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### BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, THURSDAY, December 19, 1895, eleven o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—Wm. L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

The minutes of the meeting held December 18, 1895, were read and approved.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1896.

The final estimates for the Building Department and Board of Education were taken up for consideration.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DECEMBER 18, 1895. *To the Board of Education:*

The Finance Committee to which was referred the communication from the City Superintendent recommending that application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for such allowance as will cover the expense of the census, authorized by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1895, and suggesting that the expenses incurred and likely to be incurred will amount to about six hundred dollars (\$600), respectfully submits the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600), from the appropriation for 1895, entitled "Salaries of Teachers in Grammar and Primary Schools," which is in excess of its requirements, to the fund for same year, entitled "Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education," which is insufficient for the purposes thereof. Said sum to be made applicable to the payment of expenses incurred and to be incurred in relation to the biennial school census authorized by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1895.

A true copy of report and resolution adopted by the Board of Education, December 18, 1895.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk, Board of Education.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 18, 1895. *To the Honorable the Board of Education:*

In a former communication to your Board attention was called to the matter of the biennial school census, which was to be taken this year for the first time.

The census of the first six Wards was taken by the attendance officers in the employ of the Board of Education. After the November election the Board of Police Commissioners reconsidered their refusal to have the census taken by the Police force, and agreed to take it provided they were put to no expense.

The law is compulsory—the census must be taken; and, if it be not taken by city or town authorities, it would be taken by the State authorities and would then become a local charge for the expense incurred.

In order that the census might be begun as promptly as possible and be carried on efficiently, I obtained sixteen hundred census-books from the State Superintendent of Schools, at an expense of \$480.

These were properly indorsed, according to election districts, and were forwarded to the several Police Precincts; expense for expressage, \$28.25. An additional expense of \$51.60 was incurred for printing and for copying pencils. The total expense incurred thus far is \$559.85. It will be necessary to pay expressage for the return of the census books to the hall of the Board of Education, probably not to exceed the sum of \$25.

In my judgment the expense incurred together with all sums likely to be needed will not be more than \$600.

I would recommend that application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for such allowance as will cover the expense of the census. Very respectfully,

(Signed) JOHN JASPEK, City Superintendent.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Board of Education for the year 1895, entitled, "Public Instruction—For Salaries of Teachers in Grammar and Primary Schools," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Board for 1895, entitled, "For Incidental Expenses of the Board of Education," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

DECEMBER 18, 1895.

Whereas, In the communication of the City Superintendent, dated December 14, 1895, and read at this meeting of the Board, it appears that the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars will be required in order to carry out the provision of law (chapter 1041, Laws of 1895) entitled "An Act to amend the Consolidated School Law, providing for the study of the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks, and other narcotics in connection with physiology and hygiene in the Public Schools"; said expenditure being necessary to supply the schools with suitable text-books, etc.; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and it is respectfully requested to increase the amount provisionally appropriated to the Board of Education for the year 1896, entitled "Supplies, Books, Maps, Slates, Stationery, etc., for all the Schools" from two hundred and thirty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars to the sum of two hundred and eighty-nine thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars.

A true copy of preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Education, December 18, 1895.

ARTHUR McMULLIN, Clerk, Board of Education.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 14, 1895. *To the Honorable the Board of Education:*

It is, no doubt, well known to the Board that in the present year there was enacted a law requiring the pupils of the Common Schools of the State of New York to study from suitable text-books "the nature of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics, and their effects upon the human system." This provision of law applies to all grades below the second High School grade with the exception of those in which the children are not yet able to read; in those lower grades the children are to be taught orally.

From a careful estimate which has been made I find that more than 115,000 pupils above the fourth primary grade must be supplied with suitable text-books, that is, with text-books which not only are adapted to the mental capacities of the pupils but are found to be in accord with certain special requirements of the law governing the books to be used.

The Board has recently placed upon the list of supplies for 1896 text-books which may be used for this study, and the Committee on Supplies has now received bids for the same. From a calculation based on these bids and on the probable number of text-books to be supplied it appears that the sum of \$55,000 will be required in order to enable the schools to carry out the law as it stands on the statute-book.

I would respectfully recommend that the Board take such action as will enable the Principals and Teachers of the Grammar and Primary Schools to perform the duty required of them by the act under consideration.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JOHN JASPER, City Superintendent.

Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

The final estimates for the College of the City of New York and Normal College were taken up and considered.

The Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made to the Department of Taxes and Assessments for the year 1895, entitled "Salaries—Department of Taxes and Assessments, Salaries of Secretary, Deputies and Employes," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof to the appropriation made to the same Department for the year 1895, entitled "Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The following communication was received:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, December 18, 1895. Mr. CHARLES V. ADEE, Clerk, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

DEAR SIR—I inclose herewith extracts from the minutes of the Board of Aldermen of November 22, 1895, regarding objections or rectifications of the Provisional Estimate for 1896, as provided in section 189, of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Yours truly, WM. H. TEN EVCK, Clerk of the Common Council.

NOVEMBER 22, 1895.

The Board met to resume consideration of the Provisional Estimate of 1896.

The President called Alderman Olcott, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, to the chair. After some time spent in consideration of the Provisional Estimate for 1896, Alderman Olcott, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported back to the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

That the report of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 7, 1895, in relation to the appropriation for the Register's Office for 1896 (for summary see CITY RECORD, November 9, 1895, page 3342), be taken by the Finance Committee, and that they appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and urge the carrying out of the resolution contained in said report.

That the Committee on Finance fully investigate what amount, if any, should be added to the appropriation for the Register's Office in order to carry on the work of that Department, and that the Finance Committee further urge the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make the required additional appropriation.

Alderman Olcott moved the adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Olcott moved that the Board do now agree to adopt the Provisional Estimate of 1896 as amended or rectified.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered entered at length in the minutes.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, FRIDAY, December 20, 1895, 11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—William L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

The minutes of the meeting held December 19, 1895, were read and approved.

William Rhinelander Stewart, President of the State Board of Charities, appeared and presented the following copy of a preamble and resolution, adopted by the State Board of Charities.

Whereas, The State Board of Charities has been requested to appear by its President before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York, in support of a pending application to the said Board by the Commissioners of Public Charities of the City of New York, for an appropriation to enable said Commissioners to employ suitable agents to determine whether the inmates of Charitable Institutions are those received and retained pursuant to law and are proper subjects of support at public expense or should be discharged; and

Whereas, This Board is of the opinion that the appropriation of a reasonable sum for the purpose named, and the employment by the Commissioners of Public Charities of the City of New York of competent and faithful agents, would greatly reduce the number of children and other persons now supported as public charges and thereby save large sums of money annually to the City of New York; and

Whereas, The performance of such work by said agents would in no wise interfere with the powers or duties of the State Board of Charities or of its own inspectors, and, as the recommendation herein contemplated is in no sense intended as a limitation or delegation of any of the rights, powers or obligation of the State Board of Charities; therefore

Resolved, That President Stewart be authorized to recommend that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York make such appropriations to the Commissioners of Public Charities of New York City as will enable them to employ a sufficient number of suitable agents for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned.

Elbridge T. Gerry, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Joseph H. Choat, Morris Goodhart, President of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, and Bryan Lawrence, President of the New York Catholic Protectory, appeared and made statements relative thereto.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1896.

The final estimate for the Department of Public Charities was taken up for consideration.

J. P. Faure, R. J. Wright, Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, Miss R. Butler, Mrs. W. R. Rice, Mrs. Rhinelander Jones and Mrs. Schuyler, appeared and made statements relative thereto.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, December 23, 1895, at eleven o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, MONDAY, December 23, 1895, 11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—William L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

The minutes of the meeting held December 20, 1895, were read and approved.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1896.

The final estimate for the County Clerk's office was taken up for consideration.

The Comptroller presented the following:

LAW OFFICES OF ALEXANDER P. KETCHUM, COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDING, NO. 4 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK, December 13, 1895. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—Permit me to inclose herewith the certificate of Mr. L. J. Phillips, approving of the prices thus far contracted for in connection with the new site for the City College. Will you have the kindness to present the same to the Board of Estimate on Monday next?

I beg also to call your attention to the fact that there is now on file in your office a certified resolution of the Trustees of the College of the City of New York requesting the issue of bonds necessary to cover the purchases referred to.

Although the first item of \$47,000 was heretofore approved by the Board of Estimate and the money is now in your hands ready for the closing of the title, I requested Mr. Phillips to include this, as well as the other matters within this certificate, as I thought this would be personally agreeable to yourself as well as to the other members of the Board.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KETCHUM.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—Having made careful examination of the property embraced within the new site selected for the College of the City of New York, I hereby approve, as in all respects fair and reasonable, of the prices hereinabove mentioned for the respective lots, parcels or plots hereinafter described, that is to say:

First—\$47,000 for certain lots and parts of lots fronting in part upon Convent avenue, in part on One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street as projected between Convent avenue and St. Nicholas Terrace, in part on Pentz street as projected, and in part on St. Nicholas Terrace, the contract for the same having been made with John L. Cadwalader and William R. Hutton, as trustees, under the last will and testament of Benjamin H. Hutton, deceased, of the trust thereby created for Charles Gordon Hutton and remaindermen, under date of September 9, 1895.

Second—\$59,800 for four lots on the northeasterly corner of Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street as projected, and three lots on the easterly side of Convent avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets as projected, the contract for the same having been made with John O. Baker, under date of October 23, 1895.

Third—\$48,000 for six lots on the southeasterly corner of Amsterdam avenue and One Hun-

dred and Thirty-ninth street, the contract for the same having been made with Jacob M. Newman, under date of October 24, 1895.

Fourth—\$25,500 for five inside lots on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fortieth street, between Amsterdam avenue and Convent avenue, contract for the same having been made with Bertram L. Young and Edwin S. Young as executors, and Edwin S. Young as guardian for William S. Young, under date of October 24, 1895.

Fifth—\$8,000 for a lot on the southeasterly corner of Convent avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street as projected, the contract for the same having been made with Susie T. Lyons under date of November 6, 1895.

Dated New York, December 13, 1895.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the Comptroller offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 168 of the Laws of 1895, and the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation under date of August 5, 1895, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the price agreed upon by the Trustees of the College of the City of New York for the pieces of property embraced in the site for the new building of said College, contracted to be purchased from John O. Baker, under date of October 23, 1895, for the consideration of fifty-nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$59,800), to be paid for four lots on the northeasterly corner of Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, as projected, and three lots on the easterly side of Convent avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets, as projected; and also the property contracted to be purchased from Jacob M. Newman, under date of October 24, 1895, at the price or consideration of forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000), to be paid for six lots on the southeasterly corner of Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, as projected; and also the property contracted to be purchased from Bertram L. Young and Edwin S. Young, as Executors, and Edwin S. Young, as Guardian of William S. Young, under date of October 24, 1895, at the price or consideration of twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$25,500), to be paid for five inside lots on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fortieth street, between Amsterdam avenue and Convent avenue; and also the property contracted to be purchased from Susan F. Lyons, under date of November 6, 1895, at the price or consideration of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), to be paid for a lot on the southeasterly corner of Convent avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, as projected; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds for these purchases, as provided to be issued by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1895.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments declined to vote.

The final estimate for the Department of Public Correction was taken up for consideration.

The consideration of the final estimate for the Department of Public Charities was continued.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, December 24, 1895, at eleven o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, December 24, 1895, eleven o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—Wm. L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

The minutes of the meeting held December 23, 1895, were read and approved.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1896. The final estimate for the Supreme Court was taken up and considered.

