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PROCLAMATION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, Feb. 6, 1874.

Whereas, Nicholas Ryan and his sister Mary Ryan were found dead at their residence, No. 204 Broome street, on the 20th December last, and whereas the coroner's jury, from the facts elicited during the inquest, were unable to determine the manner of their death; and

Whereas, from such an examination of the case as I have been enabled to make, I am of the opinion that the said Nicholas and Mary Ryan were brutally murdered, at the time and place above stated, now,

I, WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby offer a reward of one thousand dollars for the discovery and conviction of the party or parties who may have committed the deed, the said reward to be paid on the conviction of the said party or parties, and the certificate of the District Attorney that such conviction was had upon the testimony of the person or persons claiming the reward. But all claims not presented to the Mayor within twenty days after such conviction shall be disregarded.

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, &c., &c.,

PASSED BY BOTH BRANCHES OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

AND

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR,

DURING THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 21, 1874.

Resolved, That Gersen Goldstein be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the city and county of New York, in place of Benjamin Moore, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 8, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That Barnard R. Guion be and he is hereby appointed City Surveyor for the City of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 8, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That Frederick W. Watkins be and he is hereby appointed City Surveyor for the City of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 8, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That Lorenz Oberle be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Andrew Kuhner, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Feb. 5, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That Henry G. McEvoy be and he

is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Feb. 5, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That John G. Wilson be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 29, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That Daniel S. Hart be, and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 26, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council of the City of New York, be authorized and directed to execute a lease on behalf of the City of New York, for so much of the premises situated on the north side of One hundred and twenty-fifth street, between Third and Fourth avenues in the City of New York, belonging to Messrs. W. T. and D. Blodgett, as may be necessary for the use of the Ninth District Civil Court, and the Fifth District Police Court, including prison accommodations, for a term of five years from the 1st day of January, 1874, at the annual rent of eight thousand dollars, payable quarterly, on the usual quarter days, with a condition in the lease that the said premises, are to be put in proper condition for occupancy for said courts, and are to be fitted up with the necessary cells and accommodations for prisoners at the expense of the owners, according to the plans to be submitted subject to the approval of the said clerk and the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby directed to pay said rent quarterly from the proper appropriation. The lease to contain a further condition, that immediate possession of the premises will be given to enable the courts to be held, but that no rent shall be charged for such occupancy, until the building shall have been put in thorough order and condition to hold court therein.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Dec. 30, 1873.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 19, 1874.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the New York Fire Department be and are hereby authorized and directed to loan an unused hand fire engine, fully equipped with suction, hose, &c., and in good order, to the managers of the Society for the Protection of Desitute Roman Catholic Children, to be used by said society until such time as they shall be prepared to purchase a new fire engine.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Feb. 19, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 21, 1874.

J. C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk Common Council.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

STATED SESSION,

Wednesday, February 18, 1874.

Present—Wm. H. Neilson, Esq., President, and Commissioners Baker, Brown, Dowd, Halstead, Jenkins, Klamroth, Lewis, Man, Mathewson, Patterson, Seligman, Townsend, Traud, Vermilye, West and Wetmore—17.
Absent—Commissioners Beardslee, Farr, Hoe, Kelly—4.

The President laid before the Board the report of his action in relation to the death of James W. Gerard, Esq., Inspector of Common Schools for the Fifth District, as follows:

To the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—On the 10th instant I caused to be published in all the leading newspapers of this city the following notice:

To the Commissioners, Trustees and Inspectors of Education, and Principals and Teachers of the Public Schools:

By the death of Inspector James W. Gerard the schools of this city have lost an old and faithful friend, whose interest and labors for more than a quarter of a century have been actively alive and freely given in their behalf.

Not confined by the boundaries of the ward or district for which he was specially elected or appointed, with an enlarged benevolence he visited all the schools of the city, instructing and encouraging by lectures and kind words of address the teachers and scholars.

It seems proper that his attachment and services should be recognized by a more than usual mark of respect for his memory. I therefore advise that the hour appointed for the funeral, ten to eleven o'clock A. M., on Wednesday next, be observed in the several schools of this city by such appropriate memorial exercises as the trustees and principals may provide.

That such teachers as can be spared from the schools at the morning session of that day be permitted to attend the funeral.

That the flags upon the hall of the Board of Education, and on the school houses, be placed at half staff, so to remain until after the day of the funeral.

And, by virtue of the power vested in me by the by-laws of the Board of Education I direct as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Gerard, that the schools in his district—the Fifteenth and Eighteenth wards—be closed for the day on Wednesday next.

The members of the Board of Education, the Trustees and Inspectors of Common Schools, the City Superintendent and Assistants, are invited to meet at half-past nine o'clock A. M., at Grammar School No. 50, in East Twentieth street, near Third avenue, on Wednesday, 11th instant, to proceed thence to attend the funeral in a body.

WILLIAM H. NEILSON,

President of the Board of Education.
New York, Feb. 9, 1874.

