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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MONDAY, December 1, 1884,
1 o'clock P. M.

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

PRESENT :

Hon. William P. Kirk, President.

ALDERMEN

Thomas Cleary,	Henry W. Jaehne,	James Pearson,
Robert E. De Lacy,	Patrick Kenney,	Charles H. Reilly,
Charles Dempsey,	William H. Miller,	Thomas Rothman,
Michael Duffy,	Francis McCabe,	Henry L. Sayles,
Patrick Farley,	Michael F. McLoughlin,	Thomas Sheils,
Frederick Finck,	Arthur J. McQuade,	Charles B. Waite,
Ludolph A. Fullgraff,	John C. O'Connor, Jr.,	Louis Wendel.
Hugh J. Grant,	John O'Neil,	

The minutes of the meeting of November 26, 1884, were read and approved.

REMONSTRANCE.

By the President—

Remonstrance of the Newsdealers' and Stationers' Protective Association against the erection of kiosks in the streets and avenues of the city.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets, and the President announced that the Committee would meet, to hear all persons interested, on Tuesday, the 2d instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

PETITIONS.

By the President—

Petition of Michael Cahill, M. D., to be heard before a Committee of the Common Council to explain his method of supplying water for the city from the atmosphere at a merely nominal expenditure.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Waite—

Resolved, That William R. Swift and William L. Van Derzee be and they are hereby reappointed Commissioners of Deeds, whose terms of office expires respectively December 2 and 20, 1884.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

By Alderman Fullgraff—

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

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That Henry G. Cassidy be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office will expire December 4, 1884.

By Alderman Wendel—

Resolved, That Chas. L. Gott be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires December 14, 1884.

By Alderman McLoughlin—

Resolved, That Nicholas C. Conlon be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires December 7, 1884.

By Alderman Wendel—

Resolved, That Edward F. Williams be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires December 7, 1884.

By the President—

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

By Alderman Finck—

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

By Alderman Reilly—

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

By Alderman Jaehne—

Resolved, That Henry Phillips be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John Craig Clark, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That Herman Artoon be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John T. A. Jewett, whose term of office has expired. Also Marcus Jacobs, in place of William Livingston, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Finck—

Resolved, That Franz Unger be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Franz Unger, whose term of office will expire December 7, 1884.

By the President—

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

By Alderman Grant—

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

By Alderman Farley—

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

By Alderman McCabe—

Resolved, That Daniel Daly be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John J. Hickey, whose term of office has expired.

By Alderman Finck—

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

By Alderman Kenney—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

By Alderman Grant—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George S. Payson to lay a cross-walk across Inwood street, at the foot of F street, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York ; also, to lay a plank walk on the south side of Inwood street, about one hundred feet each side, or east and west from F street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Miller—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William Maginn to place and keep a watering-trough in front of his premises, No. 609 Hudson street, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Finck—

Resolved, That the name of William H. Leonard, recently appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, be corrected so as to read H. W. Leonard.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the President—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to include in the list of streets to be repaved next year, under the provisions of chapter 476, Laws of 1875 :

Leonard street, from Elm street to Baxter street.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 552.)

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the broken tiles in the vestibule and passageways on the first floor of the City Hall to be replaced with new tiles ; the steps leading to the front or main entrance, where broken or displaced, to be replaced and renewed and thoroughly repaired and restored ; the brown stone flagging of the esplanade in front of the building to be reset, and where broken to be renewed, and the entire flagging reset, on an incline outwardly from the building sufficient to carry water during and after a rain-fall into the roadway crossing the park in front of the City Hall ; the work to be done without advertising for estimates or contracting therefor, at an expense not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to be taken from the appropriation for "Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs," for the year 1885.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 553.)

By Alderman Miller—

Resolved, That the public drinking-fountain, for man and beast, now located on the southeast corner of Clarkson and Greenwich streets, be removed, and an improved iron drinking-hydrant be substituted therefor, as the present fountain is so much worn as to be unfit for use, and occasions a constant waste of water.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Cleary—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

By Alderman Jaehne—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Amos R. Eno to extend a vault at Nos. 102 and 104 Thompson street, nine feet and eight inches beyond the curb-line, and four feet six inches wide, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the work be done in a durable and substantial manner, and that the said Amos R. Eno shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the city harmless from any loss or damage that may occur in consequence of the building or extension of said vault, during the progress or subsequent to the completion of the work, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman McLoughlin—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do so to meet on Friday, December 5, at one o'clock P. M.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Patrick Dowd to place and keep a newspaper stand at the southeast corner of West Broadway and Franklin street ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That the resolution heretofore passed placing a watering-trough at No. 248 Henry street be amended by striking out the No. 248 and inserting in lieu thereof No. 246.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman O'Connor—

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board send notices to the members of this Board of all meetings appointed to be held at any other time or day than Mondays and Thursdays, at one o'clock P. M.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Duffy—
Resolved, That Emil C. W. Macholdt be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.
Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :
MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 28, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your consideration the enclosed petition from residents on Fifth avenue relative to the paving of portions of that thoroughfare.

FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor.

NOVEMBER 26, 1884.

To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council of the City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned residents of Fifth avenue, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets, having been informed that a petition is in circulation, requesting the privilege of laying a wooden pavement on said avenue, do most earnestly protest against the granting of any such privilege by your Honorable Body at the present time. There are two experimental blocks of pavement recently laid in our immediate neighborhood, but sufficient time has not elapsed to test the relative value of either.

The season of the year also renders it impossible to lay any pavement properly. We therefore beg your Honorable Body to refuse this grant. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Lewis A. Sayre, No. 285 Fifth avenue.
T. Gaillard Thomas, M. D., No. 294 Fifth avenue.
S. Beach Jones, M. D., No. 294 Fifth avenue.
Andrew J. McCosh, M. D., No. 294 Fifth avenue.
L. Narcotte & Co., No. 298 Fifth avenue.
Cranitch Bros., No. 297 Fifth avenue.
I. S. Weatherley, No. 297 Fifth avenue.
W. A. McLaughlin, No. 297 Fifth avenue.
S. E. Hartly, No. 293 Fifth avenue.
Mmes. Polhamus & Dolan, No. 286 Fifth avenue.
Louise & Co., No. 292 Fifth avenue.
Jos. Walker, No. 289 Fifth avenue.
John Watson, No. 284 Fifth avenue.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD and referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the County Clerk :

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE—NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, }
NEW YORK, November 28, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—The removal of the offices of the Comptroller having left several rooms in the Court-house vacant, I respectfully call the attention of your Honorable Board to the pressing need of the office of the County Clerk for more space, and request that so much of such vacant space as said office requires for the convenient transaction of its business be immediately appropriated to its use.

The inadequacy of the accommodations in this office for the proper conduct of its business, has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the municipal authorities. Of the many reasons for the present request, the following are cited :

First—Valuable records, which must be consulted hourly, are now necessarily consigned to poorly lighted and badly ventilated cellars, where a continuous deposit of moisture and dust renders the records undecipherable and their quick decay inevitable.

Second—Inability to assign a separate place for each class of records necessitates the frequent handling of other papers than those for which search is made, resulting in a most exasperating waste of the time and labor of both the clerks and the public.

Third—Of several thousand practicing lawyers in the City of New York, not more than twenty-five could at the same time find standing room in the office while making examinations of or extracts from the records.

Trusting that your Honorable Board will avail itself of the opportunity to which its attention is herein directed, and grant the relief asked for with all convenient speed, I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

PATRICK KEENAN,
Clerk of the City and County of New York,
and Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Public Administrator :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, }
NEW YORK, December 1, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

Pursuant to chapter 4, article III., section 24 of the Ordinances of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, of January 1, 1881, the undersigned hereby reports a transcript of such of his accounts as have been closed or finally settled, and of those on which any money has been received by him as part of the proceeds of any estate on which he has administered since the date of his last report.

Respectfully,

ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.

A transcript of such of his accounts as have been closed or finally settled since the date of his last report.

NAME OF DECEASED.	Date of Final Decree.	Total Amount Received.	Total Amount paid for Funeral Expenses, Expenses of Administration, and Claims of Creditors.	Commissions paid into the City Treasury.	Amount paid to Legatees or next of Kin.	Amount paid into City Treasury for unknown next of Kin.	Paid to the Surrogate's Court for next of Kin.
August Wusterfeld...	1884. Nov. 3	\$427 51	\$48 54	\$21 40	\$357 97
Frederick H. Krone...	Nov. 3	493 35	106 98	24 67	361 70
Anton Rost	Nov. 20	882 50	83 60	44 14	754 76
Elizabeth Rokenbrod...	Nov. 20	1,426 72	142 65	71 34	1,212 73

A statement of the title of any estate on which any money has been received since the date of the last report.

NAME OF DECEASED.	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED.	NAME OF DECEASED.	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED.
Theodore Boatsmann.....	\$90 49	Ann Dunn.....	\$944 00
Chas. or Daniel Vaughan.....	17 65	Emma Moschke.....	289 01
Richard Christie.....	51 06	Dominico Gallotti.....	253 56
Frederico Marquetti.....	66 28	Ann McDermott.....	75 00
Margaret Nevins.....	786 98	Charles R. Kelly.....	266 13
William Meyer.....	531 81	Thomas Donnelly.....	12 85
Ann Graney.....	282 12	Charles Miller.....	11 50
August Westerfeld.....	15 83	Thomas Griffin.....	8 00
Margaret Nevins.....	593 05		

ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.

Which was ordered on file.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 29, 1884.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen :

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

Title of Appropriations.	Amount of Appropriations.	Payments.	Amount of Unexpended Balances.
City Contingencies.....	\$1,000 00	\$210 88	\$789 12
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.	250 00	68 34	181 66
Salaries—Common Council.....	69,000 00	62,377 06	6,622 94

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 26, 1884.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller reports that the gross receipts of the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company, for carrying passengers for the month of October, 1884, as appears by the statement under oath of the Treasurer of said company, received by this Department on the 26th instant, were eighty thousand three hundred and thirteen dollars and ten cents (\$80,313.10).

Respectfully submitted,

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The President called up G. O. 513, being a resolution, as follows :

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

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

REPORTS.

The Committee on County Affairs, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of allowing the Relief Committee of the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic desk-room in Room No. 4, City Hall, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the permission asked should be granted, it being understood that such permission is granted upon the condition that no interference shall ensue to Rev. Dr. Kimball in his distribution of food to the poor, he having heretofore permitted the use of the room named for that purpose. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That the Relief Committee of the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of the City of New York be and they hereby are allowed to use and occupy desk-room in Room No. 4, City Hall, for the transaction of their business as such Relief Committee, such occupation to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

FRANCIS McCABE, } Committee
ARTHUR J. McQUADE, } on
FREDERICK FINCK, } County Affairs.
THOMAS SHEILS, }

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the report and adopt the resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Sayles called up G. O. 510, being a resolution, as follows :

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—20.

Alderman ——— called up G. O. 508, being a resolution, as follows :

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

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

Alderman Waite moved to amend by increasing the amount opposite the Sergeant-at-Arms to \$100, and by equalizing the pay of all the remainder of the persons named in the list, so that every such person would receive \$46.18.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Grant, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, Reilly, Rothman, Sheils, and Waite—12.

Negative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Finck, Fullgraff, Jaehne, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Sayles, and Wendel—10.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, as amended.

Which was decided in the negative on a division, as follows, three-fourths of all the members not voting in favor thereof :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Dempsey, Duffy, Farley, Grant, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, Reilly, Rothman, Sheils, and Waite—12.