The consideration of the final estimate for the Department of Public Charities was continued.

Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, representing a Committee of the Conference of Charities, appeared and made a request for the establishment of a lodging-house, under the supervision of the Department of Public Charities.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, December 26, 1895, at eleven o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, THURSDAY, December 26, 1895, eleven o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—Wm. L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

The minutes of the meeting held December 24, 1895, were read and approved.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for 1896.

The final estimates for the Department of Street Improvements, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Departments of Public Charities and Correction, Court of Special Sessions, Surrogates, Commissioner of Jurors, were taken up for consideration.

The following communication was received:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, December 24, 1895. *To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:*

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the action of the Board referring the request of the Board of Education for an increase of \$55,000, in the appropriation to the Board of Education for text books, claimed to be rendered necessary to enable the Board to comply with the provisions of chapter 1041 of the Laws of 1895, being "An act to amend the consolidated school law providing for the study of the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks, and other narcotics in connection with physiology and hygiene in the public schools" to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion, I respectfully report:

Said chapter provides as follows:

"§ 19. The nature of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics and their effects on the human system shall be taught in connection with the various divisions of physiology and hygiene, as thoroughly as are other branches for not less than four lessons a week for ten or more weeks in each year in all grades below the second year of the high school in all schools under state control, or supported wholly or in part by public money, and also in all schools connected with reformatory institutions. \* \* \* The local school authorities shall provide needed facilities and definite time and place for this branch in the regular course of study. All pupils who can read shall study this subject from suitable text books, but pupils unable to read shall be instructed in it orally by teachers using text books adapted for such oral instructions as a guide and standard, and these text books shall be graded to the capacities of primary, intermediate and high school pupils. For students below high school grade such text books shall give at least one-fifth their space, and for students of high school grade shall give not less than twenty pages to the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics, but pages on this subject in a separate chapter at the end of the book shall not be counted in meeting the minimum. No text book on physiology not conforming to this act shall be used in the public schools except so long as may be necessary to fulfill the conditions of any contract existing at the time of the passage of this act."

"§ 20. \* \* \* No state school money shall be paid for the benefit of any district, city, normal or other school herein mentioned until the officer or board having jurisdiction and supervision of such school has filed, with the officer whose duty it is in each case to disburse the state school money for such school, an affidavit made by such officer, or by the president or secretary of such board that he has made thorough investigation as to the facts, and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, all the provisions of this act have been faithfully complied with during the preceding school year."

This act took effect August 1, 1895.

The provisions are specific, not only as to the number of lessons a week for ten or more weeks in which the subject shall be taught and the requirements that pupils shall pass a satisfactory examination on the subject, but also that the local school authorities shall provide suitable text books, and that such text books should give at least one-fifth their space to the subject.

The act is also mandatory, in that if the provisions above alluded to are not complied with and proof thereof by way of affidavit filed no State school money shall be paid.

So that, in my opinion, if the City should neglect or refuse to appropriate the sum necessary to provide the text books required by the act it would preclude itself from receiving any share of the State school moneys.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that some appropriation should be made to the Board of Education to enable them to comply with the law.

Very respectfully,  
FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

Laid over.

The final estimates for the District Attorney, Register's Office and Commissioners of Accounts, were taken up and considered.

Frederick G. Gedney appeared and presented a claim of the Mutual Life Insurance Company for expenses incurred in the apprehension of Meyers, convicted of murder by poisoning.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation moved that the sum of \$12,749 be allowed therefor, under the head of Miscellaneous Items, subject to the audit and approval of the Comptroller and Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

The final estimate for the New York Polyclinic Medical School and the Sheriff's Office were taken up and considered.

The Comptroller presented the following:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, December 23, 1895. *To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:*

GENTLEMEN—The unusual number of prisoners confined this year in the County Jail has about exhausted the appropriation of \$3,000 for "Support of Indigent Prisoners, etc.,," and I therefore respectfully request the transfer of \$235 from the appropriation entitled "Salaries—Sheriff's Office—For Compensation of Jury Notice Servers," which is in excess of the amount required, to the appropriation for "Support of Indigent Prisoners, etc.,," which is insufficient.

I am compelled also to request the transfer of \$350 from "Salaries—Sheriff's Office—For Compensation of Jury Notice Servers," which is in excess of the amount required, to the appropriation for "Incidental Expenses of the Sheriff's Office and the County Jail, etc.,," which is wholly insufficient for the purposes thereof.

In addition to the many entirely unlooked for demands made upon this appropriation for account of the Sheriff's Office, bills for repairs, materials, etc., for the County Jail, which were believed to be a proper charge upon the Department of Public Works have been presented to me, payment having been refused by that Department.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD J. H. TAMSEN, Sheriff.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$235) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Sheriff's Office, for the year 1895, entitled "Salaries—Sheriff's Office—For Compensation of Jury Notice Servers," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the same office for 1895 entitled "Support of Indigent Prisoners in County Jail, etc.,," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Sheriff's Office, for the year 1895, entitled "Salaries—Sheriff's Office—For Compensation of Jury Notice Servers," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the same office for 1895 entitled "Incidental Expenses of the Sheriff's Office and the County Jail, etc.,," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, NEW YORK, December 26, 1895. *Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:*

SIR—Inclosed herewith please find the following pay-rolls for audit and payment, on account of Revenue Bond Fund and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535, Laws of 1893, and as per resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment dated respectively June 28, August 30 and September 21, 1895:

21 Sanitary Inspectors, \$2,100; 5 Milk Inspectors, \$500; 10 Assistant Disinfectors, \$650; Total, \$3,250.

Very respectfully,  
C. GOLDEMAN, Chief Clerk.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the following pay-rolls of the Health Department for the month of December, 1895, for expenses incurred under resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted June 28, August 30 and September 21, 1895: Twenty-one Sanitary Inspectors, two thousand one hundred dollars; five Milk Inspectors, five hundred dollars; ten Assistant Disinfectors, six hundred and fifty dollars; total, three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; be and the same are hereby approved, and the Comptroller is authorized to pay the amounts thereon approved and certified to be due to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,250) for the payment thereof, on account of the aforesaid appropriations made by this Board, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, NEW YORK, December 19, 1895. *Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller, New York City:*

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held December 17, 1895, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That requisition be and is hereby made upon the Comptroller for the sum of five hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$583.33), which is required to enable the Board of Health to pay to the Board of Police for the services of five (5) Patrolmen, from December 1 to December 31, detailed to the service of the Board of Health pursuant to the provisions of section 5, chapter 309, Laws of 1880; section 296, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, as amended by chapter 84, Laws of 1887, and section 1, chapter 567, Laws of 1895, said requisition to be audited and paid pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535, Laws of 1893, and as per resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment dated June 28, 1895, and chargeable to the Health Department under said act.

A true copy.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, and section 1 of chapter 567 of the Laws of 1895, amending section 296 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, the pay-roll of the Health Department, for the salaries of Patrolmen detailed to the Board of Health from December 1 to December 31, 1895, amounting to five hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$583.33), be and the same is hereby approved, and the Comptroller is authorized to pay the amounts therein approved and certified to be due to the Board of Health, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of five hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$583.33) for the payment thereof, on account of the appropriation made by this Board June 28, 1895, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1896.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The final estimates for the Coroners, Charitable Institutions, Board of City Record and Board of Street Openings were taken up and considered.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, December 27, 1895, at eleven o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, FRIDAY, December 27, 1895, eleven o'clock A. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—Wm. L. Strong, the Mayor; Ashbel P. Fitch, the Comptroller; John Jeroloman, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Edward P. Barker, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments; Francis M. Scott, the Counsel to the Corporation.

The minutes of the meeting held December 26, 1895, were read and approved.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1896.

The final estimates for the Coroners, Free Libraries, City Library, were taken up for consideration.

The Comptroller moved that the sum of \$7,000 be allowed for the City Library, to be expended in carrying out the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen October 8, 1895, and approved by the Mayor October 15, 1895, for the preservation and printing of such of the records contained in the City Library as may be directed to be reprinted under such resolution.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The final estimate for the Department of Street Cleaning was taken up and considered.

The following communication was received:

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, CITY OF NEW YORK—NEW YORK, December 20, 1895. *Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor, Chairman, Board of Estimate and Apportionment:*

SIR—Such objection as has been advanced to the reduction of pay of the employees of this

Department seems chiefly to have been based on the idea that the City ought not to economize on its wages fund.

The members of your Board and the Commissioner of Street Cleaning are debarred from looking at the question as a private individual may properly do. Personally, of course, the Mayor and his associates would be more than glad to see every workingman in New York paid an amount that would lift him and his family above the possible reach of privation. As for myself, I should rejoice over any condition that would make the men of my Department securely comfortable in all the circumstances of their lives. We should be justified in gratifying the generous emotions at our own cost. As public officers we must look at it in another way. We are trustees of the people, and we cannot use public money to gratify our personal impulses. Neither can we assume that the public has employed us as its almoners.

Fortunately, there is a way in which the working people can get the benefit of all that the City can afford to spend as wages, and in which they will render a full return in services. To this end I make the following recommendation, and urge its adoption so far as immediate action can be taken; and I request your Honor, as Mayor, and the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in their official capacity to unite in asking such amendment of the law controlling the Department of Street Cleaning as shall give the Board legal authority to carry the recommendation into effect.

The recommendation is to use the \$823,820, saved by the proposed reduction of wages, for the employment of 1,000 helpers, not less than sixteen years old, to work not more than 40 hours per week, and to be paid 13 cents per hour; no helper to be a member of a family of which another member is employed by the Department of Street Cleaning. The cost of this force of helpers would be \$270,400 per annum. The difference between this sum and the amount saved, or \$13,420, should be appropriated, \$7,420 for "Administration" and \$6,000 for "Carting," to cover the necessary increase of the cost of these two items of the service due to the work of these 1,000 helpers.

This would give us most useful aid in the cleaning up of rubbish in the early morning and in the evening, and would, I believe, be a source of increased income from the better separation and saving of salable parts of what is collected by the Department.

It would have a most important and beneficial effect of giving to 1,000 families, which are now receiving no benefit from the wages paid by this Department, enough money at least to keep the wolf from the door. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation offered the following:

Resolved, That the annual salaries and compensation of Sweepers and Drivers hereafter appointed in the Department of Street Cleaning is hereby fixed as follows, from and after the first day of January, 1896:

All persons appointed Sweepers or Drivers on or after the first day of January, 1896, shall on their appointment become members of the third grade and shall receive the annual salary or compensation of \$600 each.

Whenever any member of the third grade shall have done continuous service therein for one year, he shall be advanced to the second grade and shall thereafter receive the annual salary or compensation of \$660.

Whenever any member of the second grade shall have done continuous service therein for one year, he shall be advanced to the first grade and shall thereafter receive the annual salary or compensation of \$720.

Length of service in every instance is to be calculated from the latest appointment, in case the person appointed shall theretofore have been a member of said department and shall have resigned or been removed and afterwards reinstated.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented, for the consideration of this Board, the pay-roll of Drivers, etc., of the Department of Street Cleaning, from December 13 to December 19, 1895, inclusive, amounting to \$12,388.38.

Whereupon the Counsel to the Corporation offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the following pay-roll for the expenses incurred by the Health Department for Cart Drivers, etc., be and hereby is approved, viz.: December 13 to December 19, 1895, inclusive, \$12,338.38; and

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to pay the amounts thus approved and thereon certified to be due to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of twelve thousand three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$12,338.38) for the payment thereof, on account of the appropriation made by this Board November 29, 1895, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1896.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—4.

