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BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

No. 16, CITY HALL,  
MONDAY, August 25th, 1873,  
2 o'clock P. M.

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

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

Foley,	Kreps,
Murphy,	Keenan,
Clancy,	Kehoe,
Keating,	Brucks,
Wisser,	Kelly,
Healy,	Simonson,
Thornell,	Cumisky,
Theiss,	Sommers,
Codington,	Beyea.
Strack,	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Assistant Alderman Foley—  
Resolved, That William Hayes be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Howard Selleck, who failed to qualify.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Ayes—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers and Beyea—19.

By the same—  
Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to have Pearl street, from State to Whitehall street, repaired forthwith, as the same is in a bad condition.

Which was adopted.

Resolved, That the ordinance of the Common Council (in relation to the granting of permits for street stands, show cases, signs, stairways, hoistways and deliveries), which passed the Board of Councilmen February 19, 1866, passed the Board of Aldermen February 21, 1866, and was approved by the Mayor February 24, 1866, shall be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out of section one of said ordinance the following words: "Or for the receipt and delivery of goods across the sidewalk." And, also, that section five of the same ordinance be amended by striking out the words "Or goods delivery."

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved to refer to the Committee on Ordinance.

Which was carried.

By Assistant Alderman Thornell—  
Resolved, That the Commissioners of the New York Fire Department be requested to cause a particular and personal examination to be made of all planing mills, saw mills, and of all other extensive wood working establishments located in this city, and to report to this Board whether any, and if any, which of such mills or establishments are so situated as, in case of their destruction by fire, to cause serious disaster to neighboring buildings, and also, what measures, such as the erection of brick walls or otherwise should be taken to diminish the danger of serious loss and destruction to the city, by a conflagration originