

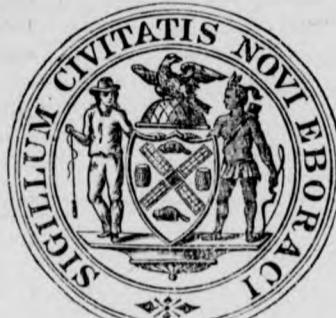
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PROCLAMATION.

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

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

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

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

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED SESSION.

BOARD OF

ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

MONDAY, February 9th, 1874.
2 o'clock, P. M.

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

PRESENT:

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Thomas Foley, William S. Kreps,
Jeremiah Murphy, William Wade,
Charles M. Clancy, Patrick Keenan,
John C. Keating, John J. Kehoe,
Henry Wisser, Edward Brucks,
Michael Healy, George Kelly,
Thomas L. Thornell, Stephen N. Simonson,
John Theiss, Philip Cumisky,
Geo. F. Codington, Henry A. Linden,
Joseph P. Strack, Isaac Sommers,
Benjamin Beyea.

On motion of Assistant Alderman Healy, Assistant Alderman Thornell was called to the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Assistant Alderman Clancy—
Being a memorial of the Broadway Under-ground Railway of New York.

Which was referred to Committee on Rail-roads.

By Assistant Alderman Linden—
Petition of property owners to continue light-ing gas lamps in the Twelfth Ward above Man-hattanville.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Assistant Alderman Murphy—
Resolved, That His Honor, the Mayor, be and he is hereby respectfully requested to return to this Board the resolution passed February 2d.

1874, re-appointing Stephen B. Brague a Com-missioner of Deeds,
Which was adopted.

By Assistant Alderman Clancy—

Resolved, That in case the Committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed under a joint resolution which passed said Board on January 26, 1874, and the Board of Assistant Aldermen on February 2d, 1874, refuse to permit the Committee appointed from this Board to act with them that the Committee of this Board be and they are hereby empowered to act as if said joint resolution was an original resolution of this Board not requiring the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen, and be it further

Resolved, That the said Committee of this Board are authorized to offer for the use of any legislative committee that is or may be appointed to investigate the workings of the different departments, the Chamber of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, together with the clerks and attaches of said Board if they so desire, and be it further

Resolved, That if a Committee of the Legislature is or should be appointed, then this Committee is hereby directed to suspend further investigation and present to such Legislative Committee all the evidence that may have been collected by them.

Which was adopted.

By Assistant Alderman Clancy—

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads of the Board of Aldermen be and are hereby re-quested to meet in joint session with the Committee on Railroads of this Board, for the purpose of hearing persons for and against the Broadway Underground Railway, a bill in relation to which is now before the Legislature and memorials presented to both branches of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Assistant Alderman Healy—

Whereas, A large number of non-residents hold positions in our city departments to the ex-clusion of bona fide citizens, and

Whereas, Such unjust distribution of patronage has been continually increasing from year to year, and if allowed to continue much longer, the business of our municipal bureaus will be con-ducted by those who reside and pay taxes else-where than in New York; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by this Board to examine the rates of salaries paid the employees of the various departments, with a view to their reduction or equalization be re-quested to include in their report what measures should be taken to prevent non-residents from holding positions in our city government.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Kreps, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—17.

By Assistant Alderman Keenan—
Resolved, That Richard Keef be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Max C. Heubner, who has failed to qualify.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Kreps, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—17.

By the same—
G. G. 433.

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed, and the same lighted in front of the Emanuel Chapel, situated in Sixth street, between Avenue C and D, on the north side, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By the same—
G. O. 434.

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed, and the same lighted on the south side of East Ninth street, an equal distance apart, between the bulk-head and the lamp now standing on said side, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By the same—
G. O. 435.

By Assistant Alderman Kehoe—
Resolved, That the gas lamps be lighted in front of ward school No. —, situated on south side of Twelfth street, between Avenues A and B, the same to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By the same—
Resolved, That Richard M. Lush be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Kreps, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—17.

G. O. 436.

By Assistant Alderman Simonson—
Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-fifth street from Ninth to Tenth avenues be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Assistant Alderman Beyea—

Resolved, That Henry P. McGowen be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—20.

By Assistant Alderman Clancy—

Resolved, That the public opinion has been greatly ex-ercised with regard to the erection of a structure on the block bounded by Fourth and Madison avenues, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, known as the Hippodrome, respecting its liability to fire, thus endangering property in its vicinity, which is a thickly settled portion of the city, and against the erection of which very earnest remonstrances have been made;

Resolved, That a special committee be ap-pointed to examine said structures and report to this Board at its next meeting whether or not the same should be allowed to be erected.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Lamps and Gas of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was re-ferred the annexed resolution from the Board of Aldermen, in favor of permitting the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Co. to erect an ornamental lamp post and lamp, No. 198 Broadway, respect-fully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they be-lieve the proposed improvement to be necessary and proper. They are, therefore, in favor of co-occurring with the Board of Aldermen in adopt-ing said resolution, and accordingly respectfully recommend that such action be had thereon by this Board.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Atlantic and Pacific Tele-gram Company to place an ornamental lamp post and lamp in front of their premises No. 198 Broadway, provided such lamp-post shall not ex-ceed the dimensions of the ordinary street lamp-post; the gas to be paid for by the said company, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

THOMAS FOLEY,
BENJAMIN BEYEA,

Committee on Lamps and Gas.
Assistant Alderman Foley moved to adopt the report.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved to lay over.
Which was lost by the following vote.

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Keating, Strack, Kehoe, Brucks, Cumisky, Kelly, Simonson, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—7.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—13.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved to amend to "that no advertising be placed upon the lamp."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—20.

And the resolution was adopted as amended by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Brucks, Kelly, Linden—4.

G. O. 437.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the annexed preamble and resolu-tion, in relation to providing a location for an additional fire apparatus in the Nineteenth ward, respectively

REPORT:

That they have personally examined the premises now occupied by the Northeastern Dispensary, situated in Fifty-ninth street, between Second and Third avenues, and they find the building in every way suitable for fire engine purposes, and it is the unanimous wish of the people living in the Nineteenth ward that such building should be allotted for such purpose, as it is in a central location and desirable. Your Committee therefore are in favor of adopting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution approved Janu-ary 15, 1866, designating building in Fifty-ninth street, between Second and Third avenues, for the Northeastern Dispensary, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to provide a location for the Northeastern Dispensary, at a rent not to exceed \$100 per month, in the neighborhood of its present location, and pay rent therefor for a period of three years, such rent for the present year to be paid from the appropriation for special contingencies.