Negative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Finck, Fullgraff, Jaehne, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Sayles, and Wendel—10.

Alderman O'Connor was excused from voting.

Alderman Waite moved that the vote by which the above resolution was lost be reconsidered. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative. Alderman Waite then moved that the resolution be laid over until next meeting. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman O'Connor moved that this Board do now adjourn. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the negative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Grant called up G. O. 532, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows: Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, from Tenth avenue to the Public Drive, be regulated and graded, curb-stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman Grant moved to amend the resolution and ordinance by striking out the words "Tenth avenue" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "St. Nicholas avenue," wherever they occur.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative. The paper was then again laid over.

Alderman Reilly called up G. O. 445, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows: Resolved, That the roadway of Fortieth street, from First avenue to the East river, be regulated, graded, curbed and flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Reilly moved that the vote by which G. O. 461, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the roadway of Eighty-second street, from Avenue A to Avenue B, be paved with granite-block pavement, and that crosswalks be laid at the terminating avenues, where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

—was lost at the meeting of the Board held October 20, 1884, be reconsidered.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Duffy called up G. O. 472, being a preamble and resolution, as follows: Whereas, It has been found necessary to raise the height of the awning about to be built on the westerly side of Washington Market, so as to facilitate the transaction of business; and Whereas, It is important that this work should be done without the delay incident to advertising; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized to have said work done and the materials furnished by one or several contracts or orders, without public advertising and letting, provided the cost so expended shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars, to be paid from the appropriation of "Washington Market Repairs," as provided by section 64 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Alderman Jaehne moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Markets.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Duffy called up G. O. 505, being a resolution, as follows:

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

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

Alderman — called up G. O. 426, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Arthur avenue, from Tremont avenue to Kingsbridge road, Twenty-fourth Ward.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Jaehne, Kenney, Miller, McCabe, McQuade, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sayles, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—20.

Alderman Waite called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 261), being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Ottmann, Keppler & Schwarzmänn to extend the vault in front of their premises, No. 541, 543, 545 and 547 Pearl street, a distance of seven feet beyond the curb-line, as shown in the accompanying diagram, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the work be done in a durable and substantial manner, and that the said Ottmann, Keppler & Schwarzmänn shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the city harmless from any loss or damage that may occur in consequence of the building or extension of said vault, during the progress or subsequent to the completion of the work, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Cleary, De Lacy, Dempsey, Duffy, Finck, Fullgraff, Grant, Jaehne, Kenney, McCabe, McQuade, O'Neil, Pearson, Reilly, Rothman, Sheils, Waite, and Wendel—18.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Wendel moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Friday, December 5, 1884, at 1 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

ARMORY BOARD—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
November 28, 1884.

A meeting of the Armory Board was held at the office of the Secretary, No. 301 Mott street, this date.

Present—Mayor Edson, General Shaler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Sinking Fund Commission, notifying this Board of the action of said Commission with reference to the plans for the Twelfth Regiment Armory, was received and filed.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel, inclosing form of proposals and contract, was received and filed.

Communications from a number of prominent men, indorsing architects who were already on the list of competitors, were received and filed.

The Secretary then presented his report of examination of plans for the Twenty-second Regiment, giving the merits and demerits in detail of each plan. The report was received.

Resolved, That in compliance with the request of the commanding officer of the Twenty-second Regiment, and with the approval of the Major-General commanding the division, the size of the large drill-room be increased to about two hundred feet square; that the proposed menage be dispensed with, and that in lieu thereof a paved court of about half the size of the said proposed menage be provided for mounted officers.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER SHALER, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Opinion as to Interpretation and Effect of the Constitutional Amendment of 1884.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, November 28, 1884.

Hon. FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor, etc.:

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication under date of November 12, with request for an answer to the following questions:

First—Will the city authorities be precluded by the new Constitutional Amendment from issuing any bonds other than for the supply of water, after January 1, 1885?

Second—If they will be thus precluded, what steps, if any, may be lawfully taken by the city authorities before that date to provide means for avoiding any consequent embarrassment in the administration of the city's affairs?

In accordance with suggestions contained in your letter, I have communicated with the Comptroller, who will, no doubt, soon complete the estimates necessary to enable the financial officers of the city to determine exactly what difficulties are to be met and provided for. Letters have been sent to the heads of the different departments affected by the amendment, urging haste in reporting their needs to the Comptroller. In advance, however, of the completion of these estimates it would seem desirable to answer your questions without further delay, as possibly by that means the other work may be in part facilitated.

Your first question is this:

First—Will the city authorities be precluded by the new Constitutional Amendment from issuing any bonds other than for the supply of water after January 1, 1885?

The amendment (or rather so much of it as concerns the subject under consideration) is as follows:

"No * * * city of over one hundred thousand inhabitants * * shall be allowed to 'become indebted for any purpose or in any manner to an amount which, including existing 'indebtedness, shall exceed ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the real estate of such * * city subject to taxation, as it appeared by the assessment rolls of said county or city on the last 'assessment for State or county taxes prior to the incurring of such indebtedness; and all indebtedness in excess of such limitation, except such as may now exist, shall be absolutely void, except as 'herein otherwise provided. No such * * city whose present indebtedness exceeds ten per centum of the assessed valuation of its real estate subject to taxation shall be allowed to become 'indebted in any further amount until such indebtedness shall be reduced within such limit. 'This section shall not be construed to prevent the issuing of certificates of indebtedness or revenue 'bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes for amounts actually contained, or to be 'contained, in the taxes for the year when such certificates or revenue bonds are issued and payable 'out of such taxes. Nor shall this section be construed to prevent the issue of bonds to provide 'for the supply of water, but the term of the bonds issued to provide for the supply of water shall 'not exceed twenty years, and a sinking fund shall be created on the issuing of said bonds for their 'redemption, by raising annually a sum which will produce an amount equal to the sum of the 'principal and interest of said bonds at their maturity.'"

This amendment goes into effect January 1, 1885.

The total assessed valuation of the real estate of this city subject to taxation is \$1,119,761,597; ten per centum thereof is \$111,976,159.70. The total amount of the bonded debt of the city on January 1, 1885, will be \$125,810,579.33, of which \$35,479,579.33 are held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The gross apparent bonded indebtedness of the city is therefore \$125,810,579.33, and the first question to be considered is whether anything is to be deducted from this apparent gross total.

I. The statement has been made that so much of this debt as is represented by bonds heretofore issued to provide for the supply of water should not be considered as "existing indebtedness." By what process of reasoning the saving clause of the amendment can be so interpreted as to sustain such conclusion it is hard to see. The language used is: "Nor shall this section be construed to 'prevent the issue of bonds to provide for the supply of water, etc.'" The meaning of this clause is apparent and not obscure. It simply provides that the ten per cent. rule shall not apply to prevent the future issue of bonds of this kind. It in no way provides that in calculating existing indebtedness bonds issued for water supply shall not be included.

II. Are the assets of the city to be deducted from this apparent gross total?

In my opinion they are not.

The rule for the interpretation of clauses in a constitution is thus laid down by Cooley: "We must presume that words have been employed in their natural and ordinary meaning. As Marshall, Ch. J., says: 'The framers of the Constitution, and the people who adopted it, must be 'understood to have employed words in their natural sense, and to have intended what they have 'said.'"

In the language of every-day life, the word "indebtedness" imports an obligation to pay irrespective entirely of the pecuniary resources of the person indebted.

This interpretation is approved by judicial decision. A clause similar to the one now under consideration will be found in the constitutions of Iowa, Illinois, Maine, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and a few other states, and the question here raised has been presented to the Supreme Court of Iowa. Bonds had been issued by the City of Davenport to build water-works, as to which it was argued, that as they would be new property of equal value to the amount of the loan, and which would produce revenue, the issue of the bonds would not increase the debt of the city. The Court said: "We cannot concur in this view. A debt is created when one person binds himself 'to pay money to another. A party becomes indebted when he enters into an obligation to pay '[giving definitions]. When a man buys a farm and executes his notes and mortgages for the 'purchase money, he becomes indebted, although the farm may be worth more than the sum agreed 'to be paid, and the profit or income therefrom be more than sufficient to pay the debt as it falls 'due. A merchant incurs a debt for goods though he expects to realize large profits thereon. ' * * The purchaser having become bound to pay has incurred an indebtedness which he 'may be compelled to pay. Being thus bound, he is in debt, no matter what amount of property 'he may have received in consideration for his obligation. He has become indebted for its purchase.' The Court, however, distinguished the case where a municipal corporation issued warrants or orders for the payment of money (in an amount in excess of the limit) directed to an officer of the same corporation, when the corporation had at the same time the means in the treasury to meet the warrants.

Scott agst. City of Davenport, 34 Iowa, 208.

In another case before the same Court, the appellant contended that various items of assets, including a special tax (assessment) for sidewalks and \$2,000 cash in the City Treasurer's possession, should be deducted from the amount of the outstanding indebtedness of the City of Council Bluffs, thus making valid \$25,000 of bonds issued in excess of the constitutional limitation. The Court says: "The position of the appellant confounds the distinction between an indebtedness and insolvency. A person who has outstanding obligations to the extent of \$10,000 is indebted to that 'amount without regard to the means which he may have for the payment of his debts when they 'mature. The same is true of a city.'"

City of Council Bluffs agst. Stewart, 51 Iowa, 385.

If the assets of the city are to be deducted as suggested, then the power to contract debts is not limited to ten per cent. upon the assessed valuations of taxable real estate, but extends to the whole value of all the assets of the city and ten per cent. upon such assessed valuations in addition thereto.

III. Are the stocks and bonds held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to be deducted from the gross apparent indebtedness?

If the answer above given to the question last discussed is correct, these securities are not to be deducted on the theory that they are assets of the city, that they merely represent past accumulations, that they are valuable property which may eventually be used to produce in part the money needed to pay existing indebtedness. If the \$35,000,000 were invested in United States Bonds, the financial condition of the city would no doubt be as sound as it is to-day, but its "existing indebtedness" would still be the gross apparent indebtedness unreduced by the amount of these investments.

The ground, however, on which it is urged that the city bonds or stocks held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, are not to be considered as a part of the "existing indebtedness" is that the city owns these bonds—that the purchase of the bonds by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund is practically a purchase by the city of a debt due from itself, and extinguishes such debt. In my opinion this theory is fallacious.

To an intelligent discussion of this question, a clear conception of the character and functions of the Sinking Fund is necessary.

The theory advanced, as stated, is that the city owns these bonds—that its purchase of a debt due from itself extinguishes such debt. The fallacy of this claim lies in the assumption that the city and the Sinking Fund Commissioners are the same entity, and that the former does own the bonds bought by the latter.

It is not to be disputed that one cannot owe himself, or that when a debtor buys an obligation on which he is indebted it thereby ceases to be a part of his "existing indebtedness." But it is not true that the city owns or has ceased to be liable to pay bonds which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have bought and hold.

The city and its funds on the one hand, the Commissioners and the Sinking Fund on the other, are distinct and different. The City of New York does not own the Sinking Fund, nor the investments which are a part of that fund in the sense that it owns its general fund or in the sense that it owns other property. The city is interested in the Sinking Fund, but cannot be said to own it in the general and ordinary sense of that word. It cannot exercise acts of ownership over it. The Com-

missioners of that fund own and hold it in trust, subject to certain specified and defined duties. The creditors whose debts are payable out of, or secured by that fund, have a right to have those trusts and duties strictly and fully performed, and can enforce the performance thereof. They have a lien on the fund and an interest in the performance of the trust duties relating thereto, which neither the city nor the Commissioners can lawfully impair or defeat.