The Comptroller declined to vote.

The Counsel to the Corporation offered the following:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 535 of the Laws of 1893, the following bill incurred under the authority of the Health Department, for expenses in carting for street cleaning purposes, under resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated September 26, 1895, be and hereby is approved:

Thomas Hill, repairing cart bodies, \$720; and

Resolved, That the following bill, incurred under the authority of the Health Department as aforesaid, under the authority of said act, under resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted October 24, 1895, be and hereby is approved:

Edward Holland & Co., collecting ashes, etc., \$463.40; and

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of said act, the following bills, under the authority of the Health Department, for expenses in final disposition of street sweepings, etc., under a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopted October 24, 1895, be and hereby are approved:

Bartley, William S., hired scow.....	\$28 00	The Barney Dumping-boat Co.,	\$900 00
Cleary, William E., hired scow.....	75 00	The Barney Dumping-boat Co.,	900 00
Foshay, Stephen, hired scow.....	360 00	hired scow.	
Harms, C. F., Agent, hired scow...	952 00	The Barney Dumping-boat Co.,	840 00
Joyce, Mathew, hired scow.....	25 00	hired scow.	
Mercurio, Joseph, unloading scows..	899 50	The Barney Dumping-boat Co.,	210 00
"	914 50	hired scow.	764 50
"	698 50	The Mutual Co., towing.	686 00
"	784 00	"	885 50
"	382 00	"	75 00
Mulligan, L., hired scow.....	90 00	The Mutual Co., hired barge.	677 50
Norman & O'Brien, hired scow....	130 00	The Mutual Co., towing.	723 00
Rice, Jacob, hired scow.....	75 00	"	995 50
The Barney Dumping-boat Co.,	900 00	"	642 00
hired scow.....	900 00	"	881 50
The Barney Dumping-boat Co.,	900 00	"	581 00
hired scow.....	900 00		
			\$17,875 00

—and

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to pay the amounts thus approved to the persons entitled thereto, and to issue Revenue Bonds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the amount of nineteen thousand and fifty-eight dollars and forty cents (\$19,058.40) for the payment thereof, on account of the appropriations made by this Board September 26, 1895, and October 24, 1895; said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum, and the amount required for the redemption thereof to be included in the Final Estimate for 1896.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—4. The Comptroller declined to vote.

The Comptroller presented the following:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, December 26, 1895. To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I have to request that you will transfer from the appropriation to the Law Department, 1895, Contingent Counsel fees, the sum of \$50.82, which is in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof to the appropriation, General Contingencies, which is insufficient for the purpose thereof.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars and eighty-two cents (\$50.82) be and hereby is transferred from the appropriation made to the Law Department for the year 1895, entitled "Contingencies—Law Department; Contingent Counsel Fees, etc.," the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made to the same Department for

1895, entitled "Contingencies—Law Department; General Contingencies, including deficiencies," the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 2, 1895.

Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—I have examined the items named in the above printed copy of resolutions adopted by the Fire Department on the 2d of October, 1895, and respectfully report.

First item—For new sites, one in the vicinity of Twelfth street and University place, etc., \$35,000.

This item contemplated the acquisition of the property on south side of Twelfth street, 108.11 feet west of University place, and the etc. was to cover certain claims now due, amounting to \$1,660.15.

I was informed by the President of the Fire Department and Commissioner Ford that it is now in contemplation to withdraw the proceedings instituted for acquiring this property, and to purchase the large apartment house at No. 63 East Eleventh street for the sum of \$52,000, with a view to adapting it, by alterations, for the purposes of the Department. This value is not out of the way. The tax valuation is \$30,000.

Second item—For two new buildings, apparatus houses, on Forest avenue, near Clifton street, and on Grand avenue, Woodlawn Heights, \$14,000 each—\$28,000.

These are intended to be of frame, and the estimated sum corresponds with amounts paid for similar structures.

Third item—For additions and alterations to buildings at No. 160 Chambers street, for Engine Company No. 29, and the quarters of Engine Company No. 5, at No. 340 East Fourteenth street, and Engine Company No. 21, at No. 216 East Fourteenth street, \$35,000.

The estimate for these items is as follows: No. 160 Chambers street, \$15,000; No. 340 East Fourteenth street, \$10,000; No. 216 East Forty-first street, \$10,000—\$35,000.

I have visited these localities and consider the estimate of necessary work to be done as nearly correct as can be determined in advance. The houses for Engine Cos. Nos. 5 and 21 are very much cramped for space.

Item 3—For fitting up and furnishing buildings, \$12,000.

This item is intended for the buildings throughout the Department. I examined three with reference to this item, and judging from what I saw, especially in the matter of bedsteads, I would not consider the estimate extravagant.

Item 4—For placing wires, etc., the fire alarm system underground, \$40,000.

Specifications have been prepared for this work, and I am informed by Mr. J. Elliot Smith, the superintendent, that what is proposed will complete the underground service of the Fire Department on the west side of the city south of Sixty-eighth street, west of Second avenue, with the exception of the line of Eleventh and Thirteenth avenues, and on Seventh avenue, between Fourteenth and Thirty-first streets; also south of Houston street entire, and between Houston and Sixty-eighth streets, excepting the section of the city east of Avenue A; also the section of the city between Sixty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, west of Second avenue, with the exception of a few connections of small amount; also the line of Seventh avenue, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets; also One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Eighth avenue and East River; Manhattan avenue, from Ninth avenue to the North river, with a number of short subsidiaries. In making the specifications, such sections are selected as are more important considering the present condition of the overhead system, and for the purpose of gaining the largest amount of underground work with the money provided. The specifications will afford connections to eighty or more signal stations. It is believed that to complete the underground system for the balance of the city as far as One Hundred and Thirtieth street will require an additional appropriation of at least \$75,000. I enclose a copy of the specifications.

Respectfully, EUG. E. MCLEAN, Engineer.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, May 21, 1895. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in receipt of a communication from Richard A. Storrs, Esq., Deputy Comptroller, stating that at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held April 4, 1895, there was referred to the Comptroller, for examination and report, a communication from the President of the Fire Department, requesting the issue of bonds to the amount of \$192,320, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 76 of the Laws of 1894.

Mr. Storrs states that in 1894 Fire Department bonds to the amount of \$108,000 were authorized to be issued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but that these bonds were in fact issued on May 6, 1895, and he calls my attention to an opinion of my predecessor, Hon. William H. Clark, dated December 6, 1894, in relation to bonds to be issued in the matter of acquiring of Mulberry Bend Park, and requests to be advised by me whether the aforesaid request of the Fire Department which is enclosed in his communication, can be legally complied with either in whole or in part, and if the latter, to what extent.

The communication of my predecessor referred to and dated December 6, 1894, was based upon a provision of the Small Parks Act, which is different entirely from that contained in chapter 76 of the Laws of 1894.

In section 10 of the Small Parks Act it is provided that "no more than the sum of one million dollars shall be expended or authorized to be expended in any one year, under the provisions of this act."

Under this act, of course, there could neither be an authorization nor an actual expenditure in any one year of more than one million of dollars.

In chapter 76 of the Laws of 1894, which is "An act to provide for the issue of bonds for the fire department of the city of New York," it is provided, among other things, as follows:

"Section 1. The comptroller of the city of New York is authorized, upon the application of the board of fire commissioners of said city, and upon the approval of a majority of the board of estimate and apportionment of said city, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, for an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, to be known as fire department bonds.

"§ 2. Said bonds shall be issued from time to time as they may be required by the said board of fire commissioners."

I think the clear meaning of section 1, above quoted, is that the Comptroller is authorized to issue bonds in such a amount as may be applied for by the Fire Commissioners and approved by a majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, providing that such amount applied for and authorized shall not exceed in any one year the sum of \$150,000.

It would seem that if the application of the Fire Department was made, and the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was had, in 1894, and with the intention and design that the bonds applied for and approved should be issued for purposes for which the Board of Fire Commissioners was authorized to incur liability in that year, that the mere fact that the actual issue of the bonds authorized for the year 1894 did not take place until after the close of that year, would not make the bonds so issued bonds of 1895.

The evident intention of the act is that in each and every year the Fire Department shall have an allowance not to exceed \$150,000 for the purposes specified in the act.

In my opinion, therefore, the bonds authorized in 1894, but not actually issued until after the close of that year, are to be strictly considered as bonds of 1894, and the Fire Department can apply to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the latter Board can authorize in the year 1895 other bonds not to exceed in amount one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

I return herewith the requisition of the Fire Department referred to in Mr. Storrs' communication.

Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS M. SCOTT, Counsel to the Corporation.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 76, Laws of 1894, entitled "An Act to provide for the issue of bonds for the Fire Department of the City of New York," the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves appropriations for the Fire Department as follows:

For new sites, one in the vicinity of Twelfth street and University place, etc..... \$35,000 00

For two new buildings—Apparatus houses on Forrest avenue, near Clifton street, and on Grand avenue, Woodlawn Heights, at \$14,000 each..... 28,000 00

For additions and alterations to buildings—At No. 160 Chambers street, for Engine Company No. 29, and the quarters of Engine Company No. 5, at No. 340 East Fourteenth street, and Engine Company No. 21, at No. 216 East Forty-first street .....

For fitting up and furnishing buildings..... 35,000 00

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The Comptroller presented the following:

TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN BRIDGE, NASSAU AND WASHINGTON STREETS, BROOKLYN, December 9, 1895. Hon. ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller of the City of New York.

DEAR SIR—Under provision of chapter 956 of the Laws of 1895, the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, do hereby make requisition to the City of New York for the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), for the improvement of the terminal facilities of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOWELL, President.

[SEAL.]

HENRY BEAM, Secretary.

And offered the following:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 956 of the Laws of 1895, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue bonds, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to be known as "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as provided by section 132 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), redeemable in thirty years from the date of issue, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, the proceeds of which bonds shall be applied to the completion of the improvement of the terminal facilities of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge; and

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to exempt the said stock from taxation by the City and County of New York, pursuant to an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor October 2, 1880, and the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

Which were adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments and Counsel to the Corporation—5.

The final estimates for the Charitable Institutions, Public Administrator and Miscellaneous Items were taken up and considered.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday, December 30, 1895, at eleven o'clock A. M. E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 27th day of December, 1895. Present—Commissioners Roosevelt, Andrews, Grant and Parker.

##### *Mash Ball Permits Granted.*

Charles A. Borst, at Sulzer's Harlem Casino, December 31; E. Jacquot, at Lexington Avenue Opera House, January 9; Michael J. Fagan, at Central Opera House, January 16; Jacob Krauss, at Central Opera House, January 29; Albert H. Hawley, at Central Opera House, February 4; Fred Schmitt, at Central Opera House, February 21; Henry Lesser, at Tammany Hall, January 4; Isidor Richter, at Tammany Hall, January 11; Max Zajieck, at Mannerchor Hall, January 11; F. J. Kasten, at Mannerchor Hall, January 20; Julius Riess, at Mannerchor Hall, December 31; Mrs. L. M. Sinnott, at Colonial Hall, December 30.

Sundry reports and communications were ordered on file, copies to be forwarded, etc.

Communication from the New York Rescue Band, asking certain permissions in the work of rescue, was referred to Commissioner Parker.

