on the day advertised, but the opening was twice unavoidably postponed, and took place at an adjourned day.

Under the law as it stood before the enactment of the provision cited above, there was no such difficulty as I am now considering. The ordinance (Revision of 1866, page 192) provided that in the event of the Comptroller not attending, the estimates should not be opened, and that postponements might be had until his attendance could be secured.

The purpose was manifestly to ensure the assistance and supervision of the financial officer in the making of contracts which would ultimately become a charge on the city treasury, and require to be provided for by him; and also to constitute a check by one public officer upon another, probably in view of the fact that in former times street commissioners had been charged with fraudulent substitutions of bids, and with other similar practices in matters involving such large pecuniary interests.

The object of the recent provision in the new charter was obviously to permit the opening to take place in the absence of the Comptroller in the event of his inability to attend. Its purport is that the opening of the bids NEED NOT be adjourned in consequence of the omission of the Comptroller to be present. There was no intention to impair the ordinary power of postponement and adjournment.

In my judgment the provision can be construed according to its obvious intent, notwithstanding the peculiarity of the language.

Another part of the section requires that all contracts shall be given to the lowest bidder. He is entitled to receive it upon giving sufficient security. I am confident the Courts must so con-

strue the entire section as to hold that the adjournments referred to do not, under the circumstances of the cases now submitted, invalidate the award of the contracts to the lowest bidder, although the opening of the bids did not take place until an adjourned day. The old ordinances, including the one which allows adjournments of the opening of bids, are confirmed and re-enacted in one of the last sections of the charter. The provision, in effect, that there shall be no postponement on account of the Comptroller's absence is also found in the charter. Construing both the re-enacted ordinance and the new charter together, my opinion is that postponements of the openings may be had, but that it is not necessary to adjourn because the Comptroller may be absent.

Provisions of law relating to the time of opening bids for contracts are usually regarded as merely directory. (The People *ex. rel.* Knox et. al. v. The Village of Yonkers, 39 Barbour's Supreme Court Reports, page 270.)

I advise you that you can legally proceed to examine the offered sureties, and facilitate the completion of the steps necessary to the final consummation of the contracts.

I am, sir,  
Very respectfully yours,  
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,  
Counsel to the Corporation.

A bill presented to the Board of Supervisors of New York, for the expense of removing a sunken obstruction from one of the slips of Brooklyn, at a point outside of low water mark, held a legal charge against the County of New York.

The boundaries of the city stated.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, October 25, 1873.

*Joseph C. Pinckney, Esq., Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,*

SIR:—Your communication of the 17th inst., asks my opinion as to whether a bill presented to the Board of Supervisors for the removal of a sunken canal boat from one of the slips in Brooklyn, can be accounted a legal charge against the County of New York.

Section 1, chapter 522, of the laws of 1860, provides that in case of any sunken vessel or other thing which may become an obstruction to the navigation of the waters of the Port of New York, "the Board of Commissioners of Pilots shall cause the said obstruction to be removed, and the expenses of such removal shall be paid by the County within whose jurisdiction such vessel or thing shall be, and shall be recoverable from the owner or owners of such vessel or thing, by and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of such County; such expenses shall also be a lien on the vessel or thing so removed until paid."

Paragraph 5, of section 2, of title 1, of chapter 2, of the Revised Statutes, declares the boundaries of the County of New York to be as follows:

"The County of New York shall contain the islands called Manhattan's Island, Great Barn Island, Little Barn Island, Manning's Island, Nutten Island, Bedlow's Island, Bucking Island and the Oyster Islands; and all the land under water within the following bounds: Beginning at Spuyten Duyvel creek where the same empties itself into the Hudson river, on the Westchester side thereof, at low water mark, and running thence along the said creek at low water mark on the Westchester side thereof, to the East river or sound; then to cross over to Nassau or Long Island to low water mark there, including Great Barn Island, Little Barn Island, and Manning's Island; then along Nassau or Long Island shore at low water mark to the south side of the Redhook; then across the North river so as to include Nutten Island, Bedlow's Island, Bucking Island, and the Oyster Islands, to the west bounds of the State; then along the west bounds of the State until it comes directly opposite to the first mentioned creek, and then to the place where the said boundaries began."

It is evident from this statement that the sunken canal boat was within the boundaries of the County of New York, and that the bill is a legal county charge.

I am, sir,  
Very respectfully yours,  
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,  
Counsel to the Corporation, and Legal Adviser to the Board of Supervisors.

**MAYOR'S MARSHAL.**

Licenses granted and amount received for licenses and fines by Marshal D. S. Hart, for week ending November 15, 1873:  
Licenses granted..... 242  
Amount received..... \$472 50

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

NEW YORK, November 15, 1873.

In accordance with sec. 110, chap. 335, of the Laws of 1873, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending this day:

Public Moneys received and deposited with the City Chamberlain.

Table with 2 columns: Description of public works (e.g., croton water rent, sewer permits) and Amount (\$14,938 69 total).

Contracts Executed.

Regulating and grading 86th street, from 8th to 10th avenue. Contractor, R. H. Treacy, of 338 West 69th street; sureties, Michael Treacy, 338 West 69th street, and Patrick Treacy, of 261 West 42d street.

Receiving basins at S. W. corner Grand and Elizabeth streets, and at S. W. corner Grand and Mott streets. Contractor, John P. Cumming, Jr., of Inwood, New York city; surety, Christopher Keyes, of 108 East 70th street.

Certificates of Cost of Improvements transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

Table with 2 columns: Description of improvements (e.g., paving 9th avenue, sewer in Broadway) and Amount (\$80,989 16 total).

Contracts Completed.

Sewer in 51st street, between 6th and 7th avenues. Sewer in 110th street, between 5th and 8th avenues. Extension of sewer at foot of 54th street, East River.

Regulating and grading 84th street, from 8th to 10th avenues. Regulating and grading 40th street, 1st to 3d avenues.

322 receiving basins and 375 feet of sewers have been cleaned. Croton water has been introduced in the following streets:

- 7th avenue, between 129th and 133d streets. 133d street, " 7th and 8th avenues. 128th " " 2d avenue and East river. Worth " " Chatham and Baxter sts. Manhattan " " 10th avenue and the Boulevard.

New lamps were ordered to be lighted in 155th street, between 10th avenue and the Boulevard; in 46th street, from 1st avenue to the East river; in 86th street, from the Boulevard to Riverside drive; and in 158th street, north side, west of 11th avenue.

Old lamps were ordered to be relighted in 4th avenue, west side, from 125th to 129th streets; at northeast corner of Boulevard and 146th street; at southwest corner of 3d avenue and 128th street; at No. 54 Roosevelt street; and at southeast corner of 3d avenue and 26th street.

Two extra lamps in Prince street, north side, east of Marion street, were ordered to be removed and discontinued.

The following Inspectors of Sewers, and of Paving, were discharged on account of completion of their work:

Thomas O'Neill and Terence Fitzpatrick, Inspectors of Sewers; B. H. Butler, Obadiah Bowne, John H. Fullerton and Jas. C. Sheridan, Inspectors of Paving.

Appointments: Henry McDermott, Inspector of Sewers at the rate of \$4 per day. Samuel Dunlop, Inspector of Regulating and Grading, at the rate of \$3 per day, vice James E. McVeany.

There is a decrease in the laboring force of the Department of 294 men and 12 carts. Fifteen permits to flag and repair sidewalks, and nine permits to place building material on streets, have been issued.

The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department upon the Finance Department during the week is \$81,357 38.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, Wednesday, November 13, 1873.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From the Chief of Department, report for the month of October, 1873. Filed. The same, returning claim of Knickerbocker Ice Company, with report. Affidavit of claimant to be obtained, and papers sent to the Comptroller.

The Fire Marshal, report of fires for October, 1873. Filed. The Inspector of Combustibles, weekly report for two weeks ending November 1st and 8th, 1873. Filed. The Superintendent of Telegraph, recommend-

ing alterations and additions to code of telegraph signals, &c. Adopted, and to be promulgated in General Orders.

The same, returning bills of Chas. T. Chester, with report. To be returned to Comptroller with copy of report.

The same, estimate for supplies. Referred to Superintendent of Supplies, with directions. The same, transmitting list of telegraph poles to be flagged. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles, with directions.

The same, returning application and papers of American District Telegraph Company, with recommendation for union of the two systems. Adopted, with directions to notify the company of the same.

The same, requesting five days' leave of absence. Granted. Chief of Battalion in charge of repair shops, report of operations for October, 1873. Filed.

The same, estimate of articles required. Referred to Superintendent of Supplies, with directions. The Superintendent of Supplies, requesting that salary of A. P. Fuller, Esq., his assistant, be increased, and testifying to his integrity and valuable services. Laid over.

Assistant operator T. J. McGinty, applying for promotion to position of operator. Laid over. Foreman Engine Co. No. 9, reporting loss by Fireman George Moore of his belt and wrench. Filed.

Foreman Engine Co. No. 14, reporting finding of patrol badge No. 284. Filed. Foreman Engine Co. No. 21, forwarding affidavit of Assistant Engineer of Steamer McNally, in relation to loss of his cap device, No. 495. Filed, and fine of five dollars imposed on Assistant Engineer of Steamer P. McNally.

Foreman H. & L. Co. No. 14, reporting death of fireman Robert Aitken, of consumption, on the 30th ultimo. Filed. Engineer of steamer Albert F. Louis, Engine Co. No. 19, applying for promotion. Referred to Examining Board.

Foreman Engine Co. No. 16, reporting obstructions to hydrants. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles. Fireman Simon Hexter, Engine Co. No. 20, requesting transfer. Filed.

Fireman Jos. Creagle, Engine Co. No. 26, applying for promotion to assistant engineer of steamer. Referred to the Examining Board of Engineers. Fireman Joseph Williams, Engine Co. No. 29, applying for promotion to assistant engineer of steamer. Referred to the Examining Board of Engineers.

The Comptroller, requesting that leases under which Department pays rent be forwarded. Compliance directed. The same, returning bills of estate of George Lovett for correction. Compliance directed.

The same, weekly statement of condition of appropriation. Filed. The same, desiring to know if any of the real estate in charge of Department is not now in use. Filed, with directions to reply.

The Superintendent of Buildings, notice of unsafe condition of house of H. & L. Co. No. 5, 96 Charles street. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles, with directions. Stephen B. Brague, attorney for Hugh B. Jackson, summons in action to recover damages to his wagon resulting from collision with a fire engine. Referred to Corporation Counsel.

Hardy & Co., proposal to furnish German-silver bridle fronts, &c. Laid over. M. J. Hyland, late fireman, applying for reinstatement. Filed. A. M. Kirby, Continental Insurance Company, requesting badges for himself and President Hope. Granted.

E. Duncan Sniffen, agent Clay Insurance Company, applying for a badge. Denied. J. H. Wilson, agent for Boyd's Patent Fire Hose, sends sample, encloses testimonials and request order to furnish to one company for actual test. Referred to Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

Reports

on the applications for promotion of the following members of the Department were received from the Examining Board and filed.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Position (e.g., Fireman Michael Herity, Engine Co. No. 37; Asst. Foreman Morris W. Roberts, H. & L. Co. No. 11).

Bills Audited and sent to the Comptroller for Payment.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount (e.g., Robert Moffit, horse-shoeing, \$51 00; Owen Fallon, " 33 00).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount (e.g., R. J. Wright, horse feed and straw, \$37 32; John Case, " 80 00; J. O. West, " 15 00).

Commissioner Van Cott, moved that the case of Daniel Kenny, formerly fireman Engine Co., No. 27, who was dismissed the service of the Department, October 8th, 1873, be reopened. Lost.