In accordance with this notice on the morning of the funeral a large number of the Commissioners, Trustees and Inspectors of Common Schools convened at Grammar School No. 50, and after appropriate remarks delivered by Commissioner Man, the following resolutions were proposed by him and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, James W. Gerard, Esq., whose decease is now announced, has been for many years an earnest and efficient co-worker with us in the cause of public education; therefore,

Resolved, That in the decease of Mr. Gerard the cause of education, and particularly the public school system of the city of New York, sustains the loss of a most useful friend and able advocate; and we desire especially to recognize the fact that, both by wise counsels and by devoted personal example, he bore a distinguished part in raising our present school system to its high standard, and establishing it in public favor and confidence; and

Resolved, also, That in common with his friends and the entire community, we deplore as a public loss, the decease of the eminent citizen who is thus called away in the fulness of years and honors, and yet still in the midst of his usefulness.

The gentlemen present then proceeded in a body to Calvary Church, there to assist in the funeral ceremonies of the late James W. Gerard, Inspector of Common Schools for the Fifth District.

WM. H. NEILSON,

President of the Board of Education.
February 12, 1874.

On motion of Commissioner West,
Ordered, That said report be entered in full in minutes, and that the action of the President be approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRUSTEES.

The President laid before the Board the communication from the Trustees of the First Ward, nominating Mr. Joseph Scully for Trustee, in place of Charles Neuse, resigned.

Referred to Committee on Nominations.
From Third Ward, relative to building for school purposes.

Referred to Committee on School Buildings.
From Seventh Ward, relative to new building for Grammar School No. 2.

From Sixteenth Ward, relative to new building for Grammar School No. 45.

From Twenty-fourth Ward, relative to furniture, invitation to visit school, and complaint of Board of Health relative to Grammar School No. 67.

Also, sundry communications from the Second Ward relative to absence of teachers, &c., all which were referred to the appropriate committees.

FROM CITY SUPERINTENDENT.

The President laid before the Board the monthly report of the City Superintendent, relative to the visitation and condition of Evening and Day Schools.

Also two communications relative to teachers in schools, which were referred to the Committee on Teachers.

FROM THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, Feb. 14, 1874.

To the Board of Education, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN:—I have to inform you that I have this day appointed James W. Gerard as Inspector of Common Schools for the Fifth District, to fill the vacancy created by the death of that gentleman's father.

Very respectfully,
W. F. HAVEMEYER.

On motion—
Ordered, That said communication be entered in the minutes and placed on file.

FROM THE CLERK OF THE BOARD.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Clerk, in compliance with a resolution of the Board, giving a statement of the number of classes, number of pupils in the schools of the city, and the names of teachers of French and German respectively. The whole number of classes in German is 442; of French, 72; number of pupils who study German, 18,516; pupils who study French, 2,440.

Ordered to be entered in the minutes, and referred to the Committee on Course of Study and School Books.

Also, a communication from the Clerk relative to school buildings used for other than school purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS.

From P. T. Shupe, relative to Adam's Chart of Ancient and Modern History.

From S. B. B. Nolan, relative to drawing apparatus.

From Bradley Window Company.
From citizens of Twenty-fourth Ward for new school.

From Chester Wykoff, relative to Grammar School No. 58.

From citizens of Eighth Ward, relative to improper houses in said ward.

From citizens of Tenth Ward, relative to school matters in said ward, which were referred to the appropriate committees.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SALARIES AND ECONOMY.

Commissioner West presented a report from the Committee on Salaries and Economy, as follows:

To the Board of Education:

The Committee on Salaries and Economy have had under consideration the several propositions referred to them upon the subject of the salaries paid to the teachers in the ward schools, and the inequality that exists in consequence of the principals and the vice-principals of the male schools being paid fixed amounts, while those of the other departments are dependent upon the system of averages in attendance, in the preceding year, for their compensation.

This inequality is in contravention of the statute law, which requires that the salaries paid to teachers shall be as uniform as practicable, and is unjust, inasmuch as it subjects the largest number to the chances of an average attendance, and favors the smallest number with a known and permanent sum.

Your Committee submitted to the Board, in June last, a scheme for the regulation of these salaries in the future, which they trusted would have been well considered, and that such consideration and a fair criticism would have resulted in the adoption of some plans acceptable to the majority of teachers and school officers, by which this difficult problem of equalizing equitably the salaries of all teachers would have been solved and made permanent in its application, and with favorable pecuniary results to the treasury of the city.

As the proposed changes in the system of salaries are still under discussion before the Board, and the prospect of final settlement of the question would seem to be remote, your Committee feel compelled to bring to the attention of the Board the necessity of making our present system consistent and fair in its application to all classes of teachers, and they accordingly herein present a uniform system of the salaries of principals and vice-principals, based as they are now, in part, upon the average attendance of the schools for the preceding year, but at reduced sums, to take effect immediately, but only upon future appointments.

This scale was adopted by the Board in 1867, and for several years was applied, apparently, without the infliction of any injustice, or eliciting much complaint.