PATRICK KEENAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
HENRY WISSE,

Committee on Public Buildings.

Assistant Alderman Clancy called for a division of the report on the first and second resolu-tions.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—20.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved that the first resolution in the report be adopted.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—20.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved that the second resolution in the report be laid over.

Which was carried.

INVITATION.

Being an invitation from the New York Cath-olic Protectory as follows:

THE NEW YORK CATHOLIC PROTECTORY,
OFFICE, 29 READE STREET,
NEW YORK, February 3, 1874.
To the President of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

SIR:—On behalf of the managers of the New York Catholic Protectory, I have the honor to ex-tend, through you, to the Board of Assistant Aldermen, an invitation to visit and inspect the Institutions of the Protectory in Westchester County, on Wednesday next, 11th inst.

The Company will assemble at the Grand Central Depot, 42d street, and take the Harlem Railroad train, which leaves at 10.35 A.M. for Tremont, where carriages will be in waiting to convey them to the Protectory.

Your obed't serv't,

HENRY L. HOGUET,
President.

Which was adopted, and ordered to be printed at length in the minutes.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Morris J. Power be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, in place and stead of Edward Sargent, who has failed to qualify.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—20.

Being a resolution as follows:

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

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—20.

Being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Moses B. McClay be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was lost.

And the resolution was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Mur-phy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—20.

cancies now existing in relation to Commissioners of Deeds.
Which was adopted.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN RESUMED.

Being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Harlem Railroad Company be and are hereby directed to place a wooden footway across Fourth avenue at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, for the accommodation of the citizens of that section of the city.

Assistant Alderman Simonson moved to concur.

Assistant Alderman Sommers moved to refer to Committee on Railroads.

Which was lost.

And the resolution was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Murphy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky—16.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Kehoe, Linden, Sommers, Beyea—4.

Being a resolution as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to compel owners or occupants of houses to provide proper coverings for the openings to vaults under the sidewalks, in the streets of New York.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Commissioner of Public Works is hereby directed to notify the owners or occupants of all stores, dwellings, or other buildings having vaults under the sidewalks, in front thereof, with coverings over the openings thereto, presenting a smooth surface, to remove such coverings, and substitute therefor coverings presenting a rough surface, flush with the sidewalk, affording a secure foothold for pedestrians. Should any such owner or occupant neglect or refuse to comply with the directions contained in such notification for a period of more than ten days, he shall thereby incur a penalty of five dollars for every twenty-four hours in excess of said ten days, that such neglect or refusal shall continue; and it is hereby made the duty of said Commissioner of Public Works to cause to be reported every such case of violation of the provisions of this ordinance to the Corporation Attorney for prosecution.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Assistant Alderman Sommers moved to amend by inserting twenty instead of ten which was lost.

And the action of the Board of Aldermen concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Murphy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Linden—18.

Negative—Kehoe, Sommers, Beyea—3.

The Chairman pro tem., here announced the Special Committee to examine building corner Fourth and Madison avenues.

Assistant Alderman Codington, Cumisky and Kreps.

Assistant Alderman Simonson moved that the Chairman pro tem. be added to the Committee.

Pending the motion,

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved that this Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

And the Chairman pro tem., announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday next the 16th inst. at 2 o'clock p. m.

WILLIAM H. MOLONEY,
Clerk.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS,

&c., &c.,

PASSED BY BOTH BRANCHES OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

AND

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR,

DURING THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 7, 1874.

Resolved, That Abram Springsteen be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, his term of office having expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 29, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Jan. 29, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan. 30, 1874.

Resolved, That John E. Dowling be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, his term of office having expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 29, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Jan. 29, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, Jan. 30, 1874.

Resolved, That the resolution assigning apartments in the Town Hall, Morrisania, for court rooms for the Police Court of the Sixth District, which became adopted January 19th, 1874, be and it is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed, and be it further

Resolved, That the building known as the Town Hall, in Morrisania, be and it is hereby assigned for the police force of the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Precincts, or such part of said police force as may be assigned to occupy it by the Commissioners of Police.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Jan. 29, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 2, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 4, 1874.

Resolved, That Boltis M. Segee be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, in the place of James Day, heretofore appointed, but who failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Nov. 6, 1873.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 5, 1874.

Resolved, That Joel O. Stevens be, and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of his present term of office.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, Dec. 18, 1873.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 5, 1874.

Resolved, That James Dunphy be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Austin V. Pettit, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen Jan. 26, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 5, 1874.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk Common Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 6th day of February, 1874. Present—Messrs. Charlick, Gardner, Duryea, and Russell, Commissioners.

Leaves of Absence Granted.

Patrolman James McNamara, Fourteenth precinct, $\frac{1}{2}$ day without pay.

Patrolman John O'Brien (No. 2), Twenty-fourth precinct, $\frac{1}{2}$ day without pay.

Patrolman John H. Keller, Sixteenth precinct, $\frac{1}{2}$ day without pay.

Parade Allowed.

Normandie Benevolent Society, Feb. 7—funeral.

Resignation accepted.

Patrolman Patrick J. Rosman, Nineteenth precinct.

The President, to whom was referred a communication from Coroner Kessler relative to child of Louise Wolber, reported that measures had been taken to produce the child. Whereupon the original communication was ordered on file.

Bills ordered paid.

Hanner, Hay & Co. \$15.75
Tuttle & Adams. 15.00
Michael Bohan. 8.00
Howe Brothers. 24.00
New York Star (election advertising). 109.05

Superior Court:

Matthew J. Brady
agst.

James Maher.

Resolved, That the papers in the above entitled case be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to defend, if there are good grounds of defense.

Transfers ordered.

Patrolman James H. Symington, from Fifth to Seventeenth precinct.

Patrolman Peter Burns, from Fifth to Twenty-second precinct.

Appointment.

Thomas F. Schaffer, as patrolman, Seventeenth precinct.

The following resolution of the Board of Aldermen was received and referred to the Committee on Station Houses:

Resolved, That the building known as the Town Hall in Morrisania, be and it is hereby assigned to the Police force of the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth precincts, or such part of said Police force as may be assigned to occupy it by the Commissioners of Police.

Complaint Dismissed

Patrolman John G. White, Twenty-fourth precinct.

Street Cleaning.

Resolved, That proposals be invited for receiving at the dumps, two on North and two on East river, all the garbage collected in the city, for a term of one, two or three years, and removing the same daily from and beyond the limits of the city; also inviting proposals for receiving at the several dumps of the Department all the manure, dirt and other matters, the result of street sweeping, and removing the same from and beyond the limits of the city, for the term of one year from March 1st next.

The resolution was adopted, all the Commissioners voting in the affirmative. Whereupon the matter was referred to the Chief Clerk to draft forms of advertisements for the consideration of the Board.

Daily report of the Superintendent of Boats, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Communication from Inspector Thorne relative to unserviceable horses, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning, with directions to sell the horses at auction to the highest bidder.

Adjourned.

S. C. HAWLEY.
Chief Clerk.

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AB'M DISBECKER,

Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending January 31st, 1874:

DEPOSITS IN THE TREASURY.

On account of the Sinking Fund.....	\$52,262 26
" " County Treasury.....	172,594 90
" " City " "	153,678 08
	\$378,535 24
7 per cent. Stocks.....	\$3,940,900 00

STOCKS ISSUED.

7 per cent. Stocks.....	\$3,940,900 00
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WARRANTS REGISTERED AND READY FOR PAYMENT.

Additional alterations of Aqueduct.....	\$ 8,964 51
Armories and Drill Rooms.....	912 00
Assessment Bonds.....	100,800 00
Assessment Fund.....	38,786 00
Avenue A, from 57th to 86th street, Improvement Fund.....	2,194 01
Boulevards, roads and avenues, maintenance of.....	851 61
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	8,388 45
Cleaning Markets.....	100 50
College of the City of New York.....	34 48
Commissioners of Excise Fund.....	34 13
Contingencies—Comptrollers Office.....	372 50
Department of Buildings.....	100 00
Department of Public Works.....	100 00
Law Department.....	103 20
County Revenue Bonds, 1874.....	874,700 00
Croton Water Main Fund.....	5,279 74
Dock Fund.....	1,520 77
Election expenses.....	3,749 38
Expenses—Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....	2,348 61
Fire Department Fund.....	11,749 85
Free Floating Baths.....	234 00
Health Fund.....	107 02
Interest on the City Debt.....	330,620 77
" County Debt.....	30,769 66
Judgment Fund.....	2,865 65
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	3,010 90
Manhattan Street Improvement Fund.....	1 00
New York Infant Asylum.....	7,384 37
110th street Improvement Fund.....	11,352 96
155th " " ".....	2,489 80
Printing Legislative Department.....	1,799 65
Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs.....	219 03
Public Charities and Correction.....	110 80
Public Drinking Hydrants and Urinals.....	238 03
Public Instruction.....	4,412 64
Refunding Taxes paid in error.....	925 05
Removing Offal, Night Soil and Dead Animals.....	923 03
Repairing and renewal of pipes, stop cocks, &c.	475 28
Revenue Bonds of 1872.....	2,047,200 00
" 1873.....	300,000 00
Road or Public Drive, Boulevard Fund.....	15,631 27
Saint Nicholas Avenue Improvement Fund.....	67 03
Seventy-second Street, 5th ave. to Ave. A, Improvement Fund.....	5,226 60
Sewers Repairing and Cleaning.....	7,588 62
Stationary Law and Blank Books.....	505 88
Street Improvement Fund.....	48,328 92
" Bonds.....	62,500 00
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices.....	620 35
Tenth Avenue Improvement Fund.....	32,687 27

MARKET PERMITS.

MARKET.	NO. OF STAND.	FROM WHOM.	TO WHOM.
West Washington (Produce avenue).	9, 10, 11.		William R., and Andrew R. Eadie.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	19.		Matthew Halpin.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	20, 22, 24.		Daniel Valentine and Edgar Gildersleeve.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	23.		Ferdinand Katz.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	25.		Peter A. Conway.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	26.		Michael Dowling.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	27.		Henry Eckstein.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	28.		Simon Eckstein.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	29.		David Mandle.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	30.		Frederick Graf.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	31.		Joseph P. Ebbets.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	36.		Frederick Smith and John B. Clausen.
Washington.	304, 305.	John Wells and Joseph Prichard.	Joseph Prichard and Louisa Knoll.
Clinton.	61.	Henry J. Boeher.	Louisa Bauer.
Washington.	166		Charles J., and Bernard M. Devine.
West Washington (De Voe avenue).	8.	E. H. Reed.	John Mix.

CONTRACTS FILED.

DEPARTMENT.	CONTRACTOR.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.
Dept of Public Works.	Hitchings & Co.	For furnishing steam boiler, heating pipes, &c., for propagating house at Central Park.
Dept of Public Works.	George A. Treacy.	For regulating and grading 9th avenue, bet. 83d and 92d sts., to conform to new grade established under authority of chap. 226 of the Laws of 1874.

87 official letters and communications were transmitted.

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINION OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

Where both Boards of the Common Council remain unchanged in their respective memberships for two years, an ordinance passed by one Board during the first year may be adopted by the other Board in the second year.

Where the Mayor fails to return an adopted ordinance within a certain time, it takes effect without his signature; and his act in subsequently signing it is without effect with regard to its validity.

Where the legality of the organization of a branch of the Common Council was pending and about to be decided in the courts; held, that a suspension of important proceeding in such Board would be advisable.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, February 4, 1874.

General Joseph C. Pinckney, Clerk of the Common Council:

DEAR SIR—I duly received your communication of the 30th of January, ultimo, in which you ask my opinion upon the following questions:

First—Is it essential to the validity of an ordinance or resolution of the Common Council that final action should have been taken thereon within the same municipal year, *i.e.*, before the first Monday in January; or, should not all unfinished business in either Board be commenced *de novo* each year?

Second—Is the approval of his Honor the Mayor, of a resolution or ordinance of the Common Council valid, if affixed thereto after the time allowed him by law for the consideration thereof, *viz.*, ten days after it shall have been transmitted to him by the Clerk of either branch of the Common Council, particularly in cases when such resolution or ordinance was passed by both Boards in one year, and such approval affixed the year following?

Third—Is not a perfect and unquestioned organization of either or both branches of the Common Council essential to the validity of any legislative act it or they may perform, and is not the present complication in the Board of Assistant Aldermen (with the nature of which you are entirely familiar) fatal to the validity of any legislative act it may perform during their continuance?

In reply, I advise you as follows:

First—It is not in all cases essential to the validity of an ordinance or resolution of the Common Council that final action should have been taken thereon within the same municipal year, that is, before the first Monday in January. It is a general principle, applicable to all legislative bodies consisting of two branches, that when there has been a new election of either branch, the unfinished business of their predecessors is considered as absolutely discontinued, and if taken up at all, is acted upon without reference to what has been done before; and I have no doubt that when an ordinance or a resolution has been adopted by one branch of the Common

Council before the 1st of January, and an election has taken place, which on the 1st of January changes the members who constitute the other branch, it would be necessary that the matter should be commenced *de novo*. But I do not think the same rule applies where there has been no change of members in either branch.

It is provided in section 14 of the charter of 1873 that no ordinance or resolution shall be valid unless it shall receive the assent of both Boards within the term fixed by law to such Boards. This provision of the statute, by necessary implication, in effect declares that all ordinances and resolutions shall be valid which received the assent of both Boards within the term fixed by law to such Boards.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that if any ordinance or resolution was adopted by either Board of the present Common Council during the year 1873, it has been since the first day of January, and is now competent for the other branch to pass such ordinance or resolution without its readoption by the Board which had previously passed it.

Second—Under the provisions of Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the charter of 1873, it is immaterial whether the Mayor shall approve an ordinance or resolution passed by the Common Council, unless such approval be given within the time limited and prescribed by Section 10. The Mayor is required to return every ordinance or resolution to the Board in which it originated within ten days after receiving it, or at the next meeting of such Board after the expiration of said ten days. If he approves it, he is to sign it. If he disapproves it, he is to specify his objections thereto in writing; and if he does not return it with such disapproval within the time above specified, it is to take effect as if he had approved it. If, therefore, the Mayor does not return an ordinance or resolution within the ten days, or at the next meeting of the Board after the expiration thereof, the resolution or ordinance so retained becomes a law. If the Mayor should sign an ordinance or resolution which had thus taken effect without his signature, it would not, of course, render it invalid, but such signature is not necessary to make it valid.

Third—The question as to the presidency and organization of the Board of Assistant Aldermen is now before the Courts. The matter was argued some days since before the General Term of the Supreme Court, and a speedy decision may be expected. I have no doubt that a perfect and lawful organization of the Board of Assistant Aldermen is essential to the validity of any legislative act which it may perform; and I think that if the Courts should decide that the Board is not organized according to law, serious questions will arise as to the validity of ordinances and resolutions adopted by it under its present organization. It is, of course, impossible for me to anticipate all such questions or the decisions that may be given in regard to them; but I respectfully suggest that it would be the part of prudence to defer for the present the passage of ordinances or resolutions which involve the expenditure of

money, and the laying of assessments, and also all other important ordinances and resolutions.

I am, sir,
Yours very respectfully,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1873.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
January 17, 1874.

To His Honor Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor:

SIR:—In compliance with directions from your office, dated December 27, 1873, we have the honor to submit the following report of the operations and actions of this Department for the two months ending with the 31st day of December, 1873:

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE.

To cover the expense of organizing, equipping and maintaining the additional force required in the new wards of the city, it was found necessary to submit a supplementary estimate to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, amounting in the aggregate to \$162,860, which has been allowed, and which added to the amount allowed on the regular annual estimate, \$1,465,011, amounts to \$1,627,871, and represents the sum required to defray the expenses of the Department for the year 1874.

APPARATUS AND HOSE.

A large amount of work has been done at the repair shops of the Department, the equipment of the new battalion necessitating the augmentation of its employees, and an unusual expenditure of materials, &c. The purchase of 5,500 feet of different kinds of hose was authorized, being needed in part to replenish the general stock of the Department, and to equip the new companies.

BUILDINGS.

A contract to build an engine-house for the Department in 68th street, near the Boulevard, was awarded to Messrs. P. K. & J. A. Horgan, and executed in the form prescribed by law. A force of mechanics has been busily at work making the necessary repairs, additions, &c., required at the different houses of the Department.

COMMENDATIONS FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT.

The conduct of the officers and members of Engine Company No. 14, located in 18th street, between Broadway and Fifth avenue, for "zeal, promptness and skill displayed" in suppressing a fire in the residence of General Egbert L. Viele, No. 37 W. 18th street, on the 22d November, 1873, was commended and brought to the notice of the Commissioners, in a communication from the gentleman named.

A report was also received from the officer commanding Engine Company No. 34, located at 440 West 33d street, of the gallant conduct of Assistant Foreman Henry Schuck, in rescuing a child from death, at a fire which occurred at No. 423 West 32d street, on the morning of December 9, 1873, which, as appears by the report and by a letter from the father of the child, was accomplished at the imminent risk of his life, as was attested also by the burns received in the attempt. His name and the particulars of his act have been entered on the roll of merit.

CURRENT EXPENDITURES, ETC.

For information regarding the general financial condition of the Department, we beg to refer to the statement of the President, and the reports of the Treasurer accompanying this.

HORSES.

During the period for which this report is made, two horses have died, and sixteen, no longer fit for the arduous service required of them, were sold at auction in accordance with the law. To replace these, and fill the requisitions for the equipment of the new companies, twenty new horses were purchased.

HYDRANTS.

This Department has been in communication with the Department of Public Works regarding the scarcity of fire hydrants in certain parts of the city, and the want so long experienced is now likely to be soon supplied. The insufficiency of the water supply in some sections of the lower part of the city, will, it is believed, also soon be remedied.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

The Corps of Sappers and Miners, provided for in Chapter 726, Laws of 1873, was organized, and made to consist of the Assistant Foremen of the Department, with the Assistant Chief of Department as Chief of the Corps. An instructor has been appointed, and requisition made for the equipment of the Corps. At the same time Hook and Ladder Company No. 16, located on Old Bloomingdale Road, between 97th and 98th streets, was organized and placed in service, meeting a want long felt in that section of the city.

The 10th battalion was created and organized, to take effect January 1, 1874, being designed to cover all the territory which, on that day, became annexed to the city. It will, when fully organized, consist of two engine companies, four chemical engine companies, and two hook and ladder companies, with a force of regular officers and men, in each, sufficient to move the apparatus, and an auxiliary force of hosemen and laddermen, at three hundred dollars per annum each, who pursue their ordinary avocations, in the vicinity of the apparatus houses, during the day, sleep in them at night, and are required to respond to all alarms at all times. A portion of the companies located on the upper part of the

island, have also been designated to respond to alarms in the new wards. The Department is indebted to the Police Commissioners for telegraph facilities afforded it, until the extension of its own system can be effected.

The 9th battalion, covering all that part of the city proper lying north of 59th street, and composed of companies in part organized on the plan adopted for those of the 10th battalion (above referred to), has been re-organized, to consist entirely of full-paid companies. The change was rendered necessary by the rapid growth of that section of the city, and its increased importance generally.

TELEGRAPH.

The extension of the fire-alarm system into annexed territory will necessitate the employment of an increased force of workmen, and consume the greater part of the winter in its construction. A thorough inspection and test of the street boxes south of 23d street has been made, and will be continued throughout the rest of the Department. Considerable general repairing, re-setting of old poles, and placing of new ones, &c., has been done.