Resolutions

were adopted as follows: Resolved, That a fine of five days pay, which was imposed on Fireman Walter Burke, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 7, at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held September 24th, 1873, having been erroneously deducted from the October pay roll after having been previously deducted from the September pay roll. The matter be referred to the Trustees of the Relief Fund with the recommendation that the five days pay deducted from the October pay roll be refunded to him.

Resolved, That an engine house be built in 68th street, between the Boulevard and Tenth avenue, for the use of this Department, and that Joseph R. Jackson, Esq., Architect, be directed to prepare plans and specifications for the same without delay.

Resolved, That Chief Orr, in charge of the Repair Shops, be, and he hereby is directed to prepare plans and specifications for the bidding of four (4) self-acting chemical fire engines, and on his completing the same, to forward them to this Board.

Resolved, That the organization of Hook and Ladder Company No. 16, and the "Sappers and Miners Corps," be announced to the Department in General Orders.

Dismissals

were ordered to take effect as follows: On the 14th instant—Martin McGrath, machinist. William T. Mawbrey, bell-ringer. John Grogan, painter.

On the 15th instant—James Reilly, calker. John Collins, laborer. Edward T. Rourke, " Hugh McGinley, " Jeremiah D. Tanean, " James McMahon, " James L. Van Wart, " Dennis Murphy, " Michael Calderon, " John T. Reilly, " John Rourke, " Charles Modine, " John O'Donnell, " William Lighton, " John Foley, " Christopher McGowan, " Franklin Kasmire, " John Gannon, " David Earle, " Joseph T. Allen, " William H. Johnson, " Thomas Gooderson, " Elwood B. Mingay, " Patrick McManus, " John G. Cobb, " James Smith, " James Coleman, " Michael Bergen, " Timothy Crowley, " John Riley, " John Hassett, " Cornelius Cassidy, " John Moran, " Thomas H. Rice, "

On the 17th instant—Wm. McIntyre, carpenter.

Appointments.

were made as follows, to take effect on the 15th instant. Erastus R. Campbell, oil collector, \$1,000 per annum. James A. Lucas, bell ringer, \$1,000 per annum. William Moclare, hoseman, assigned to Engine Co. No. 37.

Thomas Gaffney, carpenter, \$4 per day. Michael Grately, carpenter, \$4 per day. Thomas Stephenson, painter, \$3 50 per day. James R. Hill, machinist, \$3 50 per day. Bernard Donnelly, laborer, \$3 per annum. Phillip Reilly, laborer, \$3 per day.

To take effect the 17th instant: Thomas Carey fireman, assigned to Engine Co. No. 27. John Grogan, harness maker, \$3 50 per day.

To take effect on the 18th instant: Michael Leonard, carpenter, \$4 per day. James Massil Jr, machinist \$3 50 per day. Adjourned. W. B. WHITE, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS

Abstract of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for the week ending Saturday, November 15, 1873: November 10, 1873. } Special Meeting. }

The opening of the proposals received for the construction of a building for the graminivorous animals of the Zoological collection, was adjourned to the 12th inst. A preliminary plan of that portion of Riverside Park, lying south of 79th street, was adopted, and the work of clearing the ground directed.

The President was authorized to sell \$10,000 of the Bonds of the town of Kingsbridge, which were received by the Department at par and accrued interest. The President was authorized to certify the maps laying out and establishing the grade of F street. November 12th, 1873.

The following proposals received for the construction of the building for the graminivorous animals, were opened in presence of the Comptroller. 1. James V. Donvan, \$3,314 00. 2. Alonzo Dutch, 4,500 00. 3. Anthony Mowbray, 3,945 00.

The President reported that it would be impracticable to lay sidewalks of bituminous pavement at this season of the year; and the order, directing the insertion of advertisements for proposals to lay a pavement of that description on the walks adjacent to Centre and Chambers streets at City Hall Park, was rescinded.

Pay Rolls.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount (e.g., Gate keepers for the two weeks ending November 8th, 1873, \$1,000 00; Laborers for the two weeks ending November 8th, 1873, 26,342 39).

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

The Board of CITY RECORD met in the Mayor's Office Saturday, November 15th, 1873. Present: The Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works and Counsel to the Corporation.

The Counsel to the Corporation offered for adoption the following resolution: Resolved, That the Contractor for printing THE CITY RECORD is hereby directed to furnish the Supervisor of THE CITY RECORD with daily reports embodying

1st. The new composition in the last preceding issue of THE CITY RECORD. 2d. The standing matter in such issue. 3d. Standing matter on the galleys by order of the Supervisor, with proofs of the same. 4th. Statement of paper, presswork and alterations in such issue. 5th. Such other information as he may deem proper.

Such reports to be delivered to the Supervisor before 12 o'clock, noon, of each publication day. And that he shall render his bill for printing said CITY RECORD, monthly.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with such resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works and Counsel to the Corporation. The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill of P. W. Rhodes for printing THE CITY RECORD, amounting to \$3,616.31 be approved, upon proper certification by the Supervisor of THE CITY RECORD, and requisition for payment therefor be made on the Comptroller.

Which was adopted by the concurrent vote of all the members of the Board. The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Health Department be and they are hereby authorized, to have their annual report for the year ending April 10th, 1873, printed and bound in such manner, and on such terms and conditions as shall reasonably insure the proper performance of the work at the lowest cost, to be ascertained in such manner as by advertisement for bids or otherwise they may find practicable, to be paid for out of the appropriation for printing and stationery for that Department.

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

Affirmative—The Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works, and Counsel to the Corporation.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MORTALITY.

REPORTED MORTALITY (week ending Nov. 15th,) AND THE ACTUAL MORTALITY (each day in the week, ending at noon, Nov. 8th, 1873,) WITH AN ENUMERATION OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH.