The Committee hope that for the reasons stated, the Board will without delay adopt the recommendation herein submitted as a matter of immediate necessity, whatever conclusions may hereafter be reached in relation to the general plan previously presented.

The proposed plan is as follows:

Amend section 35 of the Manual by adding thereto: "Principals and vice-principals of schools and departments hereafter employed by this Board may be paid as follows:

MALE.—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 150 or less	\$2,250
"—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 151 to 300	2,500
"—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 301 to 500	2,750
"—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 501 and upward	3,000
"—Vice-Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of a grammar grade, 250 or more	2,000
FEMALE.—Principals of Grammar Schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 100 or less	1,200
"—Principals of Grammar Schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 101 to 150	1,300
"—Principals of Grammar Schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 151 to 300	1,500
"—Principals of Grammar Schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 301 to 500	1,600
"—Principals of Grammar Schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 501 and upward	1,700
"—Vice-Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of a grammar grade, 250 or more	1,200
PRIMARY.—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 200 or less	1,000
"—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 201 to 400	1,100
"—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 401 to 600	1,300
"—Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 601 and upward	1,500
"—Vice-Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 350 to 500	900

—Vice-Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 501 to 1,000..... 1,000
 —Vice-Principals of schools with an average attendance for the preceding year of 1,001 and upward..... 1,200

It is with reluctance that your Committee propose to make even a prospective reduction of any of the salaries paid to teachers, but the people of this city whose interests in part we represent, may justly demand an assurance from this, as well as from every other department, that whatever action is taken in respect to salaries shall be in the direction of retrenchment.

The unavoidably large demand made upon the taxpayers for the purpose of public education is startling to property owners who are at present compelled to surrender one-half of their legitimate income in order to defray the expenses of the several departments of the city government, as well as to the tenant who finds his rent proportionately advanced.

The condition of dis-repair in which the school buildings were left by the preceding Board, as well as the great need of new schools in the upper wards of the city, renders it useless to entertain any hope of reduction in the items applicable to buildings. Hence it is obvious that the expenses of public instruction are only to be reduced by a reduction of salaries; and, indeed, it will be quite impossible to apply our present scale of salaries for principals of the small schools of the new wards.

The need, therefore, must be apparent, that some action should at once be taken, which, while it will not interfere with the proper rewarding of meritorious services, will reduce, as far as possible, the aggregate expenses of the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. NEILSON,
S. P. PATTERSON,
JNO. CROSBY BROWN,
J. D. VERMILYE,
EDWD. O. JENKINS,
HENRY P. WEST,
Committee on Salaries and Economy.

The report was adopted by the following vote:
 Ayes—Wm. H. Neilson, Esq., President, and Commissioners Baker, Brown, Dowd, Jenkins, Lewis, Man, Patterson, Seligman, Townsend, Vermilye and West—12.

Nays—Commissioners Halstead, Klamroth, Mathewson, Traud and Wetmore—5.

The President laid before the Board the report of the Committee on Salaries and Economy, as follows:

To the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Salaries and Economy have had under consideration several applications for increase of salary on the part of certain Principals now in the employ of this Board, under the provisions of sub-division 4, sec. 35 of the By-laws, which says "that all persons who have been employed as Principals of Grammar or Primary Departments and Schools for a period of ten years, and who have filled their positions with acceptability to the Board of Education, shall receive the maximum salary in their respective departments."

It will be perceived that, while this By-law contemplates a proper reward for service long and faithfully rendered, it makes no distinction as to the amount of labor performed. Or in other words, under its operation the Principal of a department having an average attendance of 150 pupils would receive as much compensation as the Principal of a department having 1,500 pupils, provided each had been in the employment of this Board for the term of ten years, and had given satisfaction in their respective positions.

It does not appear to your Committee that this is a proper basis upon which to reward meritorious service.

And if this plan should be pursued for a number of years longer, it must be evident that it will finally result in raising all our Principals to the maximum salary without regard to the attendance at their schools, thereby increasing very materially the expenses of supporting our Public Schools.

It cannot be denied that in judging of the merit and value of a Principal's work, length of service should form an important element in the consideration. But your Committee do not believe that it should be the only element.

It must be apparent to every one that the expenditures for teachers' salaries bear a disproportionate ratio to the other school expenses, and the Board should so regulate its future action that this disproportion may not be made greater.

While we believe that every faithful teacher ought to receive a fair and liberal compensation, we also think that a just and proper discrimination should be made as to the amount of labor performed.

The Committee having this object in view, would respectfully recommend to this Board that some plan should be adopted or some by-law passed, by means of which deserving Principals and teachers may be transferred from one position to another at an advanced salary, with out increasing the aggregate annual expense.

Nor do we believe that in this matter of transfer and promotion ward limits should be recognized.

Our schools are and ought to be a unit in management and discipline, and the very best talent employed under this Board should be placed in the most important positions and should receive the most liberal compensations.