##### *Communications Referred to the Treasurer.*

Comptroller—Weekly financial statement. Thirty-second Precinct—Certificate of sale of horse Nick, No. 99.

Communication from the Civil Service Board relative to Richard M. McKenna, was laid over one week.

##### *Communications Referred to Commissioner Andrews.*

Chief of Police—Report as to pistol practice. David Rawle—Relative to photograph gallery at Central Office. A. H. Thorton—Relative to application for appointment.

##### *Applications for Pensions Referred to Committee on Pensions.*

Felecciana Perazzo; Mary A. Curran; Mary Horn.

##### *Communications Referred to Chief Clerk to Answer.*

Police Department, Baltimore—Asking copy annual report. James F. Early—Asking Blank application. James O'Neil—Relative to legislative bills for 1896. North Side Board of Trade—Acknowledgment, etc.

Reports of conduct and efficiency of the following officers were referred to the Police Civil Service Board:

Sergeant George Brennan, Seventh Precinct; Sergeant John McSweeney, Seventh Precinct; Sergeant William Hogan, Seventh Precinct; Sergeant Ernest Linderman, Sixteenth Precinct; Roundsman James F. Nally, Seventh Precinct; Roundsman William H. Duggan, Thirty-third Precinct; Roundsman Gustavus Sebelt, Sanitary Company; Roundsman Francis B. Fabri, Sanitary Company; Patrolman James F. Crowe, Central Office; Patrolman Henry Townsend, Fourth Precinct; Patrolman David Beadle, Twenty-second Precinct.

##### *Resignations Denied.*

Patrolman James A. Dourigan, Tenth Precinct; Patrolman Daniel Sullivan, Sixteenth Precinct.

Application of Bridget Quinn, guardian of children of Patrick J. Barry, for pension, was filed (guardian dead).

##### *Applications for Pension Denied.*

Jennie L. Simon, Abbie Barrett, Catharine Thompson, Ellen F. Cullen, Ellen Lawlor, Catharine McArdle, Rosabella L. Murphy, Eileen Gerow, Mary L. Markey, Mary Fitzgerald, George L. McCurdy, guardian of children of John J. Parker; Robert Weil, guardian of child of Bernard Malarkey; Matthew Coogan, executor of estate of Patrick Coogan.

##### *Communications Referred to Counsel to Corporation.*

Sergeant Groo, Tenth Precinct—Relative to summons to First District Court.

Corporation Attorney—Relative to complaints against push-carts, for opinion as to rights of push-cart vendors in public streets.

N. Y. Supreme Court—Writs of certiorari. The People ex rel. Thomas F. Brady against The Board of Police. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Sundry communications and complaints were referred to the Chief of Police for report, etc.

The Chief of Police reported the following transfers, etc.:

Patrolman Michael Mulrooney, from Seventeenth Precinct to Fourth Precinct, detail at office of Corporation Counsel; Patrolman John McCue, from Seventeenth Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman Charles Lake, from Thirty-fourth Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman William McKeon, from Twenty-fifth Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman William O'Hara, from Thirteenth Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman James Cavanagh, from Thirty-second Precinct to Thirty-fourth Precinct; Patrolman John W. Hinton, from Twenty-ninth Precinct to Twenty-fifth Precinct; Patrolman Florence J. Sullivan, from First Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman Owen Conovan, from Nineteenth Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman Daniel Kear, from Twenty-fourth Precinct to Twenty-second Precinct; Patrolman Daniel J. Griffen, from Fourteenth Precinct to Twenty-fourth Precinct; Patrolman Philip Clark, from Twenty-fourth Precinct to Fourteenth Precinct; Patrolman Michael O'Connell, from Nineteenth Precinct to Third Precinct; Sergeant John Kelly, Twenty-third, in command, temporarily; Roundsman Edward Walling, Twenty-third Precinct, as Acting Sergeant, temporarily; Sergeant Henry K. Woodruff, from Fourteenth Precinct to Twenty-first Precinct, relieved of command; Sergeant John J. Harley, from Central Office to Fourteenth Precinct, in command, temporarily; Sergeant Thomas McCormick, from Eighth Precinct to Fifth Precinct; John Cooney, from Fifth Precinct to Eighth Precinct; Sergeant Patrick Byrne, from Thirty-seventh Precinct to Central Office, Bureau of Information; Patrolman Lawrence Clarkson, from Fifth Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman James Bulger, Thirty-third Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman James Fitzpatrick, from Twenty-third Precinct to Third Precinct; Patrolman Edward J. McMahon, from Fifteenth Precinct to Thirty-third Precinct; Patrolman Louis McCord, from Fourteenth Precinct to Twenty-sixth Precinct; Patrolman Robert Charlton, from Special Service Squad to Thirty-second Precinct; Patrolman Dennis Grady, from Special Service Squad to Twenty-seventh Precinct; Patrolman Michael W. Collins, from Special Service Squad to Twenty-fifth Precinct; Patrolman George Cullen, from Central Office to Twenty-ninth Precinct; Patrolman Martin F. Morrison, from Twenty-sixth Precinct to Seventeenth Precinct; Roundsman Peter Fitzgerald, from Thirty-second Precinct to Fourth Precinct; Roundsman Michael Smith, Thirty-seventh Precinct, detail as Acting Sergeant, temporarily; Roundsman Edward J. Skelly, Twenty-second Precinct, detail as Acting Sergeant Twenty-sixth Precinct, temporarily; Patrolman James J. Tufts, Second Precinct, detail as Doorman, temporarily; Patrolman James M. Hammill, Twenty-seventh Precinct, detail Guard Patrol Wagon; Patrolman John J. McDonald, Twenty-second Precinct, to detail at First Inspection District, temporarily; Patrolman Joseph E. Surre, Twenty-fourth Precinct, to detail at Fifteenth Precinct; Patrolman John B. Schopmeyer, Twenty-seventh Precinct, remain to patrol.

Resolved, That the pay-rolls of the Police Department and force, and of the Central Department, for the month of December, 1895, when properly audited and approved, be and are hereby ordered to be paid by the Treasurer—all aye.

Resolved, That full pay while sick be granted to the following officers—all aye:

Patrolman Patrick Donnellan, Twenty-ninth Precinct, from November 11 to November 25, 1895; Patrolman Nicholas M. Pierce, Twenty-second Precinct, from November 28 to December 1, 1895.

Resolved, That the bill of Florence Humbert, twelve dollars, for services as Stenographer, be and is hereby ordered to be paid by the Treasurer—all aye.

Resolved, That the following bills for account of Election expenses be referred to the Comptroller for payment:

Martin B. Brown, bank stamp, etc., \$5; Martin B. Brown, memorandum books, etc., \$240; Martin B. Brown, box supplies, etc., \$146.25; Martin B. Brown, distance markers, etc., \$27; Martin B. Brown, assembly district maps, \$274; Martin B. Brown, directions, etc., \$5; Martin B. Brown, lithograph maps, etc., \$135; Martin B. Brown, blank proposals, \$54.25; Martin B. Brown, facing cloth, etc., \$110.70; Martin B. Brown, book, nominations, etc., \$153.25; Martin B. Brown, lithograph letter-heads, etc., \$202.29; Martin B. Brown, supplies, etc., \$367.50; Martin B. Brown, blank boundaries, etc., \$55.75; Martin B. Brown, printed tags, etc., \$14.55; Martin B. Brown, printed envelopes, etc., \$17.50; Martin B. Brown, oath books, etc., \$91.30.

The following proposals for altering Matron's room, Fourth Precinct Station-house, were received:

Law & Co., \$330; Thomas F. Murphy, \$343; C. H. Kranckfeld, \$381; Richmond & Boyle, \$485. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the proposal of Law & Co. to make alterations in Matron's Room, Fourth Precinct Station-house, in accordance with specifications therefor, for the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars be and is hereby accepted.

The following proposals to erect fire-escapes on Thirteenth Precinct Station-house, were received:

Thomas McKay, \$253; New York Architectural Iron Works \$255; C. Cochran, \$260. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the proposal of Thomas McKay to erect fire-escapes on Thirteenth Precinct Station-house, in accordance with specifications therefor, for the sum of two hundred and fifty-three dollars, be and is hereby accepted.

The following proposals to erect fire-escapes on Twenty-eighth Precinct Station-house were received:

Thomas McKay, \$293; New York Architectural Iron Works, \$295; C. Cochran, \$338. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the proposal of Thomas McKay to erect fire-escapes on Twenty-eighth Precinct Station-house, in accordance with specifications therefor, for the sum of two hundred and ninety-three dollars, be and is hereby accepted.

The following proposals to erect fire-escapes on Thirtieth Precinct Station-house were received:

Thomas McKay, \$293; New York Architectural Iron Works, \$295; C. Cochran, \$338. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the proposal of Thomas McKay to erect fire-escapes on Thirtieth Precinct Station-house, in accordance with specifications therefor, for the sum of two hundred and ninety-three dollars, be and is hereby accepted.

The following proposals for plumbing and alterations Thirty-second Precinct Station-house, were received:

Thomas F. Murphy, \$357; Law & Co., \$440; Geo. B. Brown, \$471; R. T. Irwin, \$487. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the proposals of Thomas F. Murphy, for plumbing and alterations at Thirty-second Precinct Station-house, in accordance with specifications therefor, for the sum of three hundred and fifty-seven dollars, be and is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That Rule 385 be amended by substituting on the second line thereof, the words "8 o'clock p. m." for the words "7 o'clock, P. M."

Resolved, That Rule 391 be amended so as to read as follows:

##### RULE 391.

All lost children received at the Central Department, during the day or night, not claimed by some person entitled to their custody, shall be placed in charge of the Commissioners of Charities.

Whenever any member of the Police Force shall discover a foundling, or have his attention called to the discovery of a foundling anywhere in this city, he shall have such foundling conveyed at once to the nearest Police Station, where the officer in charge will enter upon the blotter, and also upon a blank provided for the purpose (No. 30), a description of the child and of its clothing, and such other available particulars as may be necessary or pertinent to the case, and have the child taken by the shortest possible route to Bellevue Hospital, and there delivered to some person assigned by the Commissioners of Charities to receive such children.

When the discovery of a foundling is brought to the notice of a member of the Police Force by any person other than a policeman, the officer will require such person to accompany him to the nearest Police Station, with the foundling, in order that he or she may make affidavit as to the finding of the child (as per Blank No. 44); and for the purpose of having such affidavit made and sworn to, Inspectors, Captains and Sergeants of Police have power to administer affirmations or oaths, as provided for in Rule 187 of the Manual.

In every case where a foundling is brought to a Police Station, Blanks Nos. 30, 44 and 149 will be properly filled out by the officer in charge, and disposed of by him as follows, viz:

Blank No. 30 will be delivered to the person at Bellevue Hospital who receives the child.

Blank No. 44 will be forwarded to the Department of Charities through the Central Office.

Blank No. 149 will be forwarded to the Central Office.

Honorable mention granted to Patrolman Michael J. Howard, Twenty-ninth Precinct, and Patrolman George Beller, Thirty-third Precinct, for the arrest of Charles Blake and Thomas Hogan, and Patrolman Charles Connolly, Thirty-eighth Precinct, for rescue of boy from drowning.

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

Resolved, That the President be authorized to execute a contract with the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company for telephone service for the year 1896.

Resolved, That the Chief of Police be directed to establish two additional posts at Bedford Park, and the Superintendent of Telegraph to establish an additional signal box at Southern Boulevard and Briggs avenue.