Table with columns for 'Actual number of Deaths each day' (Nov 8-15) and 'CAUSES OF DEATH'. Rows include Total Deaths from all Causes (525), Total Zymotic Diseases (132), Total Constitutional Diseases (128), Total Local Diseases (203), Total Developmental Diseases (38), Deaths by Violence (24), Small Pox (1), Measles (2), Scarletina (20), Diphtheria (37), Memb. Croup (18), Whooping Cough (5), Typhus Fever (11), Typhoid Fever (11), All ages (23), Under 5 years (15), Alcoholism (7), Cancer (7), Phthisis Pulmonalis (85), Marasmus-Tubes Mesenterica and Scrofula (18), Hydrocephalus and Tubercular Meningitis (10), Convulsions (11), Encephalitis and Meningitis (15), All Diseases of Nervous System (46), Heart Diseases (22), Pneumonia (59), Bronchitis (19), Bright's Disease and Nephritis (11), Deaths by Suicide (3), Death by Drowning (1), Puerperal Diseases (7), Deaths in Institutions (77), All Deaths of Persons 70 years old or more (29), Under 1 year (105), Under 2 years (154), Under 5 years (214).

The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution: Resolved, That the chairman be requested to have the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriate from the extra contingent fund the sum of \$7,500 to be applied to the appropriation for printing, stationery &c. On motion adjourned.

D. S. WENDELL, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, Nov. 18, 1873. No. 301 Mott street.

The Board of Health met this day. Orders. 150 orders for the abatement of nuisances were made.

Suits for Penalties.

The attorney was directed to commence suits for non-compliance with the orders of the Board in 21 cases, and for violations of the Sanitary Code in 34 cases.

Reports Received.

From the Sanitary Superintendent: Weekly report of the operations of the Sanitary Bureau. Weekly report on contagious diseases. Weekly report on slaughter houses. Weekly report on the operations of the offal dock and manure dumps. On applications for permits. On condition of street pavements, &c. On complaint against stables No. 224 and 226 East 24th street.

On petition of citizens in respect to sewer at junction of 108th street and Hudson river. On tidal lands, East river, 95th to 98th streets.

From the Register of Records: Weekly letter on mortality. Weekly mortality report.

Communications from City Departments. From the Police Department: Weekly report of the captain of the Sanitary Company of Police.

Reports Referred to Other Departments for the Necessary Action. To the Department of Public Works: On street pavement at junction of 19th street and 7th avenue.

On street pavement in front of No. 431 West 32d street. On street obstruction in 116th street, west of 3d avenue. On street pavement in front of No. 456 West 33d street. On street pavement in front of No. 457 West 32d street.

To the Board of Education: On stables No. 224 and 226 East 24th street.

Bills Audited.

Francis Swift, for removing night soil for week ending Nov. 14, 1873. \$644 62. Francis Swift for removing dead animals, offal, &c., for week ending Nov. 14, 1873. 288 46. Joseph Eichele. 32 35. Bridget O'Connor. 34 00. W. Zinsser & Co. 123 00. N. Y. Gaslight Co. 15 67.

Permits Granted.

To keep one hog at south side 68th street, fourth house east of 9th avenue. To keep two cows at west side 9th avenue, 5th house north of 67th street. To keep poultry at No. 79 Clinton street. To render fresh fat at Nos. 165 and 167 1st avenue. To make sausages and render fresh lard at No. 794 9th avenue.

Resolutions.

That a copy of the report of the Sanitary Superintendent on stables on premises Nos. 224 and 226 East 24th street, be forwarded to the Board of Education.

That a copy of the petition in respect to the construction of a drainage sewer at the junction of 108th street and Hudson river, with the certificate of the Sanitary Superintendent, be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for the necessary action.

That the attorney be directed to suspend action on order No. 2,172 (Form 2, Series of 1872) on premises No. 8 Roosevelt street, until May 5, 1874.

That the Secretary be authorized to contract with Messrs. Appleton & Co., the lowest bidder, for the printing of the Annual Report.

That the Secretary be directed to procure estimates for engraving and printing the charts and plates required for said Annual Report.

That this Board approve of the erection by the Department of Docks of a bulkhead on the exterior water line on Randall's Island, to facilitate the deposit thereon of material collected by the Bureau of Street Cleaning.

Whereas, The extension of the city limits on the 1st of January, 1874, to include a part of Westchester County, will render it necessary that this Board shall provide for the sanitary care of that section.

Resolved, That the President be directed to make application for such additional appropriation for the year 1874 as may be necessary to defray the additional expenses to which it may be subjected by said extension of its jurisdiction.

Communications Received.

From his Honor the Mayor: Transmitting resolution of the Board of City Record, in respect to the printing and binding of the Annual Report for the year ending April 10, 1873.

SANITARY BUREAU.

The following is a record of the work performed in the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending Nov. 15, 1873:

The total number of inspections made by the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors was 1,794, as follows, viz: 4 public buildings, 637 tenement houses, 188 private dwellings, 247 other dwellings, 10 manufactories and workshops, 9 stores and warehouses, 63 stables, 55 slaughter houses, 9 fat rendering establishments, 2 gut-cleaning establishments, 5 manure dumps, 44 sunken and vacant lots, 33 yards, courts and areas, 52 cellars and basements, 38 waste pipes and drains, 109 privies and water closets, 249 streets, gutters and sidewalks, 2 cisterns and cesspools, 4 dangerous stairways, 2 piggeries, 14 other nuisances, and 18 visits of the Sanitary Inspectors to cases of contagious diseases.

The number of reports thereon received from the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors was 656.

During the past week 43 complaints were received from citizens and referred to the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors for investigation and report.

The Disinfecting Corps have visited 72 premises where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 64 houses, 64 privy sinks, together with clothing, bedding, &c. One case of contagious disease was removed to the hospital by the Ambulance Corps.

Permits have been granted for 31 vessels to discharge cargoes, on vouchers from the Health Officer of the Port.

85 permits have been granted to scavengers to empty, clean and disinfect privy sinks.