RECORD OF CHANGES, ETC.

The following is a record of the changes and actions of the Board affecting the employes of the Department, which occurred during the time for which this report is made:

Deaths resulting from disease.	8
Resignations.	2
Honorably discharged, by resolution of Board.	17
Dismissals, on recommendation of Commissioners on Discipline.	18
Discharges.	54
Failures to qualify.	2
Appointments.	95
Promotions.	7
Assignments to duty.	11
Transfers.	75
Reduction to the ranks at own request.	1
Suspension from pay and duty.	8
Fines imposed, on recommendation of Committee on Discipline.	6
Fines imposed, for loss of device, etc.	2
Fines imposed remitted.	1
Leaves of absence granted.	1
" " on account of sickness.	1

TELEGRAPHIC ALARMS AND CALLS RECEIVED AT AND TRANSMITTED FROM HEADQUARTERS.

First alarms from street boxes.	139
" bell towers.	5
" Police Headquarters.	4
First alarms, total number.	148
Second alarms.	6
Third alarms.	1
Total number.	149
Special calls for companies.	17
" ambulances.	2
Total special calls.	18
Total alarms and calls.	173
Messages transmitted.	119
" received.	285
Notice of still alarms received.	404
FIRES.	88
Number communicated by telegraph.	182
" other means.	98
Total.	218

Confined to the building in which fire originated.	266
Extended to other buildings.	6
On vessels.	1
On streets.	1
On piers.	1
In oil tanks.	1
Total.	268
Discovered by firemen.	52
" police.	78
" bell-ringers.	3
" citizens.	116
Total.	148
Damage to buildings—slight.	184
" considerable.	4
" totally destroyed.	4
Total.	196
Extinguished without sending out an alarm—	1
By officers of Department.	3
By companies of Department.	57
By men of Department.	25
Total by the Department.	65
Extinguished without sending out an alarm—	1
By the police.	1
By citizens.	23
Total by all others outside of the Department.	25
Extinguished with fire extinguishers.	20

Heated iron setting fire to woodwork.....	1
Incendiary.....	4
Kerosene oil lamp explosions and liquid gas.....	4
" can upsetting.....	1
Leak in gas pipe, escaped gas igniting.....	7
Malicious mischief.....	6
Not ascertained.....	5
Overheated stoves.....	10
" furnaces.....	4
" ranges.....	2
" stovepipes.....	2
Sparks from locomotive.....	1
" chimneys.....	5
" stoves and stovepipes.....	4
" previous fire.....	1
" forge.....	4
" bonfire.....	1
Scraps of hot iron on floor.....	1
Spontaneous combustion of oily rags.....	2
" " waste.....	2
Set on fire by burglars.....	2
Rats gnawing matches.....	2
Tar boiling over and igniting.....	2
Window curtains taking fire from gas lights and lamps.....	9
ARRESTS, INDICTMENTS, CONVICTIONS, ETC.	
Arrests for arson.....	9
Indictments for arson.....	5
Sent to Lunatic Asylum.....	1
Now in prison, awaiting action of Grand Jury.....	3
Conviction of perjury.....	1
LICENSES ISSUED.	
For sale of kerosene oil.....	209
" " powder and chemicals.....	4
Total.....	213

COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF LAW RECEIVED.

Of dangerous stoves.....	1
" stove-pipes.....	4
" flues.....	9
" furnaces.....	3
" chimneys.....	5
" forges.....	1
" buildings.....	3
" materials.....	13
" fire in yard.....	1
Of obstruction to fire hydrants.....	4
Of hatchways without covers.....	3
" found open at fires.....	2
Of unprotected gaslights.....	7
Of large quantity of oil.....	7
Of stairways blocked with cotton.....	1
Total.....	64

DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS.

Violations removed by compliance with notice.....	41
Reported to Superintendent of Buildings.....	5
" Corporation Attorney.....	6
Paid penalty.....	1
Complaint unfounded.....	5
Cases still pending.....	5
Total.....	64

Chimney fines collected.....

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
ROSWELL D. HATCH,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

STATEMENT showing the expenses of the Fire Department of the City of New York, for the two months ending December 31, 1873:	
For Salaries and wages.....	\$175,346 37
Apparatus.....	11,770 10
Buildings.....	8,076 59
Contingencies.....	819 27
Coal and Wood.....	7,944 82
Gas.....	2,422 09
General supplies.....	1,904 40
Horses.....	8,203 70
Horse seed and straw.....	5,654 34
Horseshoeing.....	1,561 10
Harness shop.....	739 73
Hose shop.....	10,982 86
Machina and paint shop.....	8,348 51
Rents.....	1,075 00
Telegraph supplies.....	5,093 04
Liabilities for contracts for work in progress, also for bills not presented, say	27,100 66
	\$277,045 08

New York, January 1, 1874.

JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
President.

Cornelius Van Cott, treasurer, in account with the Fire Department of the City of New York.

DR.
Dec. 31. To receipts from Oct. 31st to date—
From sales of condemned horses..... \$1,461 15

1873. CR.
Dec. 31. By deposit with City Chamberlain as per account forwarded to City Comptroller..... \$1,461 15

New York, January 1, 1874.

CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Treasurer.

Cornelius Van Cott, treasurer, in account with the New York Fire Department Relief Fund.

DR.
Oct. 31. To balance on hand—cash \$41,581 53
—bonds 59,000 00

Dec. 31. To receipts Oct. 31 to Dec. 31—
Fines..... 119 19
Penalties..... 297 00
Oil licenses..... 1,397 00
Powder licenses..... 8 50
Chimney fines..... 30 00
Sales of seized combustibles..... 24 25
Interest..... 1,887 48

3,763 42

Dec. 31. To balance brought down..... \$103,787 50

1873. CR.

Dec. 31. By disbursements Oct. 31 to Dec. 31—
Expense account..... \$180 18
Pension account..... 360 83
Fines remitted..... 16 44

To balance carried down..... \$557 45

Cash in—

Manhattan Savings Institution..... \$5,000 00

Metropolitan Savings Bk. 1,404 78

Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank..... 5,000 00

West Side Savings Bank..... 10,000 00

Dry Dock Savings Bank..... 2,000 00

Sixpenny Savings Bank..... 5,000 00

Citizens Savings Bank..... 5,000 00

East River National Bank 1,382 72

Bonds, vix.—

Assessment Bond No. 32, 10,000 00

Assessment Bond No. 6,30,000 00	
Water Stock No. 283..... 1,000 00	
St. Imp. Fund Bond No. 82 9,000 00	
" " No. 36 19,000 00	
	103,787 50

E. & O. E. \$104,344 95

New York, January 1, 1874.

CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Treasurer.

Cornelius Van Cott, treasurer, in account with the New York Fire Department Life Insurance Fund.

1873. DR.

Oct. 31. To balance on hand..... \$2,557 00

Dec. 31. To receipts, Nov. and Dec. 1873, viz.—

Assessment for October..... 683 00

Assessment for November..... 1,362 00

\$4,602 00

1873. CR.

Dec. 31. By disbursements for Nov. and Dec.—
To heirs of Wm. Mackenzie, fireman, deceased..... \$1,000 00

To heirs of Jas. Plunkett, fireman, deceased..... 1,000 00

To heirs of Robert Aitkin, fireman, deceased..... 1,000 00

By balance in East River Nat. Bank, carried down..... 1,602 00

E. & O. E. \$4,602 00

New York, January 1, 1874.

CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Treasurer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The stated session of the Board was held at the Hall, corner Grand and Elm streets, Wednesday, February 4, 1874.

Present—Wm. H. Neilson, Esq., President, and Commissioner Baker, Beardslee, Brown, Dowd, Farr, Halsted, Jenkins, Klamroth, Man, Mathewson, Patterson, Seligman, Traud, Vermilye, West and Wetmore—17.

Absent—Commissioner Hoe, Kelly, Lewis and Townsend—4.

The President laid before the Board communications from the Trustees of the several Wards, all of which were referred to appropriate Committees, among which were the following:

Fourth Ward—New piano for Grammer School No. 1.

Thirteenth Ward—To hire premises for a new Primary School.

Fourteenth Ward—For new furniture for Female Department of Grammer school No. 21.

Seventeenth Ward—Submitting the award of contract to J. B. Smith, for removing bodies from vaults, &c., in First street, under and around Primary school building No. 9.

Twenty-second Ward—Nominating Evander Childs for Principal of Grammer School, No. 9.

Twenty-third Ward—Nominating Miss Francis C. Turney for Principal of Primary School, known as No. 2, and Miss Charlotte M. Stearns for Vice Principal of Primary school known as No. 3, (old numbers) in said Ward.

Twenty-fourth Ward—Submitting bills of expenses incurred in said Ward.

City Superintendent.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the City Superintendent, relative to the more effective organization of new schools. Referred to the Committee on Course of Study and School Books.

Also, from the City Superintendent, relative to the closing of certain primary schools and transfer of pupils. Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Economy.

Also, from the City Superintendent, relative to the primary Department of Grammer School No. 1. Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Miscellaneous Communications.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Clerk of the Board, relative to the special teachers employed in the schools. Referred to the Committee on Course of Study and School Books.

Also, from the Clerk of the Board, relative to the outstanding bills from April 5 to December 31, 1873, for indebtedness of the several School Boards. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for transfer of scholars to the new school house on Thomas avenue. Referred to the Joint Committee on Finance and By-Laws.

Application from the Children's Aid Society for old furniture for a night school under the care of the said society. Referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

From citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for a new school near Riverdale Road. Referred to the Committee on Sites and New Schools.

From John Dunham, engineer of the Board, relative to repairs to flues and register in Grammer School No. 47. Referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

Commissioner Klamroth offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to ascertain and report at the next regular meeting:

1. The number of pupils in each of the public schools who study the French and German languages respectively.

2. The number of classes in each of the schools in which the French and German languages are taught respectively.

3. The number of regular assistant teachers who are employed in teaching the German language.

Adopted.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Commissioner Halsted presented a report from the Committee on Teachers, confirming the appointment of Mr. Frank Wright to the Principalship of Grammer School No. 7, in the Tenth Ward, which was adopted by the Board.

Commissioner Halsted presented a report from the Committee on Teachers, recommending the names of Principals and Vice-Principals for appointment in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Said report was adopted, and appointments made as follows:

TWENTY-THIRD WARD—PRINCIPALS.

Grammar Department, Grammar School No. 60, Jonathan Hyatt.

Primary Department, Grammar School No. 60, Miss Caroline L. Purdy.

Grammar Department, Grammar School No. 61, John B. Moore.

Affirmative—The Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Negative—The Comptroller.

The Commissioner of Public Works moved that a vote be taken on the question of the regularity or irregularity of the bid of the Metropolitan Gaslight Company.

The Mayor moved that the bid of the Metropolitan Gaslight Company be not accepted, on the ground of informality, which motion was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Comptroller moved that the contract for supplying the gas for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes and burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons and lanterns thereto, for the year 1874, be awarded, at the rate of \$35 per annum, to the New York Mutual Gaslight Company, for that portion of the district of the Metropolitan Gaslight Company, in which the said New York Mutual Gaslight Company have mains laid.

The Chairman put the question upon the motion, which was declared adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor and the Comptroller.

Negative—The Commissioner of Public Works.

The Comptroller moved that the bid of the Harlem Gas Light Company be rejected on account of irregularity.

Oscar Zollikoffer, Esq., President of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company, requested permission to offer a protest relative to the disposition of the bid of his Company.

The Commissioner of Public Works moved to reconsider the vote relative to the award to the Mutual Gas Light Company.

Pending the question relative to reconsideration, the protest of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company was read by counsel and ordered on file.

The Chairman then put the question upon the motion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Commissioner of Public Works—1.

Negative—The Mayor and the Comptroller—2.

The Chairman put the question upon the motion of the Comptroller, relative to the rejection of the bid submitted by the Harlem Gaslight Company, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

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

The Comptroller moved that new proposals be invited by public advertisement for the districts of the Metropolitan Gaslight Company and the Harlem Gaslight Company, except for so much of the district of the Metropolitan Gaslight Company as has been awarded to the Mutual Gaslight Company.

The Chairman put the question upon the motion, which was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Comptroller submitted a communication dated January 5, 1874, from Mr. A. W. Porter, proposing to contract for lighting the city lamps.

Which was ordered on file.

The Commissioner of Public Works moved that the bid of George A. Barney be rejected because it is deemed for the interests of the city to reject said bid.

The Chairman put the question upon the motion, which was declared adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Negative—The Comptroller.

The Comptroller moved that the contract for straightening each lamp-post at the rate of \$3.50; for reclining each column at the rate of \$3.50; for refitting each stand pipe at the rate of \$5.00; for removing each lamp-post at the rate of \$3.50; for resetting each lamp-post at the rate of \$12; for fitting up each new lamp \$12, in accordance with the specifications, be awarded for the year 1874, to the New York Mutual Gas Light Company for that portion of the district of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company in which the said New York Mutual Gas Light Company have mains laid.