No use, or disposition, or application, or administration of that fund, or trust can lawfully be made, which shall in any way impair or defeat the security, which such creditors have by the pledge of that fund for their debts and by the pledge that the method prescribed for its management shall continue. So far as these creditors of the city have a claim on, or interest in the fund or its management or application, or in the method of the administration of the trust relating to it, the ownership or interest of the city in said fund is limited and subordinate. The Sinking Fund Commissioners are not trustees of the fund for the city only, but also for certain of the creditors of the city. To the extent of such creditors' interest the only interest of the city in the fund is to have it administered according to the trust for the benefit and use of such creditors. The city cannot lawfully prevent such administration, nor can it interfere with the fund in any way, while such administration of it continues.

It is no anomaly that a person be interested in, and yet not the owner of a fund. A stockholder in a corporation, which holds his bond is indebted to that corporation, although the payment by him of that bond to the corporation will increase its cash assets, in which he is interested and would share if the corporation were wound up. An executor who holds a bond made by himself to his testator, is indebted to the amount of that bond whether or not he be one entitled to a share of the estate.

That the foregoing assertions as to the city, the Sinking Fund Commissioners, the Sinking Fund and the creditors secured thereby, and their relations to each other, are correct will appear from a consideration of some of the laws relating to that fund and to those Commissioners.

Until 1878, the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt was held in trust by the Commissioners for and pledged to the payment of a limited number of kinds of bonds which had been issued by the city for certain specified purposes. Such pledge was recognized and declared by chapter 225 of the Laws of 1845, and the City Ordinances which will be found in the Revision of 1859, pages 190, etc. (See also Appendix, pages 482, etc.)

The Commissioners were authorized to invest the fund in city bonds or stocks, but it was provided that the bonds or stocks of the city purchased by them for such investments "(should) not be canceled by them until the final redemption of the said stock; and all interest accruing thereon "(should) regularly be carried to the said Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt."

Revised Ordinances of 1859, p. 193, sec. 6; p. 195, sec. 12.

This provision is wholly inconsistent with the theory that said bonds or stocks, when so purchased by the Commissioners, became extinguished, or that the city then ceased to be indebted thereon. It clearly required such bonds and stocks to be paid at, and not before maturity, and the interest thereon in the meantime to be paid to the Commissioners for the fund and to be therein accumulated for payment of the principal of the debt secured by such fund.

The interest and principal of such purchased bonds became a part of the Sinking Fund pledged for redemption of the city debt payable thereout, just as much as any other invested Sinking Fund moneys were, just as much as the principal and interest of United States bonds, State bonds, or the bond and mortgage of a private individual would have been had there been invested therein the moneys which were invested in city bonds. Such principal and interest when paid was not paid to the city, but to the Commissioners as trustees of the fund for the benefit of the creditors of the city, whose debts were payable thereout. The city could neither demand those bonds, nor their cancellation, nor the proceeds thereof, nor the interest thereon from the Commissioners; nor could it refuse to pay to them such principal or interest, nor compel them to make any use whatever of such bonds or their proceeds, except to hold and apply them as required by the trust, under which the fund was created. That, when they were paid at maturity, the city debt would, to their amount, be reduced made no difference, even though they were bonds chargeable to the Sinking Fund. Until paid, they were a part of the fund, and when paid their proceeds were part of the fund, even though thereby a surplus in the fund was created.

But the bonds of the city were not all chargeable to the Sinking Fund. By section 175, chapter 86, Laws of 1813, it is provided that certain improvements may be made by the city and the expense thereof assessed on the property benefited thereby, and that such assessments when collected shall be applied to the payment of such expenses. By chapter 397 of the Laws of 1852, the city was authorized to issue assessment bonds to pay such expenses as are above mentioned. By the Ordinances (Revision of 1859, p. 185, sec. 30) the assessments were pledged for the payment of these bonds.

In numerous other cases the city was authorized to issue bonds which were finally payable from some source other than the Sinking Fund. Many such cases will be found specified in sections 132-162 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882. These bonds were frequently called "revenue bonds" in the laws relating to them, though that name is, in common usage, more particularly applied to the bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes of the current year mentioned in sections 153 and 154 of said act.

By chapters 322 and 323 of the Laws of 1871, provision was made for the consolidation of the city debt, and also of the county debt, by the creation of funds respectively called the "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," and the "Consolidated Stock of the County of New York." These acts required all stock of the city or county thereafter issued under any then existing law, or under any future law which did not provide to the contrary, to be known as consolidated stock, and to be issued under said Acts of 1871 as well as under the special laws authorizing their issue. They also provided for the exchange of their existing bonds or stock by the holders thereof for such consolidated stock.

This consolidated stock was not by these acts made a charge on the Sinking Fund, but it was expressly enacted by them that the money for the redemption of such stock, as well as that for the interest thereon, should be raised by taxation.

It is unnecessary to refer to or describe in detail each kind of city bonds authorized by law to be issued. The point to be noted is that there have been and are numerous city bonds of divers kinds, some of which are not now, and more of which prior to the Act of 1878 hereinafter mentioned were not, a charge upon the Sinking Fund. All of these bonds were and are a lawful means of investment of the Sinking Fund. Such bonds were secured by the pledge to the payment thereof of funds upon which the Sinking Fund creditors, as such, had no claim whatever. When, however, moneys of the Sinking Fund were invested in such bonds the creditors of that fund did have a claim on the special funds, out of which such purchased bonds were payable, as security for the Sinking Fund moneys which had been so invested. Of this claim such creditors could be divested only by payment of the moneys due upon the bonds in which the investments had been made, to the Sinking Fund.

If the mere fact of a purchase by the Commissioners of such bonds extinguished them and terminated the city's indebtedness upon them, then the Sinking Fund creditors would not only be deprived of the security of the special funds out of which such bonds were payable, but the very moneys of the Sinking Fund, out of which such bonds were not payable, but which the creditors of that fund were entitled to have, with the interest thereon, accumulated and retained as a fund to secure the payment of their debts, would be diverted from that purpose and from the trust created therefor, and applied to the payment of debts not payable therefrom.

In principle there is no more reason for saying that the purchase by the Commissioners of a bond secured by the Sinking Fund puts an end to such a bond as a part of the "existing indebtedness" of the city upon the theory that the city thereby becomes a purchaser of a debt due by it, than there is for saying that an assessment bond or any of the various revenue bonds or tax bonds under the same circumstances become extinct and cease to be a part of the "existing indebtedness" of the city. The city no more owns the one kind of bond than it does the other kind, by reason of a purchase by the Commissioners. The city is as much bound to pay to the Commissioners the principal and interest on a bond of one kind as on a bond of the other. The capacity, in which and trust, on which all the bonds are held by the Commissioners are the same.

If it be said that a Sinking Fund bond is, as between the Commissioners and the city, primarily payable out of the Sinking Fund, and that therefore when held by the Commissioners it is paid as between them, because held by the person primarily liable to pay it, the answer is that between creditors holding other bonds payable out of the Sinking Fund and the Commissioners as trustees for such creditors, it is not paid. For their benefit it is by law and ordinance declared non-payable; it cannot be paid at the time of such purchase, nor before its maturity, nor out of its priority. The law under which the pledge is made and the trust exists, prohibits the Commissioners from canceling it, and requires them to hold it as an existing debt or obligation to collect the interest on it as such and to pay that interest into the Sinking Fund, which is pledged not only to the purchased bond but to many other bonds. If when it becomes due, there should not be sufficient money in the Sinking Fund to pay it, and applicable to its payment, the city would be obliged to pay its amount to the Commissioners, just as it would to any other person who might have held it. The money so paid would be part of the fund held by the Commissioners, as security for the payment of the bonds held by other persons.

It seems that the clear intent of the contract of pledge made by the laws and ordinances relating to this fund was, and is, that no bonds should be paid out of the Sinking Fund until their maturity. This system and agreement has a good purpose, viz.: to secure the payment in the order of their priorities of all bonds payable out of the fund.

It is only bonds due and payable and held by the Sinking Fund, and which are payable thereout in preference to any other outstanding bonds, which are in principle to be deemed paid when held by the Sinking Fund Commissioners, even if they then have funds sufficient for the payment thereof.

Sinking Fund bonds so held cannot be considered paid, or extinguished, or canceled, until their maturity, nor then, until all prior and equal claims on the fund are extinguished.

The law intended by its provisions to prevent the Sinking Fund from being diminished in any way, except by the payment thereof of bonds payable therefrom as they matured. If bonds bought as investments of the fund were then and thereby paid and canceled, without regard to their being matured or not, even though apparently enough was left in the fund to

pay all outstanding claims against it, it might happen that, when said outstanding claims became payable, the fund would be found insufficient through losses or deficiencies arising from fluctuations in values of investments or other causes. Such impairments of the trust fund were meant to be guarded against. The bonds entitled to priority or equality of payment are to be secured by the bonds bought and to be held, uncanceled, by the Commissioners, and all bonds payable from the fund are to be secured by the interest until maturity of the bonds bought. So long as the bonds are so held uncanceled the city is indebted on them. No doubt the law would at their maturity apply to the payment of bonds held by the Commissioners the funds in the Commissioners' hands applicable thereto, under the principles above stated, and thus in a proper case hold a bond paid which ought to be paid.

It is to be steadily kept in mind that assets being in the debtor's possession, or in a trust fund created by him, to an amount sufficient to pay a debt due from him does not extinguish that debt.

The idea that the Sinking Fund is never to be in amount in excess of the debts chargeable thereto or payable therefrom is fallacious and must be avoided. Though called a "Sinking Fund" it is in fact a reserve fund, which does not disappear when its accumulations equal the amount of the bonds to whose security it is pledged. The Commissioners are entitled and bound to hold under their trust all the funds belonging or appropriated thereto, until every debt chargeable thereon is in fact paid in full, principal and interest. The creditors of that fund are entitled to the security for their debts afforded by all the accumulations of the fund, no matter how much the surplus thereof may be. Such accumulations or surplus the city cannot take from the Commissioners nor use for any purpose whatever. It cannot be in any way put beyond the reach of the creditors of the Sinking Fund. It must be held intact for the purposes of the trust, and the creditors of the fund are entitled, at the maturity of their debts, to be paid therefrom in the order of the priorities of their claims thereon, and, in the meantime, to have the full fund held in trust as a security for such payment.

The surplus of the Sinking Fund can no more be destroyed or withdrawn from the trust, or the operation thereof, than could the equity of redemption, surplus, or increased value of land covered by a mortgage or trust deed made to secure a debt be destroyed, withdrawn from the mortgage or trust deed or from the operation thereof.

Even when the creditors of the fund are paid in full the city cannot reach or use any surplus there may be until legislative authority so to do is given. At any time the Legislature may pledge this fund as security for additional debts so long as existing prior rights are saved.

The relation of the city to the Sinking Fund creditors and the Commissioners is very like that of a principal to his surety and creditors. If the debt be fixed, both the surety and the principal owe it even though either alone be sufficiently able to pay it, and even though the surety be fully indemnified.

The ideas above advanced are not mere theories; they have been practically illustrated in the history of legislation relative to the Sinking Fund.