The Committee respectfully recommend the repeal of sub-div. 4, sec. 35 of the By-Laws, provided that those principals now receiving the maximum salary under this by-law shall continue to be paid such maximum.

Resolved, That sub-div. 4, section 35 of the By-Laws of this Board be, and the same is hereby repealed, provided that those principals now re-

ceiving the maximum salary under this by-law shall continue to be paid such maximum.
 Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. NEILSON,
HENRY P. WEST,
J. D. VERMILYE,
EDWD. O. JENKINS,
S. P. PATTERSON,
JOHN CROSBY BROWN,
Committee on Salaries and Economy.

The report was adopted by the following vote—

Ayes—William H. Neilson, Esq., President, Commissioners Baker, Brown, Dowd, Halstead, Jenkins, Klamroth, Lewis, Man, Mathewson, Patterson, Seligman, Townsend, Traud, Vermilye, West and Wetmore—17.

Also, relative to changes in salaries of employees of the Board. Adopted.

Also, from same Committee, relative to the transfer or discontinuance of certain schools, and a site in the Twenty-third ward. Adopted.

SITES AND NEW SCHOOLS.

Commissioner Patterson presented a report from the Committee on Sites and New Schools, recommending the establishment of a new Primary School in the Thirteenth ward. Adopted.

Also, from the same Committee, directing the Trustees of the Twenty-third ward to report a site for a new school in said ward. Adopted.

Also, from the same Committee, recommending that application be made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for premises No. 72 Elm street, for school purposes. Adopted.

Also, from the same Committee, assigning the number to the new Primary School in Third street. Said school to be known as Primary School No. 6. Adopted.

TEACHERS.

Commissioner Halstead presented a report from the Committee on Teachers, appointing Miss Mary C. Hepburn as Principal of Primary School No. 6. Adopted.

Also from the same Committee, appointing Miss Sarah E. Stone Principal of Primary Department of Grammar School No. 66; Miss Louise Studwell, Principal of Primary Department of Grammar School No. 67; and Miss Margaret Shea, Principal of Primary School No. 48, in the Twenty-fourth ward.

Also, from the same Committee, appointing Evander Childs as Principal of Grammar School No. 9. Adopted.

Also, from same Committee, several reports relative to teachers referred to the Committee. Which were adopted.

BUILDINGS.

Commissioner Dowd presented reports from the Committee on Buildings—

Relative to hiring premises in East 75th street for Primary Schools. Adopted.

To pay several bills for repairs in Ninth and Eleventh wards. Adopted.

To authorize Trustees to advertise for altering galleries in Primary Departments of Grammar Schools Nos. 27 and 53. Adopted.

WARMING AND VENTILATION.

Commissioner Baker presented reports from the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, asking an appropriation of \$496.47, to pay bills for work done on heating apparatus in various wards, by Gillis & Geoghegan. Referred to Finance Committee.

Asking for an appropriation of \$2,000 for tests in new methods of ventilation. Referred to the Finance Committee.

To pay bills, \$196, Twelfth ward. Referred to Finance Committee.

FURNITURE.

Commissioner Wetmore presented reports from the Committee on School Furniture—

Relative to donating furniture to Children's Aid Society, stating that there is none now at the disposal of the Board. Adopted.

Relation to furniture for the use of Trustees of the Twenty-fourth Ward. Referred to Finance Committee.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Commissioner Mathewson presented reports from the Committee on Evening Schools, relative to the pay of several teachers. Adopted.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Commissioner Brown presented a report from the Committee on Normal Schools relative to the transfer of the Model Primary School in St. Mark's place to the Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings.
 Also, to pay bill of \$144.18 for plumbing.
 Referred to the Finance Committee.

FINANCE.

Commissioner Vermilye presented reports from the Finance Committee as follows:

To transfer balances of appropriations. Adopted.

Financial statement of expenditures in detail for 1873. Adopted.

To authorize sliding doors in Grammar School No. 12, Seventh Ward. Adopted.

To appropriate \$2,000 for tests in ventilation. Adopted.

To appropriate \$1,545 for heating apparatus in Grammar School No. 40, Eighteenth Ward. Adopted.

To appropriate \$1,400 for pianos. Adopted.

Commissioner Brown called up the report of the Committee on Course of Study and School Books, recommending the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of French and German.

The President put the question on the adoption of the report, and it was decided in the affirmative.

A motion of Commissioner Brown to authorize the Committee on Course of Study and School Books, to select a person competent to supervise the instruction of French and German was adopted.

Monday the 23d being observed as a holiday, the President announced that the schools would be closed on that day.

The Board adjourned.

L. D. KIERNAN,
Clerk.

THE GAS COMMISSION.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, under section 73, chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873.

February 13, 1874.

In accordance with a notice issued by the Chairman, the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works met in the office of the Mayor on Friday, February 13, 1874, at 3:30 P. M.

The minutes of the meeting held February 7, 1874, were read and adopted.