The Chairman put the question, upon the motion of the Comptroller, which was declared adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor and the Comptroller.

Negative—The Commissioner of Public Works.

On motion, an adjournment was had to the call of the chair.

RICHARD J. MORRISON,
Acting Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

New York, February 9, 1874.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending February 7, 1874.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS

Plans, Specifications and Special Applications, filed, examined and passed upon.

NEW BUILDINGS

Manufactories and Workshops.....
No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined.....
No. of Buildings embraced in same.....

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Tenements.....
Public Buildings.....
*Frame Dwellings.....
*Frame Tenements.....
Total.....

Plans &c., approved, including those previously filed.
" amended and approved.....
" disapproved.....
" pending.....
Total.....

ALTERED BUILDINGS

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined.....
" Buildings embraced in same.....

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Second class Dwellings.....
French Flats.....
Tenements.....
First class Stores.....
Second class stores.....
Manufactories and Workshops.....
Public Buildings.....
Frame Tenements.....

Total.....

BUILDINGS EXAMINED AND PLANS RELATING THERETO PASSED UPON INCLUDING THOSE PREVIOUSLY FILED.

Approved.....
Amended and approved.....
Disapproved.....
Pending.....

Total.....

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS

Number filed examined and passed upon.....
Approved.....
Disapproved.....
No. pending.....

Total.....

Building operations during the month of January, as reported by the District Inspectors:

New Buildings commenced.....
New Buildings completed, including those previously commenced.....
Alterations to Buildings, commenced.....
Alterations to Buildings completed, including those previously commenced.....
New Buildings in progress, including those previously commenced.....
Alterations in progress, including those previously commenced.....

ROBERT McGINNIS,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Abstract of operations for the week ending February 7, 1874:

Complaints received from outside sources.....
Violations of the law reported.....
Violations of the law removed.....
Unsafe buildings reported.....
Unsafe buildings made safe.....
Unsafe buildings taken down.....
Surveys held on unsafe buildings.....
Violation cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....
Unsafe building cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....
Violation notices served.....
Unsafe building notices served.....
Buildings surveyed as to general condition.....

ANDREW OWENS,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF IRON WORK

Abstract of operations for the week ending February 7, 1874:

Buildings reported for fire-escapes.....
Fire-escapes provided.....
Arch girders tested (all approved).....
Iron beams tested (all approved).....
Iron lintels tested (all approved).....

Notices for Fire Escapes served.....
Cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....

Operations during the month of January, 1874:

Buildings reported for fire-escapes.....
Fire-escapes provided.....
Arch girders tested (8 approved, 5 not).....
Iron beams tested (26 approved, 2 not).....
Iron lintels tested (all approved).....

Notice for fire escapes served.....
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.....

THOMAS S. GAYTON,
Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF THEATRES, HOTELS, SCHOOL-HOUSES, CHURCHES, FACTORIES AND SPECIAL SURVEYS

Abstract of operations during the week ending Saturday, February 7, 1874:

THEATRES

Fifteen theatres, lecture halls, and places of public amusement, have been officially visited and inspected, as follows, to wit:

The Metropolitan, Theatre Comique, Booths, Bryant's, Bowery, Olympic, Grand Opera House, Daly's new 5th ave., Academy of Music, Lexington Avenue Opera House, Steinway Hall, Robinson Hall, Wallacks, Niblos and Pastors Opera House, no violations of section 29, of the building law, noted in either.

HOTELS AND LODGING HOUSES

Nineteen hotels and lodging houses have been carefully inspected, as to the means, facilities and appliances, therein severally provided for protection, egress, or escape in the event of fire, viz:

The Newark Railroad House, Westchester Railroad House, Mohawk House, Cooper Hotel,

Western Railroad House, Remsen House, Atlantic Hotel, Compton House, Lapierre House, Madison Square House, Northern Hotel, Marion House, Boarding and Lodging House, 10 Wallerly place, Boarding and Lodging House, 42 Clinton place, Restaurant Universal, 44 University place, Boarding and Lodging House, 34 east 12th street, Restaurant and Lodging House, 52 University place, Boarding and Lodging House, 60 Canal street, Restaurant and Lodging House, 18 Catherine street, and in all cases where reported as insufficiently provided, with such means, the parties in interest, were notified to forthwith provide additional safeguards.

CHURCHES

Ten churches have been specially and carefully examined as to their condition, safety, and the means and facilities for ready and convenient egress or escape in case of fire, in three only of which were additional safeguards found to be required.

FACTORIES

Twenty-nine factories and buildings used for manufacturing purposes have been thoroughly examined as to the means and facilities provided for egress, escape and protection to the operatives severally employed therein, and where such means were found to be insufficient, the parties in interest, were notified to provide such additional safeguards as were recommended by the Inspectors charged with the duty of such examinations.

CHARLES K. HYDE,
Chief of Bureau.
W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Report for the week ending February 7, 1874:

Licenses granted and amounts received for licenses and fines by First Marshal:

Licenses granted.....
Amount received.....

Permits issued for street stands, signs, show cases, deliveries, &c., and amount received for same:

Permits issued.....
Amount received.....

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Aldermen Billings, Monheimer, Reilly, Ferries.

Aldermen Falconer, Cooper, Lysaght, Finance.

Aldermen Van Schaick, Gilon, Kehr, Morris, Ottendorfer, Lands and Places.

Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, Gilon, Law Department.

Aldermen Cooper, Billings, Flanagan, Markets.

Aldermen Morris, Kehr, Lysaght, Printing and Advertising.

Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, Falconer, Public Works.

Aldermen Koch, Morris, Gilon, Railroads.

Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, Ottendorfer, Repairs and Supplies.

Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, Flanagan, Roads.

Aldermen Cooper, Gilon, Reilly, Salaries and Offices.

Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, McCafferty, Streets.

Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, McCafferty, Street Pavements.

Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, Van Schaick.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Clerk of the Common Council and of B'd'ys 7 & 8 City Hall. 9 A.M.—4 P.M.
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 9 1/2 City Hall. 9 A.M.—4 P.M.
Ant Aldermen 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Office hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Comptroller's Office, West end, New County Court House.

1—Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City—

Ground floor, West end, New County Court House.

2—Bureau for the Collection of Taxes—

Brown-stone building, City Hall Park.

3—Bureau for the collection of arrear of taxes and Assessments and of water rents—

Ground floor, West end, New County Court House.

4—Auditing Bureau—

Main floor, West end, New County Court House.