In 1878 it was found that there was a large and continually increasing surplus of the Sinking Fund, while the city owed and was incurring many debts, which could not be paid therefrom. The surplus, invested in City Bonds, was then \$10,000,000 and upwards, in excess of all the claims payable from the fund. This large surplus was continually increasing. The city was paying to the Sinking Fund interest on a large amount of bonds held by the Commissioners and also other funds pledged by law to the Sinking Fund. Practically, this increasing surplus was not available to the city for any purpose, and could not be made available for any purpose, which should interfere with its continuance in the Sinking Fund subject to the payment of all unpaid bonds payable therefrom.

To meet this emergency, chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878 was passed.

(Prior thereto, section 102 of the chapter of 1873, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, as amended by section 17, chapter 757, Laws of 1873, had been passed with a view to give some relief, but it had not proved effectual, and was never acted upon.)

This Act of 1878 was very carefully framed, on the instruction and under the direction of the then Comptroller, Mr. Kelly. Its first section continued the Sinking Fund, and pledged the same and "any excess there may be in said fund" to the payment of existing claims on the fund and to other city bonds and stocks thereafter mentioned.

Its second section continued the Sinking Fund for the payment of interest, and required the transfer of any excess in such fund to the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and pledged the same "until all the bonds and stocks of said city as aforesaid are fully redeemed and paid." Before this, such surplus interest of the Sinking Fund went to the General Fund.

Notwithstanding the existence of the surplus, the third section added to the Sinking Fund certain moneys from assessments.

The fourth section declared that there should be and was a contract between the city and its creditors, who were creditors of the Sinking Fund, that the pledged fund "shall be accumulated and applied only to the purposes of said Sinking Fund, until all of said debt is fully redeemed and paid as herein provided."

The fifth section declared that nothing in the act should be construed to authorize "the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to use or apply any part or portion of the accumulations in said "Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt or the revenues of said fund in any manner whatever, whereby the security of said fund for the payment of the bonds and stocks of said city, for which said fund (was then) pledged by law, and which were a charge on said fund, shall be "alienated or impaired, and the said bonds and stocks so secured by law are hereby declared to constitute a preferred charge on said Sinking Fund until the same are fully and finally paid and "redeemed."

The sixth section authorized the issuance of consolidated city stock and the use thereof to call in, redeem and pay "any portion of the bonded debt (then) a charge on the City Treasury" and the cancellation of the bonds so called in. It did not, however, permit them to call in under this act city revenue tax bonds. It further provided that, after providing for all preferred claims on the Sinking Fund, any bonds of the city falling due and not exchanged as aforesaid, and all the consolidated stock issued under that section, might be paid from the Sinking Fund "provided such payment shall not in any way impair the preferred claims thereon, as in the preceding section specified, and provided also, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall deem it for the best interests of the city that such payment should be so made."

The seventh section provided that from this Sinking Fund should be paid and redeemed all preferred bonds, and all bonds authorized by this act to be paid therefrom, and that the Commissioners might in any year require not less than \$1,000,000—nor more than \$2,000,000—to be raised by tax and paid into the Sinking Fund if the said fund should be insufficient to pay the bonds falling due in the next year.

The eighth section provided for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the payment of all bonds, payable from taxation, thereafter issued, excepting revenue tax bonds. This was to be accomplished by annually raising by tax and paying to the Commissioners annually a sum sufficient with the accumulations of interest thereon, to pay such bonds as they fell due. In obedience to this section over \$538,000 is included in the Provisional Estimate for 1885.

Section nine provided for assessment bonds issued after this act was passed, for work contracted for or commenced thereafter.

Section ten provided for issuing bonds upon bids therefor, excepting revenue bonds or bonds purchased for investment by the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

By this act the charges upon the Sinking Fund were made more numerous than they had been; but existing claims thereon and their respective priorities were carefully preserved, and the fund itself was given increased sources of revenue.

Under this act all bonds theretofore secured by the Sinking Fund, all bonds, except revenue tax bonds, then a charge upon the City Treasury, all consolidated bonds issued under that act and all bonds thereafter issued payable from taxation, except revenue tax bonds, were made a charge upon the Sinking Fund, increased as it was by said act. The subsequently issued bonds payable from taxation, however, were made a charge only on the special Sinking Fund by that act required to be raised annually by tax, and such special Sinking Fund was made a security only for such bonds.

In other words, after the Act of 1878, there was a Sinking Fund security for every bond outstanding when that act was passed, except revenue tax bonds, and also for every bond thereafter issued and payable from taxation, excepting revenue tax bonds. Assessment bonds thereafter issued were a charge on and payable out of assessments.

The law, as thus established, continues unchanged to-day, except that the assessment act, chapter 550, Laws of 1880, section 11, requires all assessments made prior to June 9, 1880, or for work contracted for or authorized before that date, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to be applied by them according to law.

The act of 1878 clearly requires all accumulations of the Sinking Fund to be retained until all of the debt thereon charged is fully redeemed and paid. No security afforded by the Sinking Fund can be impaired until every bond payable therefrom is paid in full, and the scope of the principles hereinbefore set forth is enlarged by the act of 1878, just to the extent that said act made the claims on the Sinking Fund more numerous than they were before.

If the Sinking Fund Commissioners hold as an investment bonds falling due later than bonds presently due and payable from that fund, and if the available cash in the Sinking Fund, including the \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 called for from taxation under section 7 of the Act of 1878, is insufficient to pay the bonds so due and payable, I know of nothing to prevent the Commissioners selling on the market enough of the bonds not due to raise the funds to make such payment. How then can the bonds, which may be thus transferred to private holders, be considered as extinguished debt?

A pertinent illustration of this is found in the financial history of this State. In 1876 and 1877 the Commissioners of the State Sinking Funds held among other investments canal bonds not yet due. In order to provide funds to pay bounty bonds falling due in those years, they sold the canal bonds on the market, and applied the proceeds, including premium, to redeem the bounty bonds. The State was the debtor on both series of bonds, but I have never heard it suggested that the acquisition of the canal bonds by the Sinking Fund Commissioners extinguished them as a State indebtedness. As matter of fact, a portion of the bonds so sold by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are now outstanding in the hands of third parties, as existing indebtedness. The facts as to these sales are fully stated in the annual report of the Comptroller of the State, transmitted to the Legislature January 2, 1878.

A further argument in support of the proposition that unmatured bonds held by a Sinking Fund, interest on which the law requires to be raised each year by tax, are not to be considered paid, may be found in the full text of the amendment. The last clause thereof prohibits the levy in any year of more than two per cent. of the assessed valuation of real and personal estates for current expenses (exclusive of interest and State quota).

If there is any ambiguity in the word "indebtedness," it should be so resolved as to secure uniformity in the operation of the amendment. Assuming for facility of calculation that the interest on the bonded debt is five per cent., it will be found that in a city bonded to the ten per cent. limit and having no sinking fund, the taxpayer cannot be made to contribute in any year more than one-fiftieth of his taxable substance for current expenses, nor more than one two-hundredth of his real estate investments for interest on the debt of his city. In a city, however, bonded to twice the limit, one-half of its bonds being held in its sinking fund, unmatured and uncanceled, the taxpayer might be required to contribute one-fiftieth for current expenses and one one-hundredth for interest.

It is undoubtedly true that by reason of the fact that there is a large accumulation in the Sinking Fund, the city will have to raise less money to pay its debts than it would if there was no Sinking Fund, and the courts of this State may interpret the words "present indebtedness" as meaning only indebtedness in excess of such accumulations, but the arguments above advanced, whether they shall be held sound or unsound, seem a sufficient answer to your question. That question is purely practical: "Will the city authorities be precluded from issuing bonds?" If the answer is at all doubtful, it must be assumed that no bonds will be issued after January 1, 1885, till the courts resolve the doubt. The rule which should guide the city officials is laid down by Judge Cooley in these words: "It seems clear that every one called upon to act where, in his opinion, the proposed action would be of doubtful constitutionality, is bound upon the doubt alone to abstain from action." Constitutional Limitations, p. 88.

Upon this assumption, your second question may next be considered.

Second—If they will be thus precluded what steps, if any, may be taken lawfully by the city authorities before that date to provide means for avoiding any consequent embarrassment in the administration of the city's affairs?

In advance of the completion of the estimates which the Comptroller is preparing, this question cannot be fully answered. Certain general considerations, however, may be suggested as a guide for future action when those estimates are laid before you.

I. The problem now to be considered is the devising a plan for merely temporary relief. Important changes in the administrative system are no doubt made necessary by the passage of the amendment. The determination of what those changes shall be is of grave importance and demands the best thought and most careful judgment of the officers of the city, whose co-operation will be necessary to enlighten the Legislature as to what is best to be done. But as no change can be made till the Legislature meets that problem may fairly be reserved for the determination of those who are to co-operate in effecting such change.

II. The amendment cannot impair the obligation of contracts.

All agreements into which the city has already entered must be carried out. The courts would in each case, at the instance of the contractor, either decree specific performance of the contract or give him damages for its non-fulfillment. It would be no defense to his action to show that the passage of the amendment prevents the city from raising funds to pay the contractor by the sale of bonds. Any money judgment which the contractor might obtain would have to be paid by taxation.

In like manner, all obligations of the city arising upon contracts already entered into for the purchase of property must be met. Awards already made as compensation for property taken under the right of eminent domain, must be paid in those cases where by confirmation of the report of Commissioners the city has become seized of the property.

All claims for damages or compensation to private owners of property which has been trespassed upon or destroyed by the city in carrying out its improvements at the water-front or elsewhere must be paid.

In all these cases a present obligation to pay exists, an obligation which, without any further action on the city's part, would be enforced by the courts. From the payment of these obligations there is no escape. How, then, shall that payment be provided for?

It may be suggested that if the indebtedness now exists, the substitution of a bond for the debt after January 1 would not be a "becoming further indebted" within the meaning of the amendment. While this is no doubt true in cases where the debt becomes due before January 1, there is a practical difficulty in the way of this disposition of the question. The bond cannot be delivered to the creditor; it must be sold at auction, and capitalists would perhaps hesitate to buy a bond at the risk of determining for themselves whether the obligation which it was issued to pay was a debt existing before January 1.

If nothing is done in anticipation of these obligations becoming payable, to provide means to pay them by the issue of bonds, they will when enforced as judgments by the courts, fall with crushing weight on the taxpayers of the year succeeding that in which judgments are entered.

This unfortunate result can, it seems to me, be avoided only by making provision now, before the amendment goes into effect, for meeting these obligations. In cases where there is nothing in the phraseology of the act under which any particular bonds are issued prohibiting their sale at the time when the liability is incurred, and restricting such sale to the date when the obligation becomes due and payable, it would not, in my opinion, be unlawful to sell such bonds before January 1, 1885, and thus provide means to meet the obligations for which their issue was authorized.

Of course, the adoption of a plan so unusual involves the assuming of some responsibility as the result of such action would be to accumulate in the treasury considerable sums of money upon which the city would receive from its depositories during the period such sums remained unapplied to the purposes for which they were respectively raised, interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. only, while it would be paying the bondholders 3 per cent. to 3½ per cent. It is needless to remark that the necessity for the action indicated should be made apparent by detailed lists of existing liabilities sufficiently full to demonstrate the accuracy of the estimated needs of the departments affected. And until some new system of future payment is devised, it would seem undesirable to incur new liabilities, of a kind which are now provided for by the issue of bonds.

The general character of some of the liabilities for which provision is to be made will be found in the following summary. The Comptroller's estimates will no doubt include any here omitted:

DOCK DEPARTMENT.