##### Appointed Special Patrolmen.

Deniel F. Wilkinson, for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; George M. Barbour, for the Hotel Waldorf.

##### Appointed Patrolmen.

David T. Moneypenny, Sixteenth Precinct; John A. McGough, Twenty-eighth Precinct; Fred C. Ahrens, Thirty-second Precinct; Francis P. Gearty, Nineteenth Precinct; Jacob B. Ross, Fourteenth Precinct; Adolph E. Ahlers, First Precinct; Henry J. Peake, Twenty-fifth Precinct; Henry Lowy, Twenty-eighth Precinct; William J. Holmes, Jr., Twenty-fourth Precinct; Emil Hertsch, Thirty-third Precinct; John Mussehl, Thirty-third Precinct; Richard M. McKenna, Twenty-ninth Precinct; John A. Allenbach, Nineteenth Precinct; John F. Bouser, Twenty-fifth Precinct; George R. Cain, Fifth Precinct; Samuel B. Davis, Twenty-fourth Precinct; Samuel C. DeLamater, Thirty-second Precinct; Joseph T. Gorman, Twenty-third Precinct; Nelson J. Greenison, Twentieth Precinct; Frank R. Hartwick, Sixteenth Precinct; Walter B. Hough, Twenty-seventh Precinct; James McGovern, Twenty-third Precinct; John S. Routh, Thirty-second Precinct; Allison S. Randle, Fourteenth Precinct.

##### Retired Officers—All Aye.

Patrolman John J. Munson, Twenty-fifth Precinct, \$700 per year; Patrolman Francis Hagan, Twenty-first Precinct, \$700 per year; Patrolman Henry Engelhauser, Thirteenth Precinct, \$385 per year; Roundsman Hugh O'Rourke, Thirty-seventh Precinct, \$750 per year.

Resolved, That the pension heretofore granted to Ellen Feeny, widow of Patrolman Patrick T. Feeny, Twenty-sixth Precinct, be and is hereby increased to the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars per annum, the additional amount of one hundred and twenty dollars per annum being awarded to the said Ellen Feeny, as guardian of her two younger children, in the sum of sixty dollars per annum for each child, until they shall arrive at the age of eighteen years respectively.

Resolved, That the application of Sarah Seery, widow of John Seery, Pensioner, for increase of pension, be and is hereby denied; and

Resolved, That the pension heretofore granted to the said Sarah Seery be and is hereby reduced to the sum of sixty dollars per annum.

Resolved, That the application of Margaret Galligan, widow of Patrolman Patrick Galligan, for extra pension for the months of September, October, November and December, 1893, be and is hereby denied; and

Resolved, That the pension heretofore granted to the said Margaret Galligan be and is hereby reduced to the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars per annum.

##### Pensions Granted.

Louisa Tessaro, widow of Benjamin Tessaro, late Patrolman, \$240 per year, from October 11, 1895.

Louisa J. Seaman, widow of Wait P. Seaman, late Pensioner, \$180 per year, from October 1, 1895.

Margaret Gastlin, widow of George W. Gastlin, late Pensioner, \$240 per year, from October 2, 1895.

Francis J. McGinley, guardian of children of Michael J. McGinley, late Roundsman, \$300 per year (\$60 per year for each child), from October 1, 1895.

Louisa C. Wines, guardian of son of William Wines, late Pensioner, \$60 per year, from October 1, 1895.

W. Graham, Twenty-sixth Precinct; Patrolman Lawrence P. Powers, Ninth Precinct; Patrolman Michael P. Sweeny, Detective Bureau; Patrolman Edward Kelly, Twenty-sixth Precinct; Patrolman Alfred Anderson, Nineteenth Precinct; Patrolman George W. McClusky, Thirty-second Precinct; Patrolman Charles J. Lyons, Twelfth Precinct; Patrolman John B. R. Tyler, Sixth Precinct; Patrolman John M. Heffron, Eighteenth Precinct; Patrolman Edward J. Bourke, Fifteenth Precinct; Patrolman John F. Tappin, Twentieth Precinct; Patrolman Frederick G. Carson, Sixteenth Precinct; Patrolman Patrick Meehan, Eighth Precinct; Patrolman Charles A. Place, Twenty-first Precinct; Patrolman Thomas Ed. O'Brien, Central Office; Patrolman William Nesbit, Thirteenth Precinct; Patrolman William J. Ennis, Sixteenth Precinct; Patrolman Abram C. Hulse, Eleventh Precinct; Patrolman William J. Hogan, Third Inspection District; Patrolman Harry T. Murray, Second Precinct; Patrolman Nathan Hertz, Fifteenth Precinct; Patrolman John T. Lake, Twenty-sixth Precinct; Patrolman James H. Kane, Thirtieth Precinct.

*Judgments—Dismissals—All Aye.*

Patrolman William E. Cashman, Fifth Precinct, neglect of duty; Patrolman Garrett Hendricks, Twentieth Precinct, neglect of duty (two cases); Roundsman John W. Goodwin, Thirtieth Precinct, conduct unbecoming an officer.

*Fines Imposed.*

Patrolman Frederick Goll, Thirty-third Precinct, neglect of duty, ten days' pay; Patrolman John Steiler, Twelfth Precinct, conduct unbecoming an officer, ten days' pay; Patrolman Frank Lynch, Twenty-second Precinct, do, three days' pay; Patrolman George H. Griffin, Thirty-third Precinct, neglect of duty, ten days' pay.

*Complaints Dismissed.*

Patrolman James E. McDermott, Second Precinct, neglect of duty; Patrolman Thomas G. Kennedy, Fifth Precinct, do.

Adjourned.

WM. H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

## CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

*Statement and Return of Moneys received by GEORGE W. LYON, Corporation Attorney, for the month of December, 1895, rendered to the Comptroller, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 14, Article II., Chapter IV. of the Revised Ordinances of 1880; and of Sections 56 and 216 of Chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882.*

Dec.	WHAT FOR.	PENAL-TIES.	COSTS.	TOTAL.
2.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$20 00
2.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Isaac Cahn.	40 00	.....	40 00
3.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	15 00	7 13	22 13
4.	.....	25 00	5 00	30 00
4.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. William Wach.	20 00	.....	20 00
5.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	25 00	10 00	35 00
5.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. George P. Kinne and William Johnson.	20 00	.....	20 00
6.	.....	40 00	.....	40 00
6.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	5 00	2 50	7 50
6.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Cornelius Shea and John Rottkamp.	18 00	.....	18 00
6.	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
9.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	5 00	2 50	7 50
9.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. David T. Pettit and Charles E. Waters.	150 00	.....	150 00
10.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	.....	2 50	2 50
11.	.....	25 00	7 50	32 50
12.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Arthur Post and Michael J. Flynn.	9 00	.....	9 00
12.	.....	40 00	.....	40 00
12.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	10 00	7 50	17 50
13.	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
14.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	10 00	2 50	12 50
14.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. George P. Kinne and Charles E. Waters.	10 00	.....	10 00
16.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	5 00	2 50	7 50
16.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. David T. Pettit and Charles E. Waters.	5 00	.....	5 00
17.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	.....	2 50	2 50
19.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Nicolo Ivone and Michael Palarino.	15 00	15 00	30 00
19.	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
19.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Nicolo Ivone and Michael Palarino.	4 00	.....	4 00
19.	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
19.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Nicolo Ivone and Michael Palarino.	4 00	.....	4 00
19.	.....	20 00	.....	20 00
20.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	5 00	2 50	7 50
20.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Jeremiah Kinney.	75 00	.....	75 00
21.	.....	15 00	.....	15 00
21.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Joseph Bernard.	15 00	.....	15 00
21.	.....	40 00	.....	40 00
21.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. John D. Ducker.	200 00	.....	200 00
21.	.....	300 00	.....	300 00
23.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	.....	5 00	5 00
23.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. David T. Pettit and Charles E. Waters.	5 00	.....	5 00
23.	.....	8 00	.....	8 00
24.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Clarence Hadley.	8 00	.....	8 00
26.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. William Stenz.	12 00	.....	12 00
26.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	.....	2 50	2 50
26.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Arthur Post and Michael J. Flynn.	8 00	.....	8 00
27.	.....	40 00	.....	40 00
27.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Isaac Cahn.	15 00	.....	15 00
28.	Violation Corporation Ordinances.	10 00	10 00	20 00
28.	.....	25 00	7 50	32 50
31.	.....	25 00	10 00	35 00
31.	In the matter of Comms. of Charities and Correction vs. Francis Calcanie and Andrew Lertora.	20 00	.....	20 00
	Total amount collected.	\$1,677 13		
	Amount paid over to William Blake, Superintendent of Out-door Poor, in the case of The People ex rel. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction vs. Isaac Cahn.			
	The same in the case of William Wach.			
	The same in the case of George P. Kinne and William Johnson.			
	The same in the case of Isaac Cahn.			
	The same in the case of Cornelius Shea and John Rottkamp.			
	The same in the case of Joseph Bernard.			
	The same in the case of David T. Pettit and Charles E. Waters.			
	The same in the case of Isaac Cahn.			
	The same in the case of Joseph Bernard.			
	The same in the case of George P. Kinne and William Johnson.			
	The same in the case of David T. Pettit and Charles E. Waters.			
	The same in the case of Nicolo Ivone and Michael Palarino.			
	The same in the case of Nicolo Ivone and Michael Palarino.			
	The same in the case of John Zeigler.			
	The same in the case of Jeremiah Kinnelly.			
	The same in the case of Isaac Cahn.			
	The same in the case of John D. Ducker.			
	The same in the case of T. Farley.			
	The same in the case of David T. Pettit and Charles E. Waters.			
	The same in the case of Clarence Hadley.			
	The same in the case of William Stenz.			
	The same in the case of Arthur Post and Michael J. Flynn.			
	The same in the case of Isaac Cahn.			
	The same in the case of Joseph Bernard.			
	The same in the case of Francis Calcanie and Andrew Lertora.			
	Disbursements.	\$1,234 06		
	Balance due the City.	\$443 07		

\* On account of judgments.

G. W. LYON, Corporation Attorney.

## COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

January 4, 1896. To the Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—In compliance with section 51 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the office of Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards makes the following report of its transactions for the five days ending December 31, 1895:

*Permits Issued*—For sewer connections, 13; for sewer repairs, 1; for Croton connections, 9; for Croton repairs, 3; for placing building material, 8; for crossing sidewalk with team, 5; for gutter bridge, 2; for miscellaneous purposes, 5; total, 46.

*Public Moneys Received*—For sewer connections, \$130; for restoring pavements, \$42.08; for gutter bridges, \$2; total, \$174.08.

*Laboring Force Employed during the Week*—Foremen, 6; Assistant Foremen, 4; Skilled Laborers, 4; Sewer Laborers, 13; Laborers, 136; Toolman, 1; Carts, 7; Teams, 15; Pavers, 4; Cleaners, 4; total, 194.

Total amount of requisitions drawn upon the Comptroller during the week, \$60,345.99.

Respectfully, LOUIS F. HAFFEN, Commissioner.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, October 28, 1895.

The Board of Commissioners met this day.

Present—President O. H. LaGrange and Commissioners James R. Sheffield and Austin E. Ford.

On motion, the following was ordered published:

NEW YORK, October 28, 1895.

The following circular, addressed to candidates for the Assembly and Senate of this State, has been brought to the notice of the Board of Fire Commissioners:

"OFFICE OF TRUSTEES AND TREASURER OF THE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S BENEVOLENT FUND OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NO. 174 CANAL STREET, NEW YORK, October 18, 1895.