The following number of cases of contagious diseases were reported for the week ending Nov. 15, 1873: typhoid fever, 11; typhus fever, 3; scarlet fever, 63; measles, 29; and diphtheria, 44.

The amount of meat condemned by the officers as unfit for human food during the week ending Nov. 15, was: sheep, 4 carcasses; veal, 1 carcass; veal (bob), 1 carcass; 16 pounds of beef; 203 pounds of veal (cut), and 932 pounds of poultry.

231 loads of night soil were removed by night scavengers from the privy vaults of the city.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

During the week ending Nov. 15, 1873, there were issued from this Bureau 525 burial permits for city deaths, 24 for bodies in transitu, and 41 for the interment of still-born infants. There were recorded 525 deaths, 205 marriages, 454 births, 41 still-births, 24 applications for transit permits, and 41 returns from coroners. There were 24 searches of the registers of births, marriages and deaths, and 3 transcripts of marriage record and 18 of death were issued from this Bureau. Four cases of deaths were referred to Coroners.

By order of the Board, EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, November 18, 1873.

To the Secretary of the Board of Health:

SIR:—In the week that ended on Saturday, the 15th inst., there were 525 deaths reported in this city, against 465 reported and 464 that actually occurred in the previous week. This increase, amounting to 60 deaths, occurred chiefly in the various inflammatory diseases, and was most conspicuous in pulmonary affections. There were 59 deaths by pneumonia last week, against 38 in the previous week, being an increase of 21, and there were 85 deaths by pulmonary phthisis, against 75 in the previous week, and there were also 18 deaths by croup last week against 11 the previous week. There was an increase of mortality in persons over 70 years of age and in infants under 2 years. The weather was cold and damp, the mean temperature being 35.3 ° Fahr., the lowest being 23 °, and the average degree of humidity being 78, total saturation being estimated as 100.

The unusual number of deaths by violence (24 altogether), was caused by the casualty of a boiler explosion at Harlem,—7 persons having been killed outright by that cause on the 11th inst. There were two children killed by being run over by cars in the streets.

There were 219 deaths in tenement houses during the week, 77 in public institutions and 207 in other dwellings than tenement houses; 53 per cent. of those in tenements were children under 5 years of age.

The mortality returns from 23 cities and counties in the United States the past month shows that with few exceptions, no fatal epidemics have prevailed. Even in New Orleans, where yellow fever has threatened to become epidemic since midsummer, only 79 deaths by that disease were reported during the five weeks ending November 2d, while Memphis and Shreveport had a tenth of their inhabitants destroyed. Mobile, Galveston and Savannah have enjoyed a like good fortune with New Orleans.

The death-rate reported in London for the week ending October 25th, was 22 per 1,000, yearly, and in the 21 chief cities and towns of Great Britain the rate was equal to 24 per 1,000, yearly; in Paris 23; in Berlin 29; in Vienna 25 and in Rome 29 per 1,000. In New York the same weeks, the rate was equal to 26.83 per 1,000. Last week it was as 26.30 in the 1,000. Respectfully submitted.

ELISHA HARRIS, M. D., Registrar of Records.

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

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Friday, November 7, 1873, 4:20 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call: OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, November 7, 1873.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 112th section of the Act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873, and an Act entitled "An Act in relation to the City of New York," passed June 13, 1873, and an Act entitled "An Act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York for County purposes," passed June 14, 1873, a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Comptroller on Friday, the 7th day of November, 1873, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon such matters as may come before said Board under the provisions of the acts before mentioned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

(Indorsed)

Admission of a copy of the within as served upon us this day, Nov. 7, 1873. W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor. AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller. SAML. B. H. VANCE, President Board of Aldermen. JOHN WH. ELER, President Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present, all the members, viz.: Wm. F. Havemeyer, the Mayor of the City of New York; Andrew H. Green, the Comptroller

of the City of New York; Samuel B. H. Vance, the President of the Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meetings held Oct. 30th and 31st, 1873, were read and approved. The Comptroller presented the following communication:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, November 5, 1873.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

In submitting the Budget for the year 1874, for the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I have thought it proper to accompany it with a statement of the reasons for the allowance of the amount therein specified.

The estimated expense for conducting the City and County government for each of the years 1873 and 1874 is shown by the following tables:

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The estimated expense of conducting the City and County Governments, for each of the years 1873 and 1874, is shown by the following tables:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN 1873 AND 1874.

Table with 5 columns: TITLE OF ACCOUNTS, 1873, 1874, INCREASE IN 1874 OVER 1873, DECREASE IN 1874 FROM 1873. Rows include Legislative Department, Mayoralty, Finance Department, etc.

\* This is only an apparent increase of \$53,438.41 for the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and is caused by the appropriation for this Department having been made on county account for seven months in 1873, amounting to \$59,500.41; showing an actual decrease in the appropriation for 1874 of \$6,162.

I.—THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The reduction of \$16,322.17, exhibited in this Department for the year 1874 is chiefly occasioned by the omission of the advertising and printing, which was included in the estimate for 1873. This reduction is only apparent as, by the Charter, the advertising and printing is provided for under another head in this budget.

II.—THE MAYORALTY.

In this Department there is an increase of \$11,851.32 in salaries and contingencies, chiefly in the Bureau of Permits, on account of the probability of the necessity for employing a large force to perform the business of collection. The amount of moneys paid into the Treasury in 1872, the last year of Mr. Hall's term was \$10,786 35. The amount paid into the Treasury thus far (October 31), in the year 1873, is 46,403 00.

III.—THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

There is a net decrease of \$2,010.69 in this Department, although the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments has been added to it this year, and the volume of business generally has been largely increased by the Charter.

IV.—THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The reduction in this Department is made up of \$3,000 in stationery, which, by the Charter, is provided for under another head, and \$1,400 in contingencies, and for salaries, \$1,762, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$6,162; \$3,000 of which appears in this estimate under another head.

V.—THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

Shows an increase of \$28,484.60, chiefly in salaries, on account of a large increase of business in this Department.