The Consolidation Act, Section 143, provides for the issue of bonds "for raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of title one, chapter fifteen; but not more than \$3,000,000 of said bonds shall be issued in any one year." * * * The moneys received from sales of said bonds shall be deposited in the treasury * * * and shall be drawn out and paid by the Comptroller for the several objects and purposes * * * upon requisition of the Board of the Department of Docks, etc." There is nothing in this phraseology to prevent the sale of sufficient of the unissued bonds of this year to provide means to pay existing liabilities. The liabilities to be thus provided for are:

- Executed but unfinished contracts for work and supplies.
- Executed contracts for the purchase of private property.
- Damages due for trespass upon or destruction of private property. In some instances these are perhaps liquidated, but generally they are not.

Under the present system the administrative expenses of the Department are also paid from bonds. If existing liabilities only are to be now provided for, some different plan will have to be devised to provide for those administrative expenses during the ensuing year. It is within the power of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to include in the estimates a sum sufficient to pay these expenses, either for the whole year or for such period as will allow sufficient time for action by the Legislature.

STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

I do not find in the phraseology of the various acts authorizing the issue of bonds to pay assessments on the city, or to pay awards to property-owners, or to pay the expenses of regulating, paving, sewerage, etc., etc., anything which would prevent the sale now of sufficient of these bonds to meet existing liabilities. What those liabilities are can of course only be determined when the Comptroller's estimates are in.

SCHOOLS AND ARMORIES.

The provisions of the statutes under which bonds may be issued for these purposes (chaps. 91 and 458 of 1884) are sufficiently broad to warrant a present sale of bonds to meet existing liabilities.

WATER METERS AND PAVEMENT REPAIRS.

These will be found provided for in sections 147, 161, 323, and 352 of the Consolidation Act. When a meter is affixed to private property, or when an individual who has disturbed a street pavement neglects after notice to repair it, the work is done by the Department of Public Works, being paid for in the first instance by the proceeds of bonds, and the costs subsequently collected from the individual. These bonds are called revenue bonds, but are not revenue bonds payable from taxation, which only are excepted from the operation of the amendment. Both funds are trust funds and self-replenishing, after a sufficient sum for their working capital is provided. If it is decided to provide by present bond sales only for existing liabilities, this working capital (if there is not now sufficient standing to the credit of the funds) may be provided by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

UNSAFE BUILDINGS.

The same remarks apply to the issue of bonds for expenses of repair or removal of unsafe buildings. Consolidation Act, sections 157 and 511.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

Bonds sufficient to pay the amounts of awards already certified (sections 156, 912) may be sold. The expenses of the Commission may be provided for by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

By section 205 of the Consolidation Act the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is authorized to appropriate to the use of the Health Department money in excess of the annual estimate and appropriation for any year for the prevention of dangers from contagious or infectious diseases.

This is in contemplation of emergencies, and the amount to be raised is the sum which shall be declared necessary by resolution by the Board of Health, but not to exceed in the aggregate \$50,000. If such sum is appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in any particular year prior to the date of the certificate of the Comptroller to the Board of Aldermen of the aggregate amount of the final estimate for such year, the amount is added to the final estimate and included in the tax levy of that year, and the cash may be obtained by selling revenue bonds which, being for amounts actually contained in the levy for the year when the bonds are issued, are not prohibited by the amendment.

It is, however, provided in section 160 of the Consolidation Act, that when the emergency arises and the amount is appropriated subsequently to the certification to the Board of Aldermen of the amount to be raised by tax, the Comptroller may obtain the cash by selling revenue bonds, the amount of such bonds to be included in the final estimate of the next succeeding year. Under the amendment, this cannot be done, because the only revenue bonds whose issue is excepted from its operation are those which are payable out of the taxes for the year in which they are issued.

In view of the strong possibility that there may be an outbreak of contagious disease in this city some time in the ensuing year and possibly subsequent to the certification of the tax levy to the Board of Aldermen, it would perhaps be well for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make provision now to raise the necessary funds to meet such emergency.

I remain, sir,

Very respectfully, yours, etc.,

E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the Meeting held November 29th, 1884.

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

The minutes of the meeting of November 26th, 1884, were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 28th, 1884.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred, at the last meeting of the Board, a contract or agreement for the purchase by the City from Charles Drake of certain wharf property on the North river, respectfully

REPORTS:

That the said contract has been transmitted by the Department of Docks for the consideration and approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in accordance with the provisions of section 715 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, and that the same has been approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, and executed by Charles Drake, by his attorney, J. S. Merriam, and the President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Department of Docks, dated November 13th, 1884.

The wharf property referred to under said contract is situated between Warren and Murray streets, in the Third Ward of the City of New York, and the consideration to be paid therefor by the City is the sum of \$14,250.

The object of this purchase is to enable the Commissioners of Docks to proceed with the improvement of the water-front of the City, as provided by law, and I know of no reason why the purchase of said wharf property should not be approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. A resolution for that purpose is herewith submitted for the action of the Board.

Respectfully,

S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of section 715 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the agreement made and entered into November 13th, 1884, between Charles Drake, by his attorney, James S. Merriam, and the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Department of Docks, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purchase by the Corporation of certain wharf property on the Hudson river, situated on the westerly side of West street, between Warren and Murray streets, as more fully described therein, for the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$14,250), subject to the examination of the title by the Counsel to the Corporation and his final approval thereof, before the day designated to close the said purchase of said wharf property under said agreement, to-wit: on or before the fifteenth day of December, 1884, provided that the amount agreed to be paid for said wharf property shall be in the city treasury or shall be obtained from the sale of Dock bonds.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Four agreements for the purchase of wharf property were received from the Commissioners of Docks, which, on motion of the Recorder, were referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller submitted the following applications for the refunding of Croton-water rents paid in error, viz.:

The following applications, duly approved by the Commissioner of Public Works, have been made for the refunding of Croton-water rents paid in error, viz.:

E. C. Cornell and S. D. Brown.....	\$15 00
E. S. Covert & Co., Agents.....	10 00
John Cromwell, Agent.....	34 67
David Moffat.....	15 65
William Montross.....	52 23
Estate of F. T. Storms.....	5 00
Mrs. Catharine Sweeny.....	24 60
Wm. Trautwein.....	6 00
Oscar E. A. Wiessner.....	35 60
	<hr/> \$198 75

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant payable from the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," be drawn in favor of the Chamberlain for deposit to credit of "Croton-water Rent—Refunding Account," for refunding the Croton-water rents paid in error as per statement herewith.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 29th, 1884.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The lease of the premises now occupied by the Fifth District Police Court and the Ninth District Civil Court will expire January 1st, 1885, and it is necessary to provide rooms for the accommodation of these Courts immediately. These premises are not adapted for the use of both Courts, and the occupation of one building by them is very objectionable. It is proposed, therefore,

Resignation accepted and resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 24, 1884.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground, 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS,

For the Week ending November 22, 1884.

Barometer.

DATE. — NOVEMBER.		7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	MEAN FOR THE DAY.	MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.	
		Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Reduced to Freezing.	Time.	Reduced to Freezing.	Time.
Sunday,	16	30.032	29.893	29.794	29.908	30.083	0 A.M.	29.708	12 P.M.
Monday,	17	29.662	29.610	29.784	29.685	29.878	12 P.M.	29.610	2 P.M.
Tuesday,	18	30.042	30.093	30.176	30.105	30.178	12 P.M.	29.878	0 A.M.
Wednesday,	19	30.152	30.018	29.988	30.052	30.173	0 A.M.	29.912	12 P.M.
Thursday,	20	29.912	29.906	30.002	29.910	30.018	12 P.M.	29.900	3 A.M.
Friday,	21	30.148	30.192	30.282	30.207	30.296	12 P.M.	30.018	0 A.M.
Saturday,	22	30.344	30.312	30.292	30.316	30.388	10 A.M.	30.214	12 P.M.

Mean for the week..... 30.030 inches.
Maximum " at 10 A. M., November 22..... 30.388 "
Minimum " at 2 P. M., " 17..... 29.610 "
Range "778 "

Thermometers.

DATE. NOVEMBER.		7 A. M.		2 P. M.		9 P. M.		MEAN.		MAXIMUM.				MINIMUM.				MAXIMUM. In Sun.
		Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Time.	Wet Bulb.	Time.	Dry Bulb.	Time.	Wet Bulb.	Time.	
Sunday,	16	40	39	53	47	49	45	47	43	53	3 P. M.	47	3 P. M.	40	7 A. M.	39	7 A. M.	97.
Monday,	17	45	42	59	50	55	49	53	47	60	4 P. M.	52	4 P. M.	44	6 A. M.	42	6 A. M.	106.
Tuesday,	18	34	31	37	32	35	32	35	31	45	0 A. M.	42	0 A. M.	33	12 P. M.	31	12 P. M.	97.
Wednesday,	19	32	32	34	33	35	34	33	36	35	12 P. M.	34	12 P. M.	31	3 A. M.	31	3 A. M.	36.
Thursday,	20	35	34	40	38	37	36	37	36	40	2 P. M.	38	2 P. M.	34	5 A. M.	34	5 A. M.	83.
Friday,	21	37	35	47	41	45	41	42	39	48	4 P. M.	42	4 P. M.	36	0 A. M.	35	0 A. M.	91.
Saturday,	22	36	36	51	45	49	46	45	43	52	3 P. M.	47	3 P. M.	36	6 A. M.	36	6 A. M.	94.

Mean for the week..... 42.1 degrees.
Maximum for the week, at 4 P. M., 17th..... 60. " at 4 P. M., 17th..... 52. "
Minimum " at 3 A. M., 19th..... 31. " at 3 A. M., 19th..... 31. "
Range " 29. " 21. "

Wind.

DATE.	NOVEMBER.	DIRECTION.			VELOCITY IN MILES.				FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.				
		7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Distance for the Day.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Max.	Time.
Sunday,	16....	NNE	ENE	NNE	8	28	25	61	0	0	0	1/4	5 P.M.
Monday,	17....	WNW	SW	NW	20	33	53	106	0	1/2	1 1/2	5 1/2	8.30 P.M.
Tuesday,	18....	NNE	NNE	NNE	121	85	52	258	1 1/4	1 1/4	1/4	8	0.20 A.M.
Wednesday,	19....	NNE	NE	NE	113	78	68	259	1	1	1/4	5 1/2	0.40 A.M.
Thursday,	20....	N	NW	W	79	48	51	178	0	1/4	1/4	1 1/4	2.40 P.M.
Friday,	21....	W	W	WSW	02	46	51	159	1/4	1 1/4	0	5 1/4	1.30 P.M.
Saturday,	22....	SW	SSE	SSE	17	30	26	73	0	1/4	0	1	0.30 P.M.

Distance traveled during the week..... 1,094 miles.
Maximum force " " 8 pounds.

DATE.	NOVEMBER.	Hygrometer.						Clouds.			Rain and Snow.				
		FORCE OF VAPOR.			RELATIVE HUMIDITY.			CLEAR, o. OVERCAST, to.			DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.				
		7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.	Duration.	Amount of Water.	Depth of Snow.
Sunday,	16	.225	.244	.247	91	60	71	8 Cir. Cu.	2 Cir.	10					
Monday,	17	.228	.242	.269	76	48	62	6 Cir. Cu.	0	5 Cir. Cu.					
Tuesday,	18	.139	.116	.142	71	52	70	7 Cir. Cu.	10	10	10.45 P.M.	12 P.M.	1.15	.04	
Wedn'day,	19	.181	.175	.183	100	89	90	10	10	10	0 A.M.	12 P.M.	24.00	.29	
Thursday,	20	.183	.203	.199	90	82	90	10	5 Cir. Cu.	0	0 A.M.	4 A.M.	4.00	.03	
Friday,	21	.178	.179	.205	80	55	68	0	0	0					
Saturday,	22	.212	.220	.271	100	59	78	0	0	0					

Total amount of water for the week..... .36 inch.
* Sleet..... 1/4 "

DANIEL DRAPER, Ph. D., Director.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held; together with the heads of Departments and Courts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
FRANKLIN EDSON, Mayor; WILLIAM E. LUCAS, Secretary; AUGUSTUS WALSH, Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE A. McDERMOTT, First Marshal.