5—Bureau of Licenses. 1 Ground floor, west end, New

6—Bureau of Markets. 1 County Court House.

7—Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury, in the City and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and counter-signed by the Mayor—

Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer.

Main floor, West end, New County Court House.

8—Bureau for the Collection of Assessments

Rotunda, Court House.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau st., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 " 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Corporation Atty., " 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes 237 Broadway, Room 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, Room 56, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

POLICE COURTS.		
First District, 14th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct.	Tombs, cor. Franklin and Centre streets.	7 a. m., 3 p. m.
Second District, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 33d, 28th, and 29th Precincts.	Greenwich ave., corner of 10th street.	9 a. m., 6 p. m.
Third District, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct.	69 Essex street.	8 a. m., 4 p. m.
Fourth District, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, and 29th Precincts.	57th street, between 3d and Lexington ave.	8 a. m., 5 p. m.
Fifth District, 12th Ward, 23d, 24th, 25th, and 26th Streets, Harlem.	2374 Fourth Avenue, Harlem.	8 a. m., 4 p. m.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL,
February 9, 1874.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL receive sealed proposals until the 21st day of February, at one o'clock, for furnishing one hundred and fifty tons of pig lead, at the pipe yard foot of Twenty-fourth street, East river. To be delivered at the rate of ten tons in each week, and as much faster as the Department may require. The lead must be soft American lead, free from arsenic, zinc, iron, bismuth, nickel, sulphur and copper, and be in all respects equal to Schoenberg and Brothers' best quality of soft refined lead. The lead must be in pigs weighing not less than seventy-five pounds, nor more than one hundred and fifty pounds each. The bidders must name a definite price at which they will deliver the lead at the pipe yard, free of cartage and all expenses of every kind. Security in ten per cent. of the amount of the contract will be required for the faithful performance of the same.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in his judgment, the same may be for the best interest of the city.

GEG. M. VAN NORT,
Commissioner of Public Works.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

INDICES OF RECORDS.

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

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

Grantors,.....	28 volumes.
Grantees,.....	24
Notices of Suits in Equity,.....	8
Insolvents, &c.,.....	1
Total,.....	\$100 00
Judgments,.....	25
Sets unbound,.....	61
.....	15 25

Incomplete sets may be completed on application at this office.

Communications in relation to the Records should be addressed "Superintendent of Records, Comptroller's Office."

ANDREW H. GREEN
Comptroller.

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

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

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

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

A. S. CADY
Clerk of Arrears.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

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

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

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

By order of the Board,

ALBERT STORER,
Secretary

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,
NO. 8 CITY HALL.

THE STATED SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF Aldermen will be held on Thursday of each week, at 3½ o'clock, p. m., in the chamber of the Board, room No. 15, City Hall.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
346 and 348 Broadway.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING TWO (2) STEAM DREDGES.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING TWO (2) Steam Dredges will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 12 o'clock noon, of Monday, February 23, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Normal Schools, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Monday, February 16th, 1874, and until 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, for the desks, seats, and other furniture required for the new school building on Lexington avenue, between 68th and 69th streets.

Also, at the same time and place, sealed proposals will be received for the steam heating apparatus for said building.

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

Two responsible and approved sureties will be required from each successful bidder; proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered.

JAMES W. FARR,
J. CROSBY BROWN,
ALBERT KLAIRFOOTH,
R. W. TOWNSEND,
JAMES M. HALSTED,
Committee on Normal Schools.

Dated New York, Jan. 30, 1874.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APPLICATION has been made to the Board of Health and that permission has been granted by said Board to remove all remains of persons now buried in the grounds or deposited in the vaults of the First Presbyterian Church, located between First and Second streets and between First and Second avenues in the Seventeenth Ward of the city of New York.

Permission has also been given to have said remains removed to such cemetery or cemeteries as may be designated by the School Trustees of the 17th Ward.

If any of the relatives or friends of the deceased persons above referred to, desire to have the remains or desire to have the removal effected in any special manner (at their own cost) they are requested to notify the undersigned within thirty days from the date of this advertisement.

LAW. D. KIERNAN,
Clerk of the Board of Education,
Corner of Grand and Elm streets.

Dated New York, January 9, 1874.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

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

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

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

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

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
Office No. 2 Fourth av., opposite Sixth st.

ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS AND OTHERS, HAVING plans and specifications for the erection, alteration or repair of buildings to file with this Department, are hereby notified, that in all cases where iron girders or lintels are provided to support brick walls, it will be necessary for them to submit properly drawn and figured elevations of the walls to be so supported.

W. W. ADAMS
Superintendent.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE,
300 Mulberry street, NEW YORK, Jan. 26, 1874.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: One boat and 10 tons iron, lot of leaf tobacco, lot of ten revolvers, drum boots, clothing, and several small lots of mon.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS

FOR BUILDING FOUR CHEMICAL FIRE ENGINES.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK (227 and 229 Mercer street),
NEW YORK, February 2, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING FOUR chemical fire engines for the extinguishment of fires by the application of water charged with carbonic acid gas, each engine to be capable of holding 150 gallons, will be received at these headquarters until 12 o'clock, noon, Thursday, February 12, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened.

Plans and specifications for the building of the engines for which the bid is made must accompany each proposal, and the time required for the completion and delivery of the same must be specified therein.

Two responsible sureties will be required with each proposal, who must justify in double the amount of the bid.

Blank forms and proposals and further information can be obtained upon application at these headquarters.

Proposals to be endorsed as above.

JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
ROSWELL D. HATCH,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT.

Commissioners.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

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.:

1. For regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging 135th street, from 8th avenue to Harlem River.

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

Both sides of 135th street from 8th avenue to Harlem River, to the extent of half the block at intersection of Madison and 4th avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to Thomas B. Asten, Chairman, of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
JOHN MC HARG,
MUNSON H. TREADWELL,
VALENTINE S. WOODRUFF.

Board of Assessors.

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.:

No. 1. For flagging 51st street from 1st to 3d avenue.

No. 2. For flagging north side of Monroe street, from No. 31 to Corlears street.

No. 3. For flagging west side of Corlears street, from No. 1 to Monroe st.

No. 4. For flagging Front street, north side, from Montgomery to Gouverneur street.

No. 5. For flagging 57th street, from 9th to 10th avenue.

No. 6. For flagging 54th street, north side, between 6th and 7th avenues.

No. 7. For flagging 52d street, north side, from 5th avenue to about 175 feet west.

No. 8. For flagging 54th street, south side, between 6th and 7th avenues.

No. 9. For flagging E. 14th street, north side, between Nos. 331 and 347.

No. 10. For flagging 57th street, north