On motion of the Comptroller Richard J. Morrison was elected secretary.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract for supplying the gas for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes and burners, crossheads, lamp irons and lanterns thereto, at the rate of \$39 per annum; for straightening each lamp post at the rate of \$3; for releasing each column at the rate of \$3; for refitting each stand pipe at the rate of \$4; for removing each lamp post at the rate of \$4; for resetting each lamp post at the rate of \$10; for fitting up each new lamp at the rate of \$10, in accordance with the specifications, be made for the year 1874, with the Harlem Gaslight Company, for the district of said company, being the lowest bidder for the above mentioned supply and work.

Whereupon the Chairman put the question upon the resolution; which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works—3.

The Comptroller also offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract for supplying the gas for each lamp and for the lighting and cleaning and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes and burners, crossheads, lamp irons and lanterns thereto, at the rate of \$33 per annum; for each lamp post straightened, at the rate of \$3.50; for each column released at the rate of \$5; for each stand pipe refitted at the rate of \$5; for each lamp post removed at the rate of \$5; for each lamp post reset at the rate of \$12; for each new lamp post fitted up at the rate of \$12, in accordance with the specifications, be made for the year 1874 with the Metropolitan Gaslight Company, for that portion of the district of said company set forth in its proposal, which is not already awarded to the New York Mutual Gaslight Company, said Metropolitan Company being the lowest bidder for the above-mentioned supply and work.

The Chairman put the question upon the resolution; which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioners of Public Works—3.

The Commissioner of Public Works moved that, deeming it for the best interest of the city to do so, the bid of the New York Mutual Gaslight Company be reconsidered, with a view to making an award to the Metropolitan Gaslight Company, at the rate of \$33 per lamp for the district previously awarded to the New York Mutual Gaslight Company.

The Chairman put the question upon the motion of the Commissioner of Public Works; which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Commissioner of Public Works—1.

Negative—The Mayor and the Comptroller—2.

The Comptroller presented a communication from Richard M. Henry, Esq., Secretary of the Citizens' Association of New York, relative to making provisions in the contracts in the various gas companies as to the quality of the gas to be furnished.

Which was ordered on file.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

RICHARD J. MORRISON,
Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK.

Thursday, February 12, 1874.

The Board of Commissioners and the Comptroller, met pursuant to an advertisement in the "CITY RECORD," to receive proposals for building four chemical engines.

Present—President Joseph L. Perley, in the chair, Commissioners Roswell D. Hatch and Cornelius Van Cott, and Comptroller, Andrew H. Green.

The President submitted blank form of contract with the approval as to form, of the Counsel to the Corporation, thereon. Filed.

The President also submitted the affidavit of the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD, testifying to the insertion of the advertisement as required by law. Filed.

One proposal was received and opened, being as follows:

From the Babcock manufacturing Company, who offer to build (4) chemical fire engines, in accordance with the requirements named in the advertisement and as per plans and specifications accompanying their proposal, for the sum of (\$11,400.00). Ordered to be transmitted to the Comptroller, for his approval as to the adequacy and sufficiency of the "securities" offered.

Adjourned. W. B. WHITE,
Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The following is a record of the work performed in the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending Feb. 14, 1874:

The total number of inspections made by the inspectors was 2,064, as follows, viz.: 5 public buildings, 1,008 tenement houses, 342 private dwellings, 59 other dwellings, 23 manufactories and workshops, 13 stores and warehouses, 72 stables, 1 market, 54 slaughter houses, 1 bone factory, 5 breweries, 6 dumping grounds, 8 fat melting establishments, 3 head and gut cleaning establishments, 1 lime kiln, 3 manure dumps, 21 sunken and vacant lots, 37 yards, courts and areas, 83 cellars and basements, 80 waste pipes and drains, 146 privies and water closets, 70 street gutters and sidewalks, 4 dangerous stairways, 4 cisterns and cesspools, 10 other nuisances, together with 5 visits of the sanitary inspectors to cases of contagious disease.

The number of reports thereon received by the inspectors was 519.

During the past week 46 complaints have been received from citizens, and referred to the inspectors for investigation and report.

The disinfecting corps have visited 58 premises where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 58 houses, 58 privy sinks, together with clothing, bedding, &c.

Two cases of small-pox were removed to the hospital by the ambulance corps.

Permits have been granted to consignees of 44 vessels to discharge cargoes on vouchers from the health officer of the Port.

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

The following number of cases of contagious diseases were reported for the week ending February 14, 1874: typhoid fever, 6; scarlet fever, 65; measles, 24; diphtheria, 44; and small-pox, 2.

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

The amount of meat condemned by the officers as unfit for human food during the week ending Feb. 14, 1874, was: cattle, 3 carcasses; sheep, 4 carcasses; veal (bob) 13 carcasses, and 227 pounds of poultry.

Bureau of Vital Statistics.

During the week ending February 14, 1874, there were issued from this Bureau 540 burial permits for city deaths, 41 for bodies in transit, and 47 for the interment of still-born infants. There were recorded 540 deaths, 138 marriages, 515 births, 47 still-births, 21 applications for transit permits, and 38 returns from Coroners. There were 29 searches of the registers of births, marriages, and deaths, and 2 transcripts of birth record, 1 of marriage, and 26 of death were issued from this Bureau. Five cases were referred to Coroners.