Permit Bureau Office.

No. 13 1/2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY WOLTMAN, Registrar.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

No. 1 County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEO. EDWIN HILL, ANDREW B. MARTIN.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

Room 78, Tribune Building, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
THE MAYOR, President; JAMES W. McCULLOH, Secretary; BENJAMIN S. CHURCH, Chief Engineer.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM P. KIRK, President Board of Aldermen.
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

City Library.

No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Commissioner; DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

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

Bureau of Water Register.

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

Bureau of Street Improvements.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

Engineer in Charge of Sewers.

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

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS H. McAVOY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DAVID L. SMITH, Water Purveyor.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

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

Bureau of Streets.

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

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

MARTIN KEESSE, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

No. 15 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
S. HASTINGS GRANT, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STOKES, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

Nos. 19, 21, 23 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. J. LYON, Auditor of Accounts.
DAVID E. AUSTEN, Deputy Auditor.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents
No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTEMAS S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenues and of Markets.
No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
FRANCIS TOMES, Collector of the City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

First floor Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.
MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDENBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

Nos. 25, 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY B. LAIDLAW, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster.

Room 1, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
MOOR FALLS, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

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

Office of the Public Administrator.

No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator
Office of the Corporation Attorney.
No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM A. BOYD, Corporation Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN B. FRENCH, President; WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk; JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Chief Bureau of Elections

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 8.30 A. M. to 5.30 P. M.
JACOB HESS, President, GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Office hours for all except where otherwise noted from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, to 3 P. M.

Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
CORNELIUS VAN COTT, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

Bureau of Chief of Department.

CHARLES O. SHAY, Chief of Department.

Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.

PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

Bureau of Fire Marshal.

GEORGE H. SHELTON, Fire Marshal.

Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.

WM. P. ESTERBROOK, Inspector of Buildings.

Attorney to Department.

WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.

J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
Central Office Fire Alarm Telegraph open at all hours.

Repair Shops.

Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.

JOHN CASTLES, Foreman-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Hospital Stables.

99th street, between 9th and 10th avenues.
JOSEPH SHEA, Foreman-in-Charge.
Open at all hours.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ALEXANDER SHALER, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union Square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

EGBERT L. VIELE, President; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

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Office of Superintendent of 23a and 24th Wards.
146th street and 3d avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK, President; JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily, except Saturdays; on Saturdays as follows: from September 15 to June 15, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; from June 15 to September 15, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 3 P. M.
THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; FLOYD T. SMITH, Secretary.

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Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES S. BEARDSLEY, Attorney; WILLIAM COMERFORD, Clerk.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
General Term, Room No. 35.
Special Term, Room No. 33.
Chambers, Room No. 33, 10 A. M.
Part I., Room No. 34.
Part II., Room No. 35.
Part III., Room No. 36.
Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 30.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 32.
Clerk's Office, Room No. 31, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN SEDGWICK, Chief Judge; THOMAS BOESE, Chief Clerk.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
Assignment Bureau, Room No. 23, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk's Office, Room No. 22, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
General Term, Room No. 24, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Special Term, Room No. 21, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Chambers, Room No. 21, 10 30 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.

Part I., Room No. 25, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Part II., Room No. 26, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Part III., Room No. 27, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 23, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES P. DALY, Chief Justice; NATHANIEL JARVIS, Jr., Chief Clerk.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

No. 32 Chambers street. Parts I. and II. Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.
FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder; HENRY A. GILDER-SLEEVE and RUFUS B. COWING, Judges of the said Court.
Terms, first Monday each month.
JOHN SPARKS, Clerk. Office, Room No. 11, 10 A. M. till P. M.

CITY COURT.—CITY HALL.

General Term, Room No. 20.
Trial Term, Part I., Room No. 20.
Part II., Room No. 19.
Part III., Room No. 15.
Special Term, Chambers, Room No. 21, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk's Office, Room No. 10, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DAVID McADAM, Chief Justice; JOHN REID, Clerk.

OVER AND TERMINER COURT.

New County Court-house, second floor, southeast corner, Room No. 13. Court opens at 10 1/2 o'clock A. M.
Clerk's Office, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, second floor, northwest corner, Room No. 11, 10 A. M. till 4 P. M.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

At Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Daily at 10 30 A. M., excepting Saturday.
Clerk's Office, Tombs.

DISTRICT CIVIL COURTS

First District—First, Second, Third, and Fifth Wards, southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets.
MICHAEL NORTON, Justice.
Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Second District—Fourth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Wards, corner of Pearl and Centre streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES M. CLANCY, Justice.

Third District—Ninth and Fifteenth Wards, southwest corner Sixth avenue and West Tenth street. Court open daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE W. PARKER, Justice.

Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards, No. 30 First street, cor. Second avenue. Court opens, 9 A. M. daily; continues to close of business.
ALFRED STECKLER, Justice.

Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Wards, No. 154 Clinton street.
JOHN H. MCCARTHY, Justice.

Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards, No. 51 Union Place, Fourth avenue, southwest corner of Eighteenth street. Court opens 9 A. M. daily; continues to close of business.
WILLIAM H. KELLY, Justice.

Seventh District—Nineteenth and Twenty-second Wards, No. 151 East Fifty-seventh street. Court open every morning at 9 o'clock except Sundays and legal holidays; and continues to the close of business.
AMBROSE MONELL, Justice.

Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards, southwest corner of Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue. Court opens at 9 A. M. and continues to close of business. Clerk's office open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. each court day.
FREDERICK G. GEDNEY, Justice.

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, No. 225 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
HENRY P. MCGOWN, Justice.
Clerk's office open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Trial days Tuesdays and Fridays; Court opens at 9 1/2 A. M.

Tenth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.
Office hours, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Court opens at 9 A. M.
JAMES R. ANGELL, Justice.

POLICE COURTS.

Judges—MAURICE J. POWER, J. HENRY FORD, JACOB PATTERSON, JR., JAMES T. KILBRETH, JOHN J. GORMAN, HENRY MURRAY, SOLON B. SMITH, ANDREW J. WHITE, CHARLES WELDE, DANIEL O'REILLY, PATRICK G. DUFFY.
GEORGE W. CREIGER, Secretary.

Office of Secretary, Fifth District Police Court, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue.

First District—Tombs, Centre street.
Second District—Jefferson Market.
Third District—No. 69 Essex street.
Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.
Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street near Fourth avenue.
Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY CLERK (Room No. 39),
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, 1884.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY
Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, diamonds, canned goods, liquors, etc., also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by patrolmen of this Department

JOHN F. HARRIOT,
Property Clerk

BOARD OF STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of chapter 453 of the Laws of 1884, and of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, and of all other provisions of law relating thereto, that the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York deem it to be for the public interest to alter and change the grades of streets and avenues, and portions of streets and avenues, in order to adjust the grades thereof to the grade of Eighth avenue within that section of the City of New York bounded on the south by the northern line of Fifty-ninth street, on the north by One Hundred and Twenty-third street, on the east by the westerly side of the Central Park and the westerly side of Seventh avenue, and on the west by the easterly side of Ninth avenue, in the following-described manner, viz:

That the grade of Sixty-seventh street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 85 feet 2 3/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 76 feet 10 inches.

That the grade of Sixty-eighth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 84 feet 1 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 75 feet 2 inches.

That the grade of Sixty-ninth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 82 feet.

That the grade of Seventieth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 84 feet.

That the grade of Seventy-first street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 84 feet.

That the grade of Seventy-second street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 84 feet.

That the grade of Seventy-third street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 84 feet.

That the grade of Seventy-fourth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 83 feet 9 inches.

That the grade of Seventy-fifth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 83 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of Seventy-sixth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 83 feet 3 inches.

That the grade of Seventy-seventh street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 88 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 83 feet.

That the grade of Eighty-first street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 92 feet 6 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 84 feet.

That the grade of Eighty-second street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 97 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 82 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of Eighty-third street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 101 feet 6 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 81 feet.

That the grade of Ninety-third street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 111 feet 1 inch, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 120 feet.

That the grade of Ninety-fourth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 107 feet 1 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 120 feet.

That the grade of Ninety-fifth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 103 feet 2 3/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 110 feet.

That the grade of Ninety-sixth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 99 feet, and extend westerly in a straight line 500 feet, elevation 101 feet 6 inches, thence in a straight line 300 feet to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 100 feet.

That the grade of Ninety-seventh street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 94 feet 9 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 90 feet.

That the grade of Ninety-eighth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 90 feet 10 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 83 feet.

That the grade of Ninety-ninth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 86 feet 11 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 81 feet.

That the grade of One Hundredth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 83 feet and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, produced, elevation 84 feet 9 inches; thence to the westerly line of Manhattan avenue produced, elevation 84 feet 9 inches; thence in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 83 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and First street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 83 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 90 feet 10 inches; thence to the westerly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 90 feet 10 inches; thence in a straight line to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, elevation 95 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Second street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 83 feet and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 98 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Third street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 83 feet and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 108 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Fourth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 83 feet and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 108 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Fifth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 83 feet and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 108 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Sixth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 76 feet 1 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 81 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Seventh street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 69 feet 2 3/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 65 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Eighth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 62 feet 9 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 59 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Ninth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 56 feet 4 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 53 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Tenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 50 feet, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 47 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Eleventh street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 47 feet 11 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 38 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Twelfth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 45 feet 11 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line

to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 36 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 43 feet 10 3/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 35 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Fourteenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 41 feet 10 3/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 34 feet 6 inches; thence to the westerly line of said avenue, elevation 34 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the easterly line of new avenue east of Morningside Park, elevation 33 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 39 feet 9 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 33 feet 6 inches; thence to the westerly line of said avenue, elevation 33 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the easterly line of new avenue east of Morningside Park, elevation 31 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 37 feet 7 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 32 feet 6 inches; thence to the westerly line of said avenue, elevation 32 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the easterly line of new avenue east of Morningside Park, elevation 30 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 35 feet 5 3/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 31 feet 6 inches; thence to the westerly line of said avenue, elevation 31 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the easterly line of new avenue east of Morningside Park, elevation 30 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 33 feet 4 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 30 feet 6 inches; thence to the westerly line of said avenue, elevation 30 feet 6 inches; thence westerly 137 feet 6 inches, elevation 31 feet 5 inches; thence 212 feet 6 inches to the easterly line of new avenue east of Morningside Park, elevation 30 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 31 feet 4 1/4 inches, and extend in a straight line to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 29 feet 6 inches; thence to the westerly line of said avenue, elevation 29 feet 6 inches; thence westerly 212 feet 6 inches, elevation 30 feet 11 inches; thence 137 feet 6 inches to the easterly line of New avenue east of Morningside Park, elevation 30 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Twentieth street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 29 feet 4 inches; thence westerly 110 feet, elevation 30 feet 1 1/4 inches; thence westerly 260 feet to the easterly line of Manhattan avenue, elevation 28 feet 6 inches; thence to the westerly line of said avenue, elevation 28 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the easterly line of New avenue east of Morningside Park, elevation 30 feet.

That the grade of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, on the westerly line of Eighth avenue, shall be at an elevation of 27 feet 3 1/4 inches; thence westerly 231 feet 10 1/2 inches, elevation 28 feet 5 inches.

That the grade of Manhattan avenue, on the northern line of One Hundredth street, shall be at an elevation of 84 feet 9 inches; thence in a straight line 231 feet 10 inches to the centre line of One Hundred and First street, elevation 90 feet 10 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre line of One Hundred and Second street, elevation 98 feet.

That the grade of Manhattan avenue, commencing at the centre line of One Hundred and Eleventh street, shall be at an elevation of 38 feet; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Twelfth street, elevation 36 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, elevation 35 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Fourteenth street, elevation 34 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, elevation 33 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, elevation 32 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, elevation 31 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, elevation 30 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, elevation 29 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Twentieth street, elevation 28 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, elevation 27 feet 6 inches.

That the grade of the new avenue east of Morningside Park, on the centre line of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, produced, shall be at an elevation of 35 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to centre of One Hundred and Fourteenth street, produced, elevation 33 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre line of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, produced, elevation 31 feet 6 inches; thence in a straight line to the centre line of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, produced, elevation 30 feet.

All elevations in feet and inches are taken as above city base or datum line through the centre lines of streets. And that they propose to alter and change the grades of the above-described streets and avenues and portions of streets and avenues in the manner aforesaid.

Dated NEW YORK, September 1, 1884.

FRANKLIN EDSON,

Mayor;

S. HASTINGS GRANT,

Comptroller;

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Public Works;

EGBERT L. VIELE,

President of the Department of Public Parks;

W. P. KIRK,

President of the Board of Aldermen;

Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

ARTHUR BERRY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 219.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING THE PIER AT THE FOOT OF WEST ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH STREET, NORTH RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING THE PIER AT the foot of West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M., of

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1884,

at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened by the head of said Department. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

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

The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities and extent of the work is as follows:

		Feet B. M., measured in the work.
1. Yellow Pine Timber,	8"x16".....	171
"	8"x15".....	580
"	12"x14".....	1,470
"	6"x14".....	1,078
"	12"x12".....	59,818
"	10"x12".....	1,380
"	10"x10".....	468
"	8"x8".....	3,413
"	6"x12".....	4,113
"	5"x10".....	6,637
"	5" plank.....	112,120
"	4"x10".....	320
Total.....		191,589

2. White Oak Timber, 8"x12", 2,800 feet, B. M. measured in the work.

NOTE.—The above quantities of timber are exclusive of extra lengths required for scarfs, laps, etc., and of waste.

3. White Pine, Yellow Pine, or Cypress Piles..... 117

NOTE.—It is expected that these piles will run from 40 feet in length at the inner end of the pier to 70 feet in length at the outer end of the pier, but all piles must be long enough to bring up in driving, as required by the specifications.

4. White or Yellow Pine Mooring Piles, from 50 to 75 feet in length..... 9

5. White Oak Bender Piles, about 55 feet long..... 20

6. 1 1/2" and 1" Screw Bolts..... 3,675 pounds.

7. Boiler Plate Armatures..... 19,277 "

8. 3/4"x20", 3/4"x22", 3/4"x24", 3/4"x26", 3/4"x28", 3/4"x30", 3/4"x32", 3/4"x34", 3/4"x36", 3/4"x38", 3/4"x40", 3/4"x42", 3/4"x44", 3/4"x46", 3/4"x48", 3/4"x50", 3/4"x52", 3/4"x54", 3/4"x56", 3/4"x58", 3/4"x60", 3/4"x62", 3/4"x64", 3/4"x66", 3/4"x68", 3/4"x70", 3/4"x72", 3/4"x74", 3/4"x76", 3/4"x78", 3/4"x80", 3/4"x82", 3/4"x84", 3/4"x86", 3/4"x88", 3/4"x90", 3/4"x92", 3/4"x94", 3/4"x96", 3/4"x98", 3/4"x100", 3/4"x102", 3/4"x104", 3/4"x106", 3/4"x108", 3/4"x110", 3/4"x112", 3/4"x114", 3/4"x116", 3/4"x118", 3/4"x120", 3/4"x122", 3/4"x124", 3/4"x126", 3/4"x128", 3/4"x130", 3/4"x132", 3/4"x134", 3/4"x136", 3/4"x138", 3/4"x140", 3/4"x142", 3/4"x144", 3/4"x146", 3/4"x148", 3/4"x150", 3/4"x152", 3/4"x154", 3/4"x156", 3/4"x158", 3/4"x160", 3/4"x162", 3/4"x164", 3/4"x166", 3/4"x168", 3/4"x170", 3/4"x172", 3/4"x174", 3/4"x176", 3/4"x178", 3/4"x180", 3/4"x182", 3/4"x184", 3/4"x186", 3/4"x188", 3/4"x190", 3/4"x192", 3/4"x194", 3/4"x196", 3/4"x198", 3/4"x200", 3/4"x202", 3/4"x204", 3/4"x206", 3/4"x208", 3/4"x210", 3/4"x212", 3/4"x214", 3/4"x216", 3/4"x218", 3/4"x220", 3/4"x222", 3/4"x224", 3/4"x226", 3/4"x228", 3/4"x230", 3/4"x232", 3/4"x234", 3/4"x236", 3/4"x238", 3/4"x240", 3/4"x242", 3/4"x244", 3/4"x246", 3/4"x248", 3/4"x250", 3/4"x252", 3/4"x254", 3/4"x256", 3/4"x258", 3/4"x260", 3/4"x262", 3/4"x264", 3/4"x266", 3/4"x268", 3/4"x270", 3/4"x272", 3/4"x274", 3/4"x276", 3/4"x278", 3/4"x280", 3/4"x282", 3/4"x284", 3/4"x286", 3/4"x288", 3/4"x290", 3/4"x292", 3/4"x294", 3/4"x296", 3/4"x298", 3/4"x300", 3/4"x302", 3/4"x304", 3/4"x306", 3/4"x308", 3/4"x310", 3/4"x312", 3/4"x314", 3/4"x316", 3/4"x318", 3/4"x320", 3/4"x322", 3/4"x324", 3/4"x326", 3/4"x328", 3/4"x330", 3/4"x332", 3/4"x334", 3/4"x336", 3/4"x338", 3/4"x340", 3/4"x342", 3/4"x344", 3/4"x346", 3/4"x348", 3/4"x350", 3/4"x352", 3/4"x354", 3/4"x356", 3/4"x358", 3/4"x360", 3/4"x362", 3/4"x364", 3/4"x366", 3/4"x368", 3/4

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

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

No estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The right to decline all the estimates is reserved, if deemed for the interest of the Corporation of the City of New York.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK,
WILLIAM LAMBEER,
JOHN R. VOORHIS,

Commissioners of the Department of Docks.
Dated, New York, November 28, 1884.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET.)

TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 220.)

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING PIERS AT WEST FIFTEENTH STREET AND WEST SIXTEENTH STREET, NORTH RIVER.

ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING PIER AT WEST Fifteenth street, North river, and for repairing Pier at West Sixteenth street, North river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1884,

at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened by the head of said Department. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

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

The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities and extent of the work, is as follows:

	CLASS 1.	CLASS 2.
	Repairs to Pier at West Fifteenth street, North river.	Repairs to Pier at West Sixteenth street, North river.
1. 12"x12" Yellow Pine, feet B. M.	26,040	28,140
2. 8"x12" Yellow Pine, feet B. M.	160	160
3. 6"x12" Yellow Pine, feet B. M.	2,640	2,496
4. 5"x10" Yellow Pine, feet B. M.	4,617	4,617
5. 5" plank, Yellow Pine, feet B. M.	40,000	39,705
NOTE.—The above quantities are exclusive of extra lengths required for Scarfs, Laps, etc., and of Waste.		
6. Spruce, Pine or Cypress Piles, 55 to 60 feet long.	14	40
NOTE.—These lengths are approximate only. The piles must be long enough to bring up in driving as required in the specifications.		
7. Mooring piles, White or Yellow Pine, about 55 feet long.	10	8
8. Half-round Oak Fenders.	35	34
9. Oak Fender Piles, about 50 feet long.	8	6
10. 8"x12" White Oak Timber, feet B. M.	224	224
11. 7/8"x26", 7/8"x24", 7/8"x22", 7/8"x16", 3/4"x18", 3/4"x16", 3/4"x14", 3/4"x12", 3/4"x10", 3/4"x9" square, and 3/4"x12", and 3/4"x6" round dock Spikes, about lbs.	5,200	5,400
12. 1 1/2" and 1" wrought-iron Screw Bolts, about lbs.	1,340	1,472
13. Cast-iron Washers, or 1 1/2" and 1" Screw Bolts, about lbs.	931	1,095
14. Armature Plates and Corner Bands, wrought-iron, about lbs.	2,150	2,150
15. Labor and material of removing old crib work and of building new crib work, complete, about cubic feet.	4,470
16. Labor and materials in removing, grading for and relaying old pavement and approach, about square yards.	82	41
17. Labor in both classes of framing and carpentry, including all moving of timber, jointing, planing, bolting, spiking and labor of every description.		
18. Labor in each class, respectively, of removing from the premises all the old material, except that to be used in the work under this contract.		

Estimates may be made for either or both of the above two classes.

N. B.—As the above-mentioned quantities, though stated with as much accuracy as is possible, in advance, are approximate only, bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become part of every estimate received:—1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination, of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not, at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work contracted for, to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract. No extra compensation, beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed, at the price therefor, in either or both classes, to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The bidder to whom an award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of his contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars for Class 1, and in the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars for Class 2, and in case the contract for both of the above-named classes be awarded to him, in the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars.

The work to be done under Class 1 of the contract is to be commenced within five days after the date of the contract, and all the work to be done under Class 2 is to be fully completed on or before the fourteenth day of February, 1885; and the work to be done under Class 2 of the contract is to be commenced not earlier than thirty days after the date of the contract, and not later than thirty-five days after the date of the contract, and all the work to be done under Class 2 is to be fully completed on or before the fourteenth day of March, 1885; and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract, or any part thereof, may be unfulfilled after the time or times fixed for the fulfillment thereof have expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

All the old material taken from the said structures to be removed under the contract, will be relinquished to the contractor, and bidders must estimate the value of such material when considering the price for which they will do the work under the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done in either or both of the above two classes, respectively, in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which prices the bids will be tested. These prices are to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing each of the two classes of this work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be re-advertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested with them therein; and if no other person be so interested, the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also that the estimate is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof; which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true.

Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed to by all the parties interested.

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

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

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

No estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The right to decline all the estimates is reserved, if deemed for the interest of the Corporation of the City of New York.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

LUCIUS J. N. STARK,
WILLIAM LAMBEER,
JOHN R. VOORHIS,

Commissioners of the Department of Docks.
Dated, New York, November 28, 1884.

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

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS DEPARTMENT has placed off the Battery and south of Pier, new 1, North river, two wooden floats or buoys, cubical in shape, six feet on each side, painted black, and anchored on a line bearing S. 7 1/2° east from southwest corner of Pier, new 1, North river, the first float being anchored about 209 feet and the second about 335 feet distant therefrom.

By order of the Board.

JOHN T. CUMING,
Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, November 22, 1884.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THE materials and labor, and doing the work required for constructing a house for the Fire Department, to be erected on Old Slip, between Front and Water streets, for Hook and Ladder Company No. 15, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street, in the City of New York, until 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, December 11, 1884, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done, bidders are referred to the specifications and drawings, which form part of these proposals.