VI.—THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

There is an increase over 1873 in the proposed allowances to this Department of \$118,000, made up of the following items:

Table listing items for Public Works Department: Boulevard, roads and avenues—maintenance of, 2,000 00; Flagging sidewalks, and tencing vacant lots, (new item), 1,000 00; Free floating baths, 50,000 00; Lamps and gas, 10,000 00; Public Buildings—Construction and repairs, 20,000 00; etc.

The items of decrease are: Printing and stationery provided for by the charter under another head, \$13,000 00; Repairing and removal of pipes, stop cocks, &c., 5,000 00; Sewers—repairing and cleaning, 5,000 00. Net increase, \$118,000 00.

VII.—THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

There is an increase in this department of \$120,500, made up by the following items:

Table listing items for Public Parks Department: Maintenance and government of parks and places, \$23,000 00; Repairs to pavement—City Hall Park (new item), 7,500 00; Repairing sea wall—Battery, 58,000 00; Gas for lighting parks—1872 and 1873, 12,000 00; Harlem River bridge, 10,000 00; Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art—Maintenance of, 10,000 00. Total, \$120,500 00.

VIII.—THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

The increase in this Department is \$20,000 for salaries on account of an increase of the number of officers employed, and a more effective prosecution of the business of the Department.

IX.—THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The net increase of \$44,685 50 is occasioned by the allowances made for new buildings and improvement of old buildings under the charge of this department, greatly increased accommodation being absolutely necessary. A reduction was made in the amount called for by the Free Labor Bureau and School Ship "Mercury," providing for the same to July 1, 1874.

The item for printing and stationery is also omitted, the expense for this being provided for under another head, as in other departments.

X.—THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A decrease in this Department of \$26,569.19 is mainly in the items for contingencies and printing, the latter being provided for under another head, as in other cases under the Charter.

XI.—THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In this Department an increase is shown of \$244,342.47, made up by the following items:

Table showing items for Police Department: Police Fund to provide for increase in the force, \$95,650 67; For supplies (more being required), 40,000 00; Construction of stables, Eighty-seventh and Eighty-ninth streets, 26,785 80; For street cleaning—an increased expenditure being required to perform the work more effectively, 100,000 00; For rents, 1,906 00. Total, \$244,342 47.

Less in item "Repairs for Station Houses" 20,000 00. Total, \$244,342 47.

XII.—THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The additional amount required for this Department is \$200,111 00 for the following purposes:

Table showing items for Fire Department: For new Fire Steamboat, \$35,000 00; For improved Fire Escape and Life-saving Apparatus, 25,000 00; For new buildings, 50,000 00; The balance to provide additional men for newly organized companies and the increase in salaries, as provided for by law, 90,111 00. Total, \$200,111 00.

There is no room for doubt that the new fire steamboat, which will navigate the waters adjacent to the city, would be of great service to the shipping and to the dwellings and structures near the water. It is to be provided with adequate pumps of large capacity.

The aerial ladder is thought by the Department to be a valuable addition to the apparatus of the Department for saving life and property. The new buildings asked for are necessary.

XIII.—THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The estimate of the Board of Education shows an increase over 1873 of \$452,500, which is occasioned by an increase on the amount of salaries of teachers and others of \$61,000. The balance is required for purchasing sites and erecting new buildings and alterations and repairs of buildings.

In the year 1871 the Legislature authorized \$680,000—to be raised by the issue of bonds for new buildings—which amount has been expended during the years 1871, 1872 and 1873. The amount required for this purpose in the year 1874 must be raised by tax, and is included in the present estimate, which accounts for the greater part of the increase for this Board. Many of the present buildings were left by the predecessors of the present Board in a very bad condition, their school buildings being greatly neglected. Although the sum of \$200,000 was appropriated for this purpose in 1873, more is needed for repairs, and, as the population increases, the need for new buildings increases, and it is better to pay it from taxes than to go more into debt.

XIV.—THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The amount is the same as was appropriated under this head in 1873, and as required by law.

XV.—ADVERTISING, PRINTING AND BLANK BOOKS.

Under this head is provided the expenses of the publication of THE CITY RECORD, the salaries of the Supervisors and his Assistants, and contingent expenses; also the expenses of advertising and all printing, stationery and blank books required by the Common Council and the Departments, as provided by the new charter. For this purpose the appropriation from May 1, 1873, was \$45,995 76. For 1874 the amount is estimated at \$92,000.

This appropriation includes those items of decrease for printing and stationery referred to under their respective heads in the estimates for the departments.

XVI.—THE CITY COURTS AND COURT EXPENSES.

The estimate under this head is for the expenses and salaries of justices, clerks and attendants of the Police and Civil Courts; also for the expenses and salaries of clerks and officers of the Court of General Sessions and the Marine Court, and attendants of the Supreme and Superior Courts and the Court of Common Pleas.

In 1873 the appropriation under this head was \$455,216 58. This amount has been found insufficient. The amount required for these purposes in 1874 is estimated at \$502,100.

Table showing items for City Courts and Court Expenses: Expenses of Board of Estimate and Apportionment, new item, \$1,500 00; Judgments (same amount in 1873), 200,000 00; Fourth Avenue Improvement, 1,598,767 50; Salaries—Commissioners of Accounts, Amount as provided by the charter of 1873, 6,000 00; Special Contingencies—Under this head provision is made to meet all expenses of the City Government which may be required and incurred in pursuance of law, but which are not enumerated and provided for by appropriations. The amount estimated to be necessary and included in the estimate for 1874 is, 500,000 00.

The increase in the item of interest on the City Debt is shown by the following statement: Amount raised in 1872, \$6,072,637 74; Amount raised in 1873, 4,500,000 00; Amount (estimated for) 1874, 6,480,458 46.

A balance of \$1,326,071.61 remained unexpended of the appropriation for interest for 1872, and was applied to the interest account of 1873—thus requiring a less amount to be raised in 1873 than the actual amount of interest.