By order of the Board.

EMMONS CLARK,
Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF
NEW YORK, Bureau of Vital Statistics,
February 17, 1874.

To the Secretary of the Board of Health:

SIR—In the week that ended on Saturday, the 14th inst., 540 deaths were reported in this city. This is less by 13 than the deaths in the corresponding week of the previous year. There were 1,019 deaths during the last two weeks, or 108 less than in the corresponding period last year; and in the last seven weeks there were 3518 deaths reported, against 3817 in the corresponding weeks last year, or a decrease amounting to 299 the present winter.

The city continues to be unusually free from all contagious diseases, except scarlatina and diphtheria. There was no death from small-pox, and only 7 from measles; none from typhus, and 5 from typhoid fever last week. Inflammatory diseases of the respiratory organs, and the diseases of infancy are charged with a less mortality than in the corresponding week last year. Great as the pressure of want is among the poor of the city, timely charities are now conspicuous means of sanitary protection.

The death rate last week was equal to 27 per 1,000 annually, estimating the population of the city with its newly annexed district, at 1,040,000. The average rate during the first two months of the winter has been 25.4. The annexed Westchester wards reported only 12 deaths last week, and 14 in the previous week. The death rate in London and twenty other cities of Great Britain in the week ending January 24th was 24 per 1,000 yearly rate. Paris, the same week reported its death rate at 23 per 1,000 (strangers included); Berlin reported 24 per 1,000; Vienna 25 per 1,000; Amsterdam, the week previously, 23; the Hague 28, and Copenhagen 24 per 1,000. Several of the interior cities of the United States report their death rate for January at from 17 to 22 per 1,000. Though the mortality returns of the smaller cities are incomplete, and the sanitary police of many of them is neglected, the poor and laboring classes enjoy vastly better means of health and life than in the crowded tenements of the great cities.

Respectfully submitted.

ELISHA HARRIS, M. D.,
Registrar of Vital Statistics.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Feb. 10.—W. L. Horton appointed clerk, vice G. B. Eaton resigned.

A. STORER, Sec'y.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, February 16th, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS

PROPERTY HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

Confirmed Jan. 30, 1874—Paving 24th st., bet. 10th and 11th aves.
" " Paving 31st st., bet. 2d ave. and East River.
" " Paving 31st st., bet. 4th and 5th aves.
" " Paving 32d st., bet. 2d ave. and East River.
" " Paving 47th st., bet. 3d and 4th aves.
" " Paving 52d st., bet. 2d ave. and East River.
" " Paving 40th st., bet. Madison and 3d aves.
" " Paving 60th st., bet. 1st and 3d aves.
" " Paving 70th st., bet. 4th and 5th aves.
" " Paving 83d st., bet. 3d and 5th aves.
" " Paving 87th st., bet. 2d and 4th aves.
" " Underground drains bet. 56th and 57th sts., 4th and Lexington aves.
" " Underground drains bet. 57th and 58th sts., 5th and Madison aves.
" " Sewer in Ave. A, bet. 59th and 61st sts., with branches in 59th st.
" " Sewer in 104th st., bet. 2d and 3d aves.
" " Sewer in Greenwich st., bet. Leroy and Morton sts.
" " Sewer in Dry Dock st., bet. 10th and 12th sts.
" " Sewer in Horatio st., continuation through Greenwich ave., etc.
" " Sewer in Hudson st., E. S., bet. Vandam and Charlton sts.
" " Sewer in Lexington ave., bet. 69th and 70th sts.
" " Sewer in Broadway, bet. 27th and 28th sts.
" " Basin N. E. cor. Pearl st. and Peck slip.
" " Basin N. E. cor. 69th st. and Lexington ave.
" " Regulating and grading 117th st., from 7th to 8th aves.
" " Regulating and grading 121st st., from 7th to 8th aves.
" " Regulating and grading, curb and gutter in 40th st., from 1st to 2d aves.
" " Curb, gutter and flagging Lexington ave., from 61st to 66th sts.
" " Curb, gutter and flagging S. E. cor. 7th ave. and West 12th st.
" " Flagging N. S. 37th st., from 7th to 8th aves.
" " Flagging N. S. 53d st., from 5th to 6th aves.
" " Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging, in 51st st., from 6th to 7th aves.

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

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

INDICES OF RECORDS.

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

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

Grantors,.....28 volumes.
Grantees,.....24 "
Notices of Suits in Equity, 8 "
Insolvents, &c.,.....1 "

Total,.....61 "
Judgments,.....25 "
Sets unbound,.....61 "
\$100 00
12 50
15 25

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

ANDREW H. GREEN
Comptroller.

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

NOTICE OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS for unpaid taxes of 1869 and 1870, and Croton water rents of 1868 and 1869, under the direction of Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York. The undersigned hereby gives public notice, pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the collection of taxes, assessments and Croton water rents in the City of New York, and to amend the several acts in relation thereto," passed April 8, 1871:

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

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

J. S. CADY,
Clerk of Arrears.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
346 and 348 Broadway,
New York, February 17, 1874.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING GRANITE TO BUILD A BULK HEAD OR RIVER WALL.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THIS WORK WILL be received at the Office of the Department of Docks until 11 o'clock, A. M., of Wednesday, March 4th, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after opening of the bids.
The time allowed for the fulfillment of the contract is to the first day of September 1874.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect.

No proposals will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the city of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that, if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance; which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of security required.

Bidders will state the price in their proposals for each separate item of the work to be done, by which the bids will be tested.

A sample of the stone must be submitted at the office of the Department forty-eight hours previous to the opening of the bids.

No bids will be received except from the owners or lessees of the quarries from which the stones are proposed to be furnished.

The certificate of the Recorder or Judge of the county in which the quarry is situated, that the bidder is owner or lessee of the quarry, must accompany each bid.

The bidders will state how soon they can commence the delivery of the stone, and the amount per month they can deliver.

The engineers' estimate of the material to be furnished is as follows:

"A" 250 pieces of Coping furnished in the rough each 95 cubic feet, 23,750 cubic feet.
"B" 1720 pieces of Header and Stretcher stones 860 of each from 12 to 25 cubic feet, 31,820 cubic feet.

The stones will be of sufficient sizes to furnish the following neat dimensions:

Coping 8'x4'x2'6" two faces cut.
Stretchers 6'x2'x1'10" one face cut.
Headers 2'x3'x1'10" one face cut.

For further particulars see Drawings in the office of the Engineer-in-Chief.

The Department of Docks reserves the right to decline any and all proposals, if deemed to be for the public interest; and no proposal will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals, and plans of the proposed works can be obtained by application at the office of the Department.

Proposals must be endorsed as above, and addressed to "Commissioner Budd, Treasurer of Department of Docks."

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
346 and 348 Broadway,
New York, February 14, 1874.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING GRANITE TO BUILD SIXTEEN (16) ARCHES (MORE OR LESS) OF NEW PIER 1, NORTH RIVER.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THIS WORK WILL be received at the Office of the Department of Docks until 11 o'clock A. M. of Friday, February 27, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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

The time allowed for the fulfillment of the contract is to the first day of August, 1874.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect.

No proposals will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that, if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance; which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of security required.

Bidders will state the price in their proposals for each separate item of the work to be done, by which the bids will be tested.

A sample of the stone and cutting required must be submitted at the office of the Department forty-eight hours previous to the opening of the bids.

No bids will be received except from the owners or lessees of the quarries from which the stones are proposed to be furnished.

The certificate of the Recorder or Judge of the county in which the quarry is situated, that the bidder is owner or lessee of the quarry, must accompany each bid.

The bidders will state how soon they can commence the delivery of the stone, and the amount per month they can deliver.

The engineer's estimate of the material to be furnished is as follows:

"A" 640 voussoirs, or arch stones, averaging from 6 to 16 cubic feet each,.....6,300 cubic feet.
"B" 447 spandrels and end stones, averaging from 5 to 35 cubic feet each,.....5,000 cubic feet.
"C" 21 coping stones on pier-head, averaging 55 cubic feet,.....607 cubic feet.

"D" 57 corner, end, and key stones, averaging from 40 to 100 cubic feet,.....

"E" 32 springers, not exceeding 95.50 cubic feet,.....6,016 cubic feet.

"F" 2 end stones, marked on plan "I. E.", not exceeding 180 cubic feet,.....

For further particulars see Drawings in the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief.

The Department of Docks reserves the right to decline any and all proposals, if deemed to be for the public interest; and no proposal will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and plans of the proposed works can be obtained by application at the office of the Department.

Proposals must be endorsed as above, and addressed to "Commissioner Budd, Treasurer of Department of Docks."

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WILLIAM GARDNER,
WILLIAM BUDD,
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
346 and 348 Broadway.
TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING TWO (2) STEAM DREDGES.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING TWO (2) Steam Dredges will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 12 o'clock noon, of Thursday, February 26, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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

The time allowed for doing the work is ninety days from the date of signing the contract.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties for its faithful performance; which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons, signing the same, for double the amount of security required.

The Department of Docks reserves the right to decline any and all proposals, if deemed to be for the public interest; and no proposal will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and further information can be obtained by application at the office of the Department.

Proposals must be endorsed as above, and addressed to "Commissioner Budd, Treasurer of Department of Docks."

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

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Parks for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Ninety-second street, from Eighth avenue to the new Road or Public Drive, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson River, in the City of New York.

Notice is hereby given that the bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at the Chambers thereof, in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the fourth day of March 1874, at 10½ o'clock A. M.

Dated New York, February 19, 1874.

JOHN MULLALLY,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JOHN L. WHITTON,
Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Parks for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Ninety-third street, from Eighth avenue to the new Road or Public Drive, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson River, in the City of New York.