The house to be completed and delivered in one hundred and sixty (160) days after the date of the contract.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at twenty-five (\$25) dollars per day.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

The form of the agreement and specifications and drawings, and showing the manner of payment for the work, may be seen and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

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

Commissioners.

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

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

By order of

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

Commissioners

CARL JUSSEN,
Secretary.

THE CITY RECORD.

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

CORPORATION NOTICE.

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

List 1762, No. 1. Regulating and grading, setting curb and flagging in Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

List 1839, No. 2. Regulating and grading, setting curb and flagging One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard.

List 1924, No. 3. Sewer in Lexington avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.

List 1934, No. 4. Sewer in Avenue A, between Ninety-second street and Harlem river.

List 1949, No. 5. Sewer in Ninety-second street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

The limit embraced by such assessments includes all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

No. 2. Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard.

No. 3. Both sides of Lexington avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.

No. 4. East side of First avenue and west side of Avenue A, between Ninety-second and Ninety-third streets; also, south side of Ninety-third street, between Avenue A and First avenue.

No. 5. Both sides of Ninety-second street, from Avenue A to First avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 11 1/2 City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation on the 31st of December ensuing.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,
JOHN W. JACOBUS,
JOHN MULLALLY,
HENRY A. GUMBLETON,
Board of Assessors

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 11 1/2 CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, November 29, 1884.

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

List 1871, No. 1. Sewer in Sixth avenue, east side, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets.

List 1910, No. 2. Paving One Hundred and Eleventh street, from First to Second avenues.

List 1935, No. 3. Sewer in Seventy-third street, between First and Third avenues.

List 1954, No. 4. Alteration and improvement to sewer in Fifth avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets.

List 1968, No. 5. Sewer in Beekman street, between Water and South streets.

List 1978, No. 6. Sewer in Seventieth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues from end of present sewer west of Ninth avenue.

List 1995, No. 7. Sewer in West Tenth street, between Greenwich and Sixth avenues.

List 2020, No. 8. Sewer in Fifty-sixth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

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

List 2082, No. 10. Receiving-basins west side Eighth avenue, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets.

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

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

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

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

List 2105, No. 15. Flagging both sides Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, and on the north side Fifty-eighth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

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

List 2100, No. 17. Flagging sidewalks east side of Fifth avenue, from Sixty-sixth street to Sixty-seventh street, and north side Sixty-sixth street, from Fifth to Madison avenues.

List 2101, No. 18. Flagging east side of Fifth avenue, from Sixty-seventh to Sixty-eighth streets, and on the south side Sixty-eighth street, from Madison to Fifth avenues.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The limit embraced by such assessments includes all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No. 9. West side of First avenue, between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets; east side First avenue, between

Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets; west side First avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets; east side First avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, and west side First avenue, between Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and west side First avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets.

No. 10. Manhattan Square.
No. 11. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Eighth avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No. 21. East side of Third avenue, between Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth streets.

No. 22. Both sides of Front street, between Broad and Whitehall streets.

No. 23. East side of Avenue A, between Thirteenth and Fifteenth streets; also, east side of Goerck street, extending 260 feet south of Stanton street.

No. 24. Both sides of Eighty-ninth street, from Avenue A to Avenue B, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 25. North side of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, from Willis to Alexander avenues, and east side of Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets.

No. 26. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between Brook and St. Ann's avenues, and west side of St. Ann's avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.

No. 27. Both sides of Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets.

No. 28. South side of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Courtland to Morris avenues.

No. 29. East side of Fifth avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 11 1/2 City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

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

JOHN R. LYDECKER,
JOHN W. JACOBUS,
JOHN MULLALLY,
HENRY A. GUMBLETON,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NO. 11 1/2 CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, November 12, 1884.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1884, AT 11 o'clock A. M., the Department of Public Works will sell at public auction, by Van Tassel & Kearney, auctioneers, as follows, viz.:

AT CORPORATION YARD, FOOT OF TWENTY-FOURTH STREET, EAST RIVER.
About 25 tons of Scrap Cast Iron, also 2 Horses.

AT CORPORATION YARD, RIVINGTON STREET,
About 35 tons Old Iron.

TERMS OF SALE.

Cash payments in bankable funds at the time and place of sale and the immediate removal of the articles purchased.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ROOM 6, NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 29, 1884.

TO CONTRACTORS.

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

No. 1. SEWERS IN SIXTY-SEVENTH, SIXTY-EIGHTH AND SIXTY-NINTH STREETS, between West End avenue and land of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad.

No. 2. SEWER IN NINETY-FIFTH STREET, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

No. 3. SEWERS IN NINETY-SEVENTH STREET, between Boulevard and Riverside avenue.

No. 4. SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH STREET, between Boulevard and summit, east.

No. 5. SEWERS IN ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH STREET, between summits east and west of Tenth avenue.

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

All persons interested in the above change of grade, and having objections thereto, are requested to present the same in writing to the undersigned at his office on or before the 2d day of December, 1884.

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

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§ 350. The Commissioner of Public Works shall, from time to time, establish scales of rents.

Such rents shall be collected from the owners or occupants of all such buildings, respectively, which shall be situated upon lots adjoining any street or avenue in said city in which the distributing water-pipes are or may be laid, and from which they can be supplied with water, said rents shall become a charge and lien upon such houses and lots, respectively, as provided by law.

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, by the School Trustees of the Twenty-fourth Ward, until 4 o'clock P. M. on Monday, the 15th day of December, 1884, for new Water-closets at Grammar School-house No. 63, on Third avenue, near One Hundred and Seventy-third street.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blanks for proposals and all necessary information may be obtained, at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand, corner of Elm street, third floor.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name, place of residence and place of business on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character or antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

SAMUEL L. PURDY,
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Board of School Trustees, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Dated New York, December 1, 1884.

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Proposals will be received *only* for the entire work and materials required for the erection of the building, and must be indorsed "Proposals for the Erection of a School-house on West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, in the Twelfth Ward."

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place and time for iron stairways, etc., at Grammar School-house No. 57, on East One Hundred and Fifteenth street, between Third and Lexington avenues.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same place and time for alterations at Grammar School-house No. 18, on West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blanks for proposals and all necessary information may be obtained, at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand, corner of Elm street, third floor.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name, place of residence, and place of business on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character or antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

ANDREW L. SOULARD,
DAVID H. KNAPP,
CHARLES CRARY,
JOHN WHALEN,
G. W. DELEVOISE,

Board of School Trustees, Twelfth Ward.

Dated New York, November 26, 1884.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, by the School Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward, until 9½ o'clock A. M., on Thursday, the 11th day of December, 1884, for Iron Stairways at Primary Department Grammar School-house No. 60, on Courtland avenue, near One Hundred and Forty-eighth street.

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WILLIAM HOGG,
A. FAHS,
L. A. FULLGRAFF,
SAMUEL SAMUELS,
WILLIAM R. BEAL,

Board of School Trustees, Twenty-third Ward.

Dated, New York, November 26, 1884.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until MONDAY, the 8th day of December, 1884, at 4 P. M., for supplying for the use of the schools under the jurisdiction of said Board, books, stationery, and other articles required for one year, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1885. City and country publishers of books, and dealers in the various articles required, are notified that preference will be given to the bids of principals, the Committee being desirous that commissions, if any, shall be deducted from the price of the articles bid for. A sample of each article must accompany the bid. A list of articles required, with the conditions upon which bids will be received, may be obtained on application to the Clerk of the Board.

Each proposal must be addressed to the Committee on Supplies, and indorsed "Proposals for Supplies." The Committee reserve the right to reject any bid if deemed for the public interest.

Dated New York, November 22, 1884.

EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN,
FREDERICK W. DEVOE,
HOSEA B. PERKINS,
HENRY SCHMITT,
DAVID WEIMORE,

Committee on Supplies.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until MONDAY, the 8th day of December, 1884, at 4 P. M., for printing required by the said Board for the year 1885. Samples of the various documents, etc., required to be printed, may be seen at the office of the Clerk of the Board, where blank forms of proposals may also be obtained. Each proposal must be addressed to the Committee on Supplies, and indorsed "Proposals for Printing." Two sureties, satisfactory to said Committee, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The Committee reserve the right to reject any bid if deemed for the public interest.

Dated, New York, November 22, 1884.

EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN,
FREDERICK W. DEVOE,
HOSEA B. PERKINS,
HENRY SCHMITT,
DAVID WEIMORE,

Committee on Supplies.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Ninth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Wednesday, the 3d day of December, 1884, and until 5½ o'clock A. M. on said day, for altering and fitting up the building No. 626 Washington street, for the use of Primary School No. 7.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blanks for proposals and all necessary information may be obtained, at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand, corner of Elm street.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

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The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

CHARLES S. WRIGHT,
JOHN S. SCULLY,
GEORGE B. LAWTON,
GEORGE E. HORNE,
JAMES A. SEAMAN,

Board of School Trustees, Ninth Ward.

Dated New York, November 19, 1884.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING GROCERIES.

5,000 pounds Dairy Butter; sample on exhibition Friday, December 5, 1884.
500 pounds best quality kettles rendered Leaf Lard.
2,700 pounds Rio Coffee.
4,000 pounds Hominy (including packages).
2,000 pounds Granulated Sugar.
1,000 pounds Crushed Sugar.
1,500 pounds Coffee Sugar.
12,000 pounds Hard Soap.
1,200 pounds Chicory.
33,000 Fresh Eggs, all to be candled.
500 barrels good, sound Irish Potatoes, to weigh 168 pounds net per barrel, to be delivered at Blackwell's Island.

50 barrels Crackers.
10 barrels Vinegar.
12 dozen Sea Foam.
20 dozen Canned Corn, 2 pounds.
20 dozen Canned Peaches, 3 pounds.
8 dozen Canned Peas, 2 pounds.
12 dozen Canned Peas, 3 pounds.
100 quarts prime quality Grand Bank Codfish, to average not less than 5 pounds, to be delivered as required in boxes of four quarts each.

700 gallons Molasses.
100 bags Coarse Meal (100 pounds each).
100 bags Bran (50 pounds each).

—will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, December 6, 1884. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Groceries," with his or their

name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the estimated amount of the contract.

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

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

The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

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

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

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares, and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of the same respectively at the office of the said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the prices for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, November 24, 1884.

JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,

Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF AN INCANDESCENT ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT ON WARD'S ISLAND

will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third avenue, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of Friday, December 12, 1884. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Electric Light on Ward's Island," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

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Dated New York, November 17, 1884.

JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,

Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 26, 1884.

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G. F. BRITTON,
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tion upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bidder must give the location and state the name of the purchaser where an Incandescent Electric Light Plant of the system bid for has been in successful operation for six months or more prior to the date of his bid. If the Plant designated in said bid shall not be deemed satisfactory by the Board of Public Charities and Correction, the bid will be rejected.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract and guarantee the successful working of the Plant and system accepted, for six months after the completion of the contract for the equipment of said Plant or system, by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

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

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Dated New York, November 17, 1884.

JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,

Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

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G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT A MEETING of the Commissioners under the act, chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, entitled "An act relating to certain assessments for local improvements in the City of New York," passed June 9, 1880, will be held at their office, No. 27 Chambers street, on Tuesday, December 2, 1884, at 2 o'clock P. M.

DANIEL LORD, JR.,
JOHN KELLY,
JOHN CAMPBELL,
JOS. PH. GARRY,

Commissioners under the Act.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