"DEAR SIR—The undersigned, a Committee of the Association of Exempt Firemen, the Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the Veteran Firemen's Association of the City of New York, representing 4,500 Volunteer Firemen, have been instructed to ask from you, if in the event of your election to the Assembly on November 5th next, you will favor the passage of a bill for the extension of the two per cent. tax now enjoyed by the widows and orphans of, and aged, sick and indigent Volunteer Firemen for such further period of years as may be necessary to meet their wants.

"Your immediate response is requested, as the result of your reply will control the political action of a large number of your fellow-citizens, members of the late Volunteer Fire Department, and their friends.

"Very truly yours,

"ROBERT NOONEY, RICHARD CULLEN, GEORGE W. ANDERSON, CHARLES E. GILDEKSLEEVE."

The Fire Commissioners are of the opinion that the two per cent. tax collected from foreign insurance companies doing business in the City of New York should properly be paid to the regular Fire Department after the expiration on January 17, 1897, of the existing law.

This tax is levied under an act of the Legislature passed in 1849, which provides that the fund so collected should be paid to the treasurer of the Fire Department, in the localities where the same might be collected. In 1866 the act was amended so as to divert the fund from the Treasurer of the Fire Department to the Trustees of the Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Fund, for a period of five years. Extensions of this provision of law, for limited periods, have been made from time to time, and the final extension—that of 1887—expires on the 17th of January, 1897. What was at first given as a charitable donation by act of the Legislature has come to be claimed as a right by this benevolent association, which with increasing funds must have a constantly diminishing, and now very small number of beneficiaries to whom the fund should be rightfully paid.

This tax is collected from about ninety companies, on business being done by them, under protection afforded by the present Fire Department. Nine-tenths of these companies began business after the Volunteer Fire Department was disbanded, and have never received any protection from the Volunteer Firemen or the Exempts.

The Fire Commissioners hold the opinion that the subject of a proper disposition of this fund is one for careful consideration by those charged with the duty of legislating for the people. Voters of all parties must regard with condemnation an attempt to influence the action of prospective legislators by implied promises of support, or covert threats of hostility, by an association or body of men seeking to control the disposition of moneys in which the entire community has a direct and positive interest.

The Fire Commissioners desire to do their part in maintaining the good name of the Department, and they have no desire to know or to notice the political opinions or actions of any individual member of the force which receives its pay from taxes levied upon citizens of all parties, and the Commissioners have no right and entertain no wish to interfere in any manner with the political and personal rights which Firemen, as individuals, enjoy in common with all their fellow-citizens.

Adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Mayor's Office—No. 6 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.	Surrogate's Court—New County Court-house. 10.30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Mayor's Marshal's Office—No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.	Appellate Division, Supreme Court—Court-house, No. 111 Fifth avenue, corner Eighteenth street. Court opens at 1 P. M.
Commissioners of Accounts—Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.	Supreme Court—County Court-house, 10.30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Aqueduct Commissioners—Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.	Criminal Division, Supreme Court—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street, opens at 10.30 A. M.
Board of Armory Commissioners—Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.	Court of General Sessions—New Criminal Court Building, Centre street. Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M.; adjourns 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, 10 A. M. till 4 P. M.

## TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, STEWART BUILDING, NO. 280 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, January 13, 1896.

**I**N COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 817 OF THE New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, notice is hereby given that the books of "The Annual Record of the Assessed Valuation of Real and Personal Estate" of the City and County of New York, for the year 1896, are open and will remain open for examination and correction until the 30th day of April, 1896.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, at this office, during the period said books are open, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

Applications for correction of assessed valuations on personal estate must be made by the person assessed to the said Commissioners, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 2 P.M., except on Saturdays, when between 10 A.M. and 12 M., at this office, during the same period.

EDWARD P. BARKER, THEODORE SUTRO, JAMES L. WELLS, Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

## DAMAGE COMM.—23-24 WARDS.

**P**URSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 537 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act providing for ascertaining and paying the amount of damages to lands and buildings suffered by reason of changes of grade of streets or avenues, made pursuant to chapter 721 of the Laws of 1887, providing for the depression of railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in the City of New York, or otherwise," and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, notice is hereby given, that public meetings of the Commissioners, appointed pursuant to said acts, will be held at Room 58, Schermerhorn Building, No. 66 Broadway, in the City of New York, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, at 2 o'clock P.M., until further notice.

Dated NEW YORK, October 30, 1895.  
DANIEL LORD, JAMES M. VARNUM, GEORGE W. STEPHENS, Commissioners.  
LAMONT MCLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

## DEPT. OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES FOR INSANE ASYLUMS, NEW YORK, January 3, 1896.

**P**ROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES—SEALED BIDS or estimates for furnishing Groceries during the first three months of 1896, in conformity with samples and specifications, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities for Insane Asylums, No. 66 Third avenue, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A.M. of Wednesday, January 15, 1896.

GROCERIES.  
24,000 pounds Rio Coffee, roasted.

No empty packages are to be returned to bidders or contractors, except such as are designated in the specifications.

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, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES FOR INSANE ASYLUMS 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 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, each in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the bid for each article.

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 a clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they 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 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 is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, 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 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 readvertised and relet, as provided by law.

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

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

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities for Insane Asylums will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

S. C. CROFT, President; JOHN P. FAURE and JAS. R. O'BEIRNE, Commissioners, Department of Public Charities.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

## PROPOSALS FOR \$77,621.50 GOLD BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND OTHERS HOLDING TRUST FUNDS ARE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO INVEST IN THESE BONDS.

INTEREST THREE PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

**S**EALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Comptroller of the City of New York, at his office, No. 280 Broadway, in the City of New York, until Thursday, the 16th day of January, 1896, at 2 o'clock P.M., when they will be publicly opened in the presence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, or such of them as shall attend, as provided by law, for the whole or a part of the following coupon or registered bonds of the City of New York, to wit:

\$77,621.50 CONSOLIDATED STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AS "SCHOOL-HOUSE BONDS".

—The principal payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness at the Comptroller's office of said city, on the first day of November, in the year 1914, with interest at the rate of three per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, in such gold coin, on the first days of May and November in each year.

These bonds are issued in pursuance of the provisions of sections 132 and 134 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and chapter 88 of the Laws of 1895, for the purchase of new school sites for the erection of new school buildings, and for other school purposes, and as authorized by resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Education, and are

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

by the City and County of New York, but not from State taxation, pursuant to the provisions of section 137 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, and under an ordinance of the Common Council of said city, approved by the Mayor, October 2, 1880, and resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted November 7, 1895, and November 20, 1895.

AUTHORITY FOR TRUST INVESTMENTS.

Attention is called to the provisions of an act passed by the Legislature, March 14, 1880, authorizing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, and others holding trust funds to invest such funds in the stocks or bonds of the City of New York.

## CONDITIONS.

Section 146 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882 provides that "the Comptroller, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, shall determine what, if any, part of said proposals shall be accepted, and upon the payment into the City Treasury of the amounts due by the persons whose bids are accepted, respectively, certificates therefor shall be issued to them as authorized by law"; and provided also, "that no proposals for bonds or stocks shall be accepted for less than the par value of the same."

Those persons whose bids are accepted will be required to deposit with the City Chamberlain the amount of stock awarded to them at its par value, together with the premium thereon, within three days after notice of such acceptance.

The proposals should be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Proposals for Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York," and each proposal should also be inclosed in a second envelope, addressed to the Comptroller of the City of New York.

ASHBEL P. FITCH, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 4, 1896.

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

**I**N PURSUANCE OF SECTION 916 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments, viz.:

## FIRST WARD.

BROAD STREET—OUTLET SEWER, EXTENSION UNDER PIER 5, EAST RIVER. Area of Assessment: Both sides of State street, from Whitehall street to Morris street; both sides of Whitehall street, from East river to Broadway; east side of Broadway, from Bowling Green to Pine street; both sides of Whitney street, north of Bridge street; both sides of New street, from Beaver to Wall street; both sides of Moore street, from South to Pearl street; both sides of Marketfield street, south of Beaver street; both sides of Broad street, from South to Wall street; both sides of Nassau street, from Wall to Cedar street; both sides of Coenties Slip and Coenties Alley, from South to Stone street; both sides of William street, from Beaver to Wall street; west side of William street, from Wall to Pine street; west side of South street, from Whitehall street to Coenties Slip; both sides of Front street, from Whitehall street to Cuyler's Alley; both sides of Water street, from Whitehall street to Cuyler's Alley; both sides of Pearl street, from State street to a point 200 feet north of Coenties Slip; both sides of Bridge street, from State to Broad street; both sides of Stone street, from Whitehall street to Old Slip; both sides of South William street, from Broad street to Beaver street; both sides of Beaver street, from Broadway to Hanover street; both sides of Exchange place, from Broadway to Hanover street; both sides of Wall street, from Broadway to William street; south side of Pine street, from Broadway to William street; north side of Pine street, from Broadway to 140 feet east of Nassau street, and south side of Cedar street, distant about 150 feet west of Nassau street.

BROADWAY—FLAGGING AND CURBING in front of Street Nos. 5 to 11. Area of assessment: Ward Nos. 398, 399, 400 and 401.

## THIRD WARD.

VESEY STREET—BASIN on the southeast corner of Greenwich street; also BASIN on the northwest corner of FULTON AND GREENWICH STREETS. Area of assessment: Block bounded by Fulton, Vesey, Church and Greenwich streets.

BARCLAY AND VESEY STREETS—CROSS-WALKS, at the easterly and westerly sides of Church street. Area of assessment: To the extent of half the block on Vesey and Barclay streets, east and west of Church street, and both sides of Church street, from a point about 80 feet south of Vesey street to a point about 80 feet north of Barclay street.

## SIXTH WARD.

ELM STREET—SEWER, alteration and improvement between Catharine lane and Leonard street, and in LEONARD STREET, between Elm street and Broadway. Area of assessment: East side of Elm street, from a point 50 feet south of Leonard street to Franklin street; both sides of Benson place, from Leonard to Franklin street; east side of Broadway, from Worth to Leonard street; north side of Worth street, from Broadway to Elm street; both sides of Catharine lane and Leonard street, from Broadway to Elm street, and west side of Elm street, from Franklin street.

## SEVENTH WARD.

RUTGERS SLIP—PAVING, between Cherry and South streets (so far as the same is within the limits of grants of land under water), and LAYING CROSS-WALKS. Area of assessment: Both sides of Rutgers Slip, between Cherry and South streets, to the extent of half the blocks on the intersecting or terminating streets.

## NINTH WARD.

GREENWICH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, northwest corner of Perry street. Area of assessment: Ward Nos. 684 and 685.

## ELEVENTH WARD.

THIRD STREET—SEWER OUTLET, between East river and Avenue A. Area of assessment: Both sides of Third street, from the Bowery to a point distant about 182 feet east of Goerck street; also both sides of Lewis street, from Second street to Fourth street; both sides of Manhattan street, from Second to Third street; both sides of Avenue D and Avenue C, from Second to Fourth street; both sides of Avenue B, from Second to Third street; both sides of Avenue A, First avenue and Second avenue, from Second to Third street, and east side of the Bowery, from Second to Third street.

## AVENUE D—SEWER, between Tenth and Thirteenth streets, and SEWER IN TWELFTH STREET, between Avenue D and Dry Dock street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Avenue D, between Tenth and Thirteenth streets, and both sides of Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, from Avenue D to a point distant about 300 feet westerly therefrom.