For 1874, the estimate includes the amount necessary to provide for the interest on the debt of the city, and an amount to meet any additions to the same in pursuance of laws now in force, requiring the issue of bonds for public improvements.

The item of \$250,000, under the head of Reduction of the City Debt, is included, in conformity to the provisions of sec. 17, of chap. 535, of the laws of 1873.

The following table shows the amounts of the Departmental Estimates, and the purposes named and the amounts included in this budget; and also exhibits the reductions made from original estimates:

Table with 4 columns: TITLE OF APPROPRIATION, AMOUNT OF DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES, AMOUNT ALLOWED, REDUCTION. Rows include The Legislative Department, The Mayoralty, The Finance Department, etc.

The following table exhibits the amounts of appropriations for the year 1873 and 1874 in county account, and also the amounts of increase and decrease of appropriations in 1874, compared with those of the year 1873:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, 1873 AND 1874.

Table with 5 columns: TITLES OF ACCOUNTS, 1873, 1874, INCREASE IN 1874 OVER 1873, DECREASE IN 1874 FROM 1873. Rows include Advertising, Armories and drill rooms, Cleaning and Supplies for county offices, etc.

The principal items of increase in the county estimates for 1874 over those of 1873 are as follows:

Table showing State taxes, including tax for common schools, and Amount of increase.

The tax for State purpose is to provide for the general expenses of the State Government, installments of Bounty Debt, new capital, new work on canals and extra repairs, canal floating debt, payment of awards by Canal Appraisers and Canal Commissioners, certificates of indebtedness, deficiency in the sinking fund, asylums and reformatories, academies and union schools and for common schools.

The state taxes are mandatory by acts of the Legislature and are required to be raised by tax and paid over to the State for the various purposes indicated above.

The increase in the item for interest on the County Debt, and for the principal of debt falling due, and to be provided for in 1874, is as follows:

Table showing Interest and Principal amounts.

The increase in the item of "Interest," to be provided for in 1874, arises mainly from the issue of stocks to pay the proportion of awards, etc., due by the County for lands taken in the opening of the Northern Boulevard above One hundred and fifty-fifth street, and also in part from bonds to be issued to pay the quota "chargeable to the City and County of New York for Canal and General Fund deficiencies under and in pursuance of Chapter 734 of the Laws of 1872," as provided in Section 3, of Chapter 95, Laws of 1873.

The estimate of \$250,000 for 1874 is deemed not more than adequate for such purpose as matters now stand.

There is no doubt that all the expenses necessary for proper armories ought to be kept within one-half of this sum.

An additional amount is also included for Asylums and Reformatories, made necessary for the support of these charitable institutions by acts of the Legislature. The amount of this increase over 1873 is \$49,745 00.

Besides these additional requirements for the County in 1874, it is also necessary to provide a further sum of \$16,500 for "Coroners' Fees," and \$10,000 for "Contingencies in the District Attorney's Office."

For county contingencies an appropriation of \$15,000 is made, which is an increase of \$6,353.44 over 1873, for the reason that a balance of appropriation was carried over from 1872 to this account.

An item of \$200,000 for "special contingencies" is also included, which amount is intended to cover all matters that cannot at the present time be anticipated and provided for under their proper heads.

By reference to the table it will be seen that the items of decrease in the appropriations for 1874, under certain heads, amount to \$98,311 71.

The net increase for all purposes in the estimates for city and county for 1874, over those of 1873, is shown by the following statement:

Table showing Net increase for City and County.

The following table exhibits some of the items in the estimate of the city and county for the year 1874, and for which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are required by law to provide:

Table with 2 columns: STATE TAXES, COMMON SCHOOLS FOR STATE, For Interest on City and County Debt.

(Signed), ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

In connection with the foregoing communication, the Mayor offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the reasons for the Provisional Estimate of the City of New York for the year 1874, contained in the communication presented this day by the Comptroller, be submitted to the Board of Aldermen, as provided by section 112, of chapter 335, of the laws of 1873, and that they be, and the same are hereby approved and adopted by this Board as their reasons for said estimate in detail, and that the Comptroller transmit the same to the Board of Aldermen, with the said provisional estimate.

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

The Comptroller presented communication from Alexander Stein, Treasurer, asking for appropriation for Infirmary, New York College of Dentistry.

The Mayor presented communication from Mrs. Mary C. D. Starr, President, asking for an appropriation for the Association for the Befriending Children and Young Girls.

Which was received and referred to the Special Committee in the matter of Charitable Institutions.

The Comptroller presented a communication from the Police Department, asking for an additional appropriation of \$150,000, for Bureau of Street Cleaning for salaries and wages for November and December of the current year.

Which was laid over.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution: RESOLVED, That the sum of \$22,200 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the head of "Revenue Bonds, redemption of," to provide for redemption of revenue bonds issued, or which may be issued, under the provisions of sec. 2, chap. 872, laws of 1873.

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

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

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

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN. 1873-4.

- 1. Samuel B. H. Vance, President; place of business corner of 24th street and 10th avenue; residence 206 West 23d street.
2. Oliver P. C. Billings, place of business, 15 Nassau street; residence, 143 East 34th street.
3. Jenkins Van Schaick, place of business, 13 Broad street; residence, 1 University place.
4. Stephen V. R. Cooper, place of business, 177 Broadway; residence, 218 West 51st street.
5. John Falconer, place of business, 472 Broome street residence, 308 East 15th street.
6. George Koch, place of business, 23 Rivington street; residence, 638 Lexington avenue.
7. Peter Kehr, place of business, 115 Norfolk street; residence, 5c Seventh street.
8. Robert McCafferty, place of business, 654 5th avenue; residence, 838 Lexington avenue.
9. Oswald Ottendorfer, place of business, 17 Chatham street; residence, 7 East 17th street.
10. Henry Clausen, place of business, 309 East 47th street; residence, 83d street corner Avenue A.
11. Patrick Lysaght, place of business, 514 Pearl street; residence, 27 City Hall Place.
12. Richard Flanagan, place of business, 312 West 22d street; residence, 312 West 22d street.
13. John Reilly, place of business, 62 East 14th street residence, 314 East 14th street.
14. John J. Morris, place of business, 59 University Place; residence, 117 West 21st street.
15. Joseph A. Monheimer, place of business, 233 East 31st street residence, 233 East 31st street.
SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President.
JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk, 27 Stuyvesant st.