Notice is hereby given that the bill of costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court at the Chambers thereof, in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the fourth day of March 1874, at 10½ o'clock A. M.

Dated New York, February 19, 1874.

JAMES BAGLEY,
JAMES MOORE,
EDMOND CONNELLY,
Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Seventieth street, from Fifth avenue to Fourth avenue, and from Third avenue to the East river, in the City of New York.

Notice is hereby given that the bill of the costs, charges and expenses incurred, by reason of the proceedings in the above entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court at the Chambers thereof, in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1874, at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

Dated New York, February 14, 1874.

CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
GRATZ NATHAN,
HENRY McDONNELL,
Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Parks and the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title for the use of the public to all the lands required for the opening of Tenth avenue, from a point 10.35 feet 6 inches northerly, from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street in a north-westerly, westerly and south-westerly direction to the Eleventh avenue, as laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the City of New York.

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

FIRST.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to John N. Lewis, Esq., our Chairman, at the Office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of February, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 26th day of February, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock M.

SECOND.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the 10th day of March, 1874.

THIRD.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid, are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, and which taken together are bounded and contained as follows, viz.:—Beginning at a point on the easterly line or side of Tenth avenue, distant nine thousand nine hundred and forty-five feet eleven inches, northerly from the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, as the same is laid out; and running thence easterly at right angles with Tenth avenue one hundred and fifteen feet and six inches, to the centre line of the block between Tenth avenue and the Boulevard, as the same is laid out; thence in a northerly direction along said centre line to a point two hundred and forty-four feet and two inches easterly from the easterly line of Tenth avenue as laid out, and to be opened and extended by this proceeding; thence in a

northerly direction to a point distant five hundred and fifty-two feet and eight inches, in a north-easterly direction from the easterly line of said Tenth avenue; thence in a south-westerly direction to the easterly line of the Eleventh avenue, as laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park; thence southerly along the easterly line of the said Eleventh avenue to a point distant nine thousand six hundred and forty feet and one-half inch, northerly from the southerly line of said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence easterly and parallel to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, three hundred and fifty-nine feet and nine inches; thence northerly three hundred and five feet and eleven and one-half inches; and thence easterly and parallel to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, five hundred and thirty feet to the point or place of beginning.

FOURTH.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 23d day of March, 1874, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, January 21st, 1874.

JOHN N. LEWIS,
NEVIN W. BUTLER,
WILLIAM R. MARTIN,
Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Parks and the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title for the use of the public to all the lands required for laying out a new street running parallel to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in an easterly direction from the Kingsbridge Road, across the Tenth avenue to the Boulevard, near the Harlem River, as laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the City of New York.

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

FIRST.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Nevin W. Butler, Esq., our Chairman, at the Office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of February, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 26th day of February, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 1 o'clock P. M.

SECOND.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with all maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the 10th day of March, 1874.

THIRD.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid, are as follows, that is to say: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, and which taken together are bounded and contained as follows, to wit:—Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the easterly line or side of the Kingsbridge Road with a line drawn parallel to and distant seven thousand six hundred and eighty-five feet northerly, from the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, as the same is laid out, and running thence easterly and parallel to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to the westerly line or side of the Boulevard, near the Harlem River, as laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park; thence northerly, along the westerly line or side of said Boulevard to a point on a line drawn parallel to and distant eight thousand two hundred and twenty feet from the southerly line or side of said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence westerly and parallel with said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to the easterly line or side of the Kingsbridge Road, and thence southerly along the easterly line or side of the Kingsbridge Road to the point or place of beginning.

FOURTH.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 23d day of March, 1874, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, January 21st, 1874.

NEVIN W. BUTLER,
WILLIAM BARNES,
WILLIAM R. MARTIN,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2 FOURTH AVE.,
NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1874.

WHEREAS, THE TOWNS OF MORRISANIA West Farms and Kings Bridge, have been annexed, and are now known as the 23d and 24th Wards of the City of New York, it becomes my duty, as Superintendent of Buildings, to extend the operation of the building laws over said territory, and to superintend the construction, alteration, repair and removal of buildings therein.

I therefore give notice to builders and property owners that plans and specifications for all new buildings, alterations, repairs and removals must be presented to this Department for examination and approval, prior to the commencement of the projected work.

All necessary blank forms, and any desired information pertaining to the building laws, will be furnished on application at this office, or to either of the inspectors, at their temporary office, Police Headquarters, Tremont.

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
Office No. 2 Fourth av., opposite Sixth st.,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1874.
ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS AND OTHERS, HAVING plans and specifications for the erection, alteration or repair of buildings to file with this Department, are hereby notified, that in all cases where iron girders or laths are provided to support brick walls, it will be necessary for them to submit properly drawn and figured elevations of the walls to be so supported.

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

NO. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessments upon the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York, for the year 1874, will be open for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 12th, 1874, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1874, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

By order of the Board,
ALBERT STORER,
Secretary.