## TWELFTH WARD.

LEXINGTON AVENUE—FENCING, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, and ON NORTH SIDE OF NINETY-SEVENTH STREET and ON SOUTH SIDE OF NINETY-EIGHTH STREET, running west from Lexington avenue, on both streets, about 105 feet. Area of assessment: West side of Lexington, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, and the north side of Ninety-seventh street and south side of Ninety-eighth street, to the extent of about 105 feet from Lexington avenue, westward.

## ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH STREET—PAVING, between Columbus and Manhattan avenues. Area of assessment: Lots Nos. 29 to 34, inclusive, of Block 1025.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH STREET—PAVING, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Twelfth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, and to the extent of half the block on the terminating avenues.

## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH STREET—PAVING, south side, between Second and Third streets. Area of assessment: Lots Nos. 29 to 34, inclusive, of Block 1026.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN STREET—PAVING, south side, between Amsterdam and Morningside avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventeen street, between Amsterdam avenue and Morningside avenue, West.

## ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, at the southwest corner of St. Nicholas avenue. Area of assessment: Lot No. 49 of Block 818.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH STREET—FENCING, between Morningside avenue, East, and Manhattan avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, from Morningside avenue, East, to Manhattan avenue, and to the extent of half the block on the terminating avenues.

## ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN STREET—SEWER, between Amsterdam avenue and Morningside avenue, West. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventeen street, between Amsterdam avenue and Morningside avenue, West.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH STREET—PAVING, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets. Area of assessment: West side of Seventy-first street, from Second to Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-first streets, and from Second to Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Seventy-first street, from Second to Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-first streets, and from Second to Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets.

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH STREET—FLAGGING, west side, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets. Area of assessment: Lots Nos. 29 to 36, inclusive, of Block 842 and on Lots Nos. 29 to 36, inclusive, of Block 843.

SEVENTH AVENUE—FLAGGING, west side, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets. Area of assessment: West side of Seventh avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, on Lots Nos. 31, 32 and 33 of Block 842 and on Lots Nos. 29 to 36, inclusive, of Block 843.

## SEVENTH AVENUE—FLAGGING and CURBING, and ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD STREET—PAVING, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets. Area of assessment: West side of Seventh avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets, on Lots Nos. 29 to 36, inclusive, of Block 850; Lots Nos. 29 to 36, inclusive, of Block 851; Lots Nos. 29 to 36, inclusive, of Block 852, and Lots Nos. 29 to 36, inclusive, of Block 853.

EIGHTH AVENUE—BASINS, north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. Area of assessment: West side of Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Fifty-fifth street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Fifty-fifth street, and a point about 73

Fiftieth street, between Boulevard and Amsterdam avenue.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH STREET—BASIN, northwest corner of Convent avenue; also, BASIN, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST STREET and Convent avenue. Area of assessment: Block bounded by One Hundred and Fiftieth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, Convent and Amsterdam avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST STREET—BASIN, northwest corner of Convent avenue; also, BASIN, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND STREET and Convent avenue. Area of assessment: Block bounded by One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, Convent and Amsterdam avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST STREET—BASIN, northwest corner of Convent avenue; also, BASIN, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND STREET and Convent avenue. Area of assessment: Block bounded by One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, Convent and Amsterdam avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, south side, between St. Nicholas and Amsterdam avenues. Area of assessment: Lots Nos. 39 to 44, inclusive, 47 to 53, inclusive, and 59 to 61, inclusive, all of Block 107.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET—PAVING, between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas avenues, and to the extent of half the block on the terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET—PAVING, between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Sixtieth street, between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas avenues, and to the extent of half the block on the terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST STREET—PAVING, at the intersection of Amsterdam and St. Nicholas avenues. Area of assessment: East side of Amsterdam avenue and west side of St. Nicholas avenue, extending from the south side of One Hundred and Sixty-first street to a point about 100 feet southerly; east side of St. Nicholas avenue, from Sylvan place to One Hundred and Sixty-second street; west side of Amsterdam avenue, extending north of One Hundred and Sixty-first street about 108 feet and south of One Hundred and Sixty-first street about 100 feet, and both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, extending about 387 feet 6 inches westerly from Amsterdam avenue.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND STREET—SEWER, between Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road, also SEWER IN KINGSBRIDGE ROAD, west side, between Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-second street. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road, and west side of Kingsbridge road and Amsterdam avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred Sixty-second streets.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH STREET—SEWER, between Amsterdam avenue and Edgecombe road. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, between Amsterdam avenue and Edgecombe road.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIRST STREET—PAVING AND LAYING CROSSWALKS, between Amsterdam and Eleventh avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-first street, between Amsterdam and Eleventh avenues, and to the extent of half the block on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING AND FLAGGING, from Amsterdam avenue to the Kingsbridge road. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Kingsbridge road, and to the extent of half the block on the intersecting and terminating avenues.

SEVENTEENTH WARD.

SECOND STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, south side, between Avenues A and B. Area of assessment: south side of Second street, between Avenues A and B.

NINETEENTH WARD.

FIRST AVENUE—FLAGGING and CURBING, east side, between Sixty-second and Sixty-fourth streets. Area of assessment: Lots Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, and 45 to 48, inclusive, of Block 1457 (old Block 89); also Lots Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, and 45 to 48, inclusive, of Block 1458 (old Block 90).

SIXTY-SECOND STREET—SEWER OUTLET, between East river and Eastern Boulevard; also SEWER IN EASTERN BOULEVARD, between Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets. Area of assessment: East side of Avenue A, from Fifty-eight to Sixty-third street, and from Sixty-fourth to Seventy-first street; west side of Avenue A, from Fifty-eighth to Seventy-first street; east side of First avenue, from Fifty-eighth to Sixty-ninth street; east side of Second avenue, from Sixtieth to Sixty-ninth street; west side of Second avenue, from Sixty-first to Sixty-eighth street; east side of Third avenue, from Sixty-fourth to Sixty-eighth street; both sides of Fifty-eighth street, extending about 300 feet west of First avenue; both sides of Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, from Second avenue to East river; both sides of Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, from Third avenue to Avenue A; both sides of Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, from Third avenue to East river; south side of Sixty-eighth street, from Second to Third avenue; both sides of Sixty-eighth street, from Second avenue to East river; south side of Sixty-ninth street, from First to Second avenue; both sides of Sixty-ninth street, from First avenue to East river, and both sides of Seventy-first street, from First avenue to Avenue A.

SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, southeast corner of Third avenue, extending about 135 feet on the street and about 100 feet on the avenue. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 44 to 48, inclusive, on Block 1428 (old Block 277).

EIGHTY-FIFTH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, north side, between First and Second avenues. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 1, 6 to 11, inclusive, 13 to 19, inclusive, 22, 23 and 23½, of Block 2548 (old Block 201).

TWENTY-FIRST WARD.

THIRTY-SECOND STREET—BASIN, northeast corner of Third avenue. Area of assessment: North side of Thirty-second street, between Third avenue and a point about 310 feet east of Third avenue.

THIRTY-THIRD STREET—SEWER OUTLET, between East river and First avenue; also SEWER IN FIRST AVENUE, BETWEEN THIRTY-THIRD AND THIRTY-FIFTH STREETS. Area of assessment: Parts of the Nineteenth and Twenty-first Wards, as follows: Both sides of First avenue, from Thirtieth to Forty-second street; both sides of Prospect place, from Fortieth to Forty-third street; both sides of Second avenue, from Twenty-ninth to Forty-fourth street; both sides of Third avenue, from Twenty-eighth to Forty-second street; east side of Third avenue, extending about 100 feet south of Thirty-eighth street; both sides of Lexington avenue, from Twenty-eighth to Thirty-eighth street; east side of Lexington avenue, from Thirty-eighth to Forty-second street; both sides of Fourth avenue and Park avenue, from Thirtieth to Thirty-seventh street; east side of Fourth avenue, from Twenty-eighth to Thirtieth street; east side of Park avenue, from Thirty-seventh to Thirty-eighth street; both sides of Madison avenue, from Thirty-first to Thirty-eighth street; east side of Fifth avenue, from Thirty-second to Thirty-sixth street, and from Thirty-seventh street to a point about 100 feet north of Thirty-seventh street; also both sides of Twenty-eighth street, extending about 120 feet easterly from Third avenue; north side of Twenty-eighth street, from Third to Fourth avenue; both sides of Twenty-ninth street, from Second to Fourth avenue; both sides of Thirtieth street, from Second to Fourth avenue; both sides of Thirty-first street, from First to Second avenue; both sides of Thirty-first street, from First to Madison avenue; north side of Thirty-first street, from Madison to Fifth avenue; both sides of Thirty-second street, from First to Fifth

avenue; both sides of Thirty-third street, from East river to Fifth avenue; both sides of Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, from First to Fifth avenue; both sides of Thirty-eighth street, from First to Park avenue; both sides of Thirty-eighth street, extending about 100 feet east of Madison avenue; both sides of Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first streets, from First to Lexington avenue, and both sides of Forty-second and Forty-third streets, from First to Second avenue.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD.

AMSTERDAM AVENUE—FLAGGING and CURBING, west side, between Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 29 to 32, inclusive, of Block 214.

COLUMBUS AVENUE—SEWERS, altered and improved, at Seventy-fifth street. Area of assessment: Both sides of Columbus avenue, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fifth streets; both sides of Seventy-fourth street, from Central Park, West, to Columbus avenue, and west side of Central Park, West, between Seventy-fifth street and a point about 102 feet south of Seventy-fourth street.

WESTERN BOULEVARD—FENCING, east side, between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh streets. Area of assessment: East side of Western Boulevard, between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh streets.

WEST END AVENUE—FLAGGING and CURBING, west side, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-first streets; also east side, between Seventy-eighth and Eighty-third streets. Area of assessment: East side of W st End avenue, between Seventy-eighth and Eighty-second streets, also west side of West End avenue, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-first streets.

FIFTY-FIFTH STREET—BASINS, northeast and southeast corners of Twelfth avenue. Area of assessment: Block bounded by Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, Eleventh and Twelfth avenues; also south side of Fifty-fifth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, and east side of Twelfth avenue to the extent of 100 feet south of Fifty-fifth street.

SIXTY-FIFTH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, south side, between Central Park, West, and Columbus avenue. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 58, 59 and 60 of Block 111.

SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET—PAVING, between West End avenue and the Hudson river wall. Area of assessment: Both sides of Sixty-seventh street, between West End avenue and the Hudson river wall, and to the extent of half the block on West End avenue, west side, north and south of Sixty-seventh street.

SEVENTY-FIFTH STREET—BASIN, northeast corner of Columbus avenue. Area of assessment: North side of Seventy-fifth street, between Central Park, West, and Columbus avenue; also west side of Central Park, West, to the extent of about 100 feet north of Seventy-fifth street.

EIGHTY-FIRST STREET—FENCING the lots known as street Nos. 11 and 13. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 23 and 24 of Block 124.

EIGHTY-FIRST STREET—FENCING, south side, between Amsterdam avenue and Boulevard; also on Amsterdam avenue, west side, between Eightieth and Eighty-first streets. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 33 to 36, inclusive, and lots numbered 40 to 49, inclusive, of Block 215.

EIGHTY-FIRST STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, north side, between West End avenue and Riverside Drive. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of Block 262.