- STANDING COMMITTEES
ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING PUBLIC INSTRUCTION Aldermen Billings, Monheimer, Reilly.
FINANCE Aldermen Falconer, Cooper, Lysaght.
LANDS AND PLACES. Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, Clausen.
LAW DEPARTMENT. Aldermen Cooper, Billings, Flanagan.
MARKETS. Aldermen Morris, Kehr, Lysaght.
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING. Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, Falconer.
PUBLIC WORKS. Aldermen Koch, Morris, Clausen.
RAILROADS. Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, Ottendorfer.
REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES. Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, Flanagan.
ROADS. Aldermen Cooper, Clausen, Reilly.
SALARIES AND OFFICES. Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, McCafferty.
STREETS. Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, McCafferty.
STREET PAVEMENTS. Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, Van Schaick.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, FOR 1873.

- 1.—Thomas Foley, place of business 24 Morris street residence, 18 West street.
2.—Jeremiah Murphy, place of business 45 Cherry street; residence, 45 Cherry street.
3.—Charles M. Clancy, place of business 191 Mott street residence 191 Mott street.
4.—John C. Keating, place of business 333 Cherry street; residence, 333 Cherry street.
5.—Henry Wiser, place of business 77 Greene street; residence, 155 Prince street.
6.—Michael Healy, place of business 19 Ridge street; residence, 19 Ridge street.
7.—Thos. L. Thornell, place of business 120 Broadway; residence, 165 West 12th street.
8.—John Theiss, place of business 223 Bowery; residence, 223 Bowery.
9.—George F. Codrington, place of business 62 Perry street; residence, 62 Perry street.
10.—Joseph P. Strack, place of business 85 Water street; residence, 179 Third street.
11.—William S. Kreps, place of business 349 and 351 West 26th street; residence, 354 West 27th street.

- 12.—Patrick Keenan, place of business 217 Lewis street; residence, 217 Lewis street.
13.—William Wade, place of business 8th avenue and 23d street; residence, 144 West 21st street.
14.—John J. Kehoe, place of business 41 Chambers street; residence, 138 First avenue.
15.—Edward Brucks, place of business 686 Eighth avenue; residence, 422 West 39th street.
16.—George Kelly, place of business 236 East 20th street; residence, 318 East 20th street.
17.—Stephen N. Simonson, place of business 304 West 52d street; residence, 305 West 48th street.
18.—Philip Cumisky, place of business 552 First avenue; residence, 552 First avenue.
19.—Henry A. Linden, place of business Hunter's Point; residence, 68th street, between 10th and 11th aves.
20.—Isaac Sommers, place of business 10 Barclay street; residence, 202 East 55th street.
21.—Benjamin Beyea, place of business 89 West street; residence, 23 East 132d street.
WILLIAM WADE, President.
CONSTANTINE DONOHU, Clerk, 3 Mott St.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. OFFICES. LOCATION. HOURS. Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT. Cl'k of the Common Council and of B'd of Supervisors, 7 & 8 City Hall, 9 A.M.—4 P.M. Clerk of B'd of Assistants and Aldermen, 9 1/2 City Hall, 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT. Office hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Comptroller's Office, West end, New County Court House. 1.—Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City— Ground floor, West end, New County Court House. 2.—Bureau for the Collection of Taxes— Brown-stone building, City Hall Park. 3.—Bureau for the collection of arrear of taxes and Assessments and of water rents— Ground floor, West end, New County Court House. 4.—Auditing Bureau— Main floor, west end, New County Court House. 5.—Bureau of Licenses. } Ground floor, west end, New 6.—Bureau of Markets— } County Court House. 7.—Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury, in the City and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor— (Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer.) Main floor west end, New County Court House. 8.—Bureau for the Collection of Assessments— Governor's room, City Hall (temporarily.)

LAW DEPARTMENT. Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau st., 9 a.m., 5 p.m. Public Administrator, 115 and 117 " 10 a.m., 4 p.m. Corporation Att'y, " " 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 265 Broadway, Room 13, 9 a.m., 4 p.m. Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, Room 52, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Central Office, 300 Mulberry street, always open. Com's Office, " " " " Supt's Office, " " " " Inspector's Office, " " " " Chief Clerk's Office, " " 8 a.m., 5 p.m. Property Clerk, " " " " Bureau of St Clean'g, " " " " Bureau of Elections, " " " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Commissioners' Office, 19 City Hall, 9 a.m., 4 p.m. Chief Clerk, 20 " " " " Contract Clerk, 21 " " " " Engineer in charge of sewers, 21 City Hall, " " Engineer in charge of Boulevards and avenues, 18 1/2 City Hall, " " Bureau of repairs and supplies, 18 City Hall, " " Bureau of Lamps and Gas, 13 City Hall, " " Bureau of Incumbrances, 13 City Hall, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bureau of Street Improvements, 11 City Hall " " Bureau of the Chief Engineer of the Croton aqueduct, 11 1/2 City Hall, " " Bureau of Water Register, 10 City Hall, " " Bureau of Water Purveyor, 4 City Hall, " " Bureau of Streets and Roads, 13 City Hall, " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION. Central Office, 66 Third av. 8 a.m., to 5 p.m. Out Door Poor Dep't, 66 Third av., always open. Entrance on 11th Street. Free Labor Bureau, 8 and 10 Clinton pl. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, N. E. Corner, always open. Reception Hospital, 99th street and 10th av. always open. Bellevue Hospital, foot of 26th street, E. R. " "

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