EIGHTY-FIFTH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, north side, between Amsterdam avenue and Boulevard. Area of assessment: North side of Eighty-fifth street, between Amsterdam avenue and Boulevard.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD.

CEDAR PLACE—SEWER, between Cauldwell and Union avenues. Area of assessment: Both sides of Cedar place, between Cauldwell and Union avenues.

CRIMMINS AVENUE—BASIN, northeast corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 1 to 10, inclusive, and 13 and 32 of Block 775.

FREEMAN STREET—REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING and LAYING CROSSWALKS, between Union avenue and Southern Boulevard. Area of assessment: Both sides of Freeman street, between Union avenue and Southern Boulevard, and to the extent of half the block on the intersecting avenues.

GEORGE STREET—SEWER, between Forest avenue and Boston road. Area of assessment: Both sides of George street, between Forest avenue and Boston road; also, both sides of Jackson avenue, between George and Home streets.

HOME STREET—SEWER, between Boston road and Tinton avenue. Area of assessment: Both sides of Home street, from Boston road to Tinton avenue; east side of Boston road, from a point distant about 318 feet south of Home street to Jackson avenue; both sides of Jackson avenue, from Home street to Boston road, and both sides of Forest avenue, from Home street to One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street.

MELROSE AVENUE—SEWER, between One Hundred and Sixty-second and One Hundred and Sixty-third streets, with BRANCH SEWERS IN ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET, between Port Morris Branch Railroad and Courtlandt avenue, and in COURTLANDT AVENUE, between One Hundred and Sixty-second and One Hundred and Sixty-third streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Melrose avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-second and One Hundred and Sixty-third streets, both sides of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Second to Third avenue; both sides of Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, from Third to Second avenue; both sides of Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets, from Second to Third avenue; both sides of Sixty-eighth street, from Second to Third avenue; both sides of Sixty-ninth street, from First to Second avenue; both sides of Sixty-ninth street, from First avenue to East river, and both sides of Seventy-first street, from First avenue to Avenue A.

SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, southeast corner of Third avenue, extending about 135 feet on the street and about 100 feet on the avenue. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 44 to 48, inclusive, on Block 1428 (old Block 277).

EIGHTY-FIFTH STREET—FLAGGING and CURBING, north side, between First and Second avenues. Area of assessment: Lots numbered 1, 6 to 11, inclusive, 13 to 19, inclusive, 22, 23 and 23½, of Block 2548 (old Block 201).

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avenue; both sides of Thirty-third street, from East river to Fifth avenue; both sides of Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, from First to Fifth avenue; both sides of Thirty-eighth street, from First to Park avenue; both sides of Thirty-eighth street, extending about 100 feet east of Madison avenue; both sides of Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first streets, from First to Lexington avenue, and both sides of Forty-second and Forty-third streets, from First to Second avenue.

WILLIS AVENUE—BASIN, northwest corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street. Area of assessment: North side of One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Willis and Alexander avenues.

THIRD AVENUE—BASIN, northwest corner of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street. Area of assessment: West side of Third avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth streets, and north side of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Elton and Third avenues.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET—SEWER, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East, with branches in Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets; in Bathgate avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third street and summit north of One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, and in Third avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East, and between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East.

VANDERBILT AVENUE, EAST—SEWER, between Wendover avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-third street; also, SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECON STREET, between Vanderbilt avenue, East, and Third avenue; also, SEWER IN THIRD AVENUE, between Wendover avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-third street.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET—SEWER, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East, with branches in Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets; in Bathgate avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third street and summit north of One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, and in Third avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET—SEWER, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East, with branches in Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets; in Bathgate avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third street and summit north of One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, and in Third avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East.

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TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET—SEWER, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East, with branches in Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets; in Bathgate avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third street and summit north of One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, and in Third avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET—SEWER, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East, with branches in Washington avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets; in Bathgate avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third street and summit north of One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, and in Third avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-fourth streets, between Third avenue and Vanderbilt avenue, East.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blank proposals obtained, at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

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

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

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

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

The party submitting a proposal must include in his proposal the names of all sub-contractors, and no change will be permitted to be made in the sub-contractors named without the consent of the School Trustees and Superintendent of School Buildings.

It is required as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of any proposals, that a certified check upon, or a certificate of deposit of, one of the State or National banks or Trust Companies of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the President of this Board, shall accompany the proposal to an amount of not less than three per cent. of such proposal, when said proposal is for or exceeds ten thousand dollars, and to an amount not less than five per cent. of such proposal when said proposal is for an amount under ten thousand dollars; that on demand, within one day after the awarding of the contract by the proper Board of Trustees, the President of the Board will return all the deposits of checks and certificates of deposit made, to the persons making the same, except that made by the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted; and that if the person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall refuse or neglect, within five days after due notice has been given that the contract is ready for execution, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit or of the check or certificate of deposit made by him or them shall be forfeited to and retained by this Board, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York; but if the said person or persons whose bid has been so accepted shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his or their deposit of check or certificate of deposit shall be returned to him or them.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 4, 1896.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A sealed envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. on Thursday, January 16, 1896, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department:

NO. 1. FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT TO SEWER IN TWENTY-SECOND STREET, between Second and Third avenues.

NO. 2. FOR SEWERS IN ELEVENTH AVENUE, both sides, between One Hundred and Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Eighty-seventh streets.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him 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 work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. 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 in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in a 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 the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at Room No. 9, No. 31 Chambers street.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 26, 1895.

NOTICE TO TENANTS AND PROPERTY HOLDERS IN REGARD TO REMOVAL OF SNOW.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE PROVISIONS OF AN ACT PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THIS STATE ON APRIL 1ST, 1895, AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 201.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF THE EXPENSE OF REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM THE SIDEWALKS OF PUBLIC STREETS AND AVENUES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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

Section 1. Whenever any owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant or person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the City of New York shall fail to comply with the provisions of any ordinance of the said city for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalk or gutter in the street, on the side of the street on which the said building or lot fronts, the Commissioner of Public Works of the said city shall cause such removal to be made, and thereupon the

expense of such removal as to each particular lot of ground shall be ascertained and certified by the said Commissioner of Public Works to the Comptroller of the said city, who shall pay the same in the same manner as the expense of removing snow from the streets of the city is paid; and immediately after the making of the payment of such expense as so certified to him, the said Comptroller shall make and deliver a certificate thereof to the Board of Aldermen of the said city, and the said amounts so certified shall, by the said Board of Aldermen, annually be added to and made to form a part of the annual taxes of the next ensuing fiscal year against the lots against which the said amounts shall be so certified respectively, and the same shall be collected in and with and as part of the annual taxes for such fiscal year, for or during which the same shall have been so incurred and certified.

Section 2. This act shall not be regarded as interfering with the owner of any lots throwing into the roadway of the streets or avenues any snow or ice which may be removed from the sidewalk or gutter directly in front of such lot.

Section 3. The term lot, as used in this act, shall include a space not to exceed twenty-five feet in width fronting the street, avenue or lane upon which the violation is charged to have been committed or omitted.

Section 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-five."

The City Ordinance to which the above statute applies reads as follows:

"Section 669. Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the city of New York shall, within eight hours after the fall of any snow, and within eight hours after the forming of any ice on the sidewalk or in the gutter in front of any such building or lot, remove, or cause the same to be removed, from such sidewalk or gutter, under the penalty of three dollars for every such neglect, to be paid by the said owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or person having charge severally and respectively; but where said snow falls or ice forms between the hours of eight o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning, this ordinance will be complied with by removing, or causing the same to be removed, before nine o'clock of the morning succeeding its fall or formation."

It becomes my duty to give notice that the provisions of the foregoing statute will be rigidly enforced in all cases where the City Ordinance is not complied with.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner of Public Works.

### CORPORATION NOTICE.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT

the following assessment lists are now under consideration by the Board of Assessors, viz.:

502. One Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Kingsbridge road.

504. Two Hundred and Seventh street, from Amsterdam avenue to the United States channel-line, Harlem river.

505. Two Hundred and Ninth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Harlem river.

506. Two Hundred and Tenth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Harlem river.

510. One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Morris Avenue to Railroad avenue, West.

5107. One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, from Webster avenue to Third avenue.

5108. Southern Boulevard, from Home street to Freedman street.

5109. One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Alexander avenue to Willis avenue, and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Lincoln avenue to Willis avenue, regulating, grading and paving.

5110. One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Prospect avenue to Bristow street.

5111. Cedar place, from Eagle avenue to Union avenue.

5112. Wolf street, from Union street to Sedgwick avenue.

5115. One Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Locust avenue to Trinity avenue.

5116. One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, from the Southern Boulevard to Locust avenue.

5125. Two Hundred and Second street, from Amsterdam avenue to United States channel-line of Harlem river.

5143. One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Kingsbridge road.

5144. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from Boulevard to Claremont avenue.

5162. One Hundred and Sixty-second street, from the Port Morris Branch Railroad to Third avenue.

5167. Bremer avenue, from northerly curb-line of Jerome avenue to southerly curb-line of Birch street.

5168. Willow avenue, from Bronx Hills or Long Island street to East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

5169. One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from the easterly line of the Southern Boulevard to the westerly line of Locust avenue.

5170. Teasdale place, from Third avenue to Trinity avenue.

All persons who consider their property to have been injuriously affected by the regulating and grading of any of the streets and avenues above described, in consequence of a change of grade having been made therein, are hereby notified to transmit, in writing, the evidence relating thereto, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, No. 27 Chambers street, on or before 11:30 A. M. on the 16th day of January, 1896, at which time a public hearing will be given to all parties whose property may be affected by the aforesaid improvements.

THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; WILLIAM H. BELLAMY, EDWARD McCUE, JOHN W. JACOBUS, Board of Assessors.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner.

NEW YORK, January 3, 1896.

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 4994, No. 1. Regulating, grading, setting curbstones and flagging Two Hundred and First street, from Academy street to United States channel-line of Harlem river.

List 5084, No. 2. Paving One Hundred and Sixtieth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, with granite blocks and laying crosswalks.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all

the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces

and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of Two Hundred and First street, from Academy street to Exterior street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets and avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of One Hundred and Sixtieth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

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 Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 27 Chambers street, within

thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as pro-

vided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, for confirmation on the 31st day of

January, 1896.

THOMAS J. RUSH, Chairman; WILLIAM H. BELLAMY, JOHN W. JACOBUS, EDWARD McCUE, Board of Assessors.

CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Commissioner.

NEW YORK, December 30, 1895.

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 4750, No. 1. Regulating and paving, with granite

block pavement, Vanderbilt avenue, East, between One

Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and the Twenty-third

Ward-line; also setting curb-stones on the westerly side

of the avenue and laying crosswalks at intersecting

streets.

List 4751, No. 2. Regulating and paving, with granite

block pavement, and laying crosswalks in Railroad

avenue, East, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth to One

Hundred and Sixty-first street.

List 4750, No. 1. Regulating and paving, with granite block pavement, Vanderbilt avenue, East, between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and the Twenty-third Ward-line; also setting curb-stones on the westerly side of the avenue and laying crosswalks at intersecting streets.

List 4751, No. 2. Regulating and paving, with granite block pavement, and laying crosswalks in Railroad avenue, East, from the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to the south curb-line of One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street.

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

No. 1. Both sides of Vanderbilt avenue, East, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, North, to the Twenty-third Ward-line, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 2. Both sides of Railroad avenue, East, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth to One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 3. Both sides of Railroad avenue, East, from the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting 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 Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 27 Chambers street, within

thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as pro-

vided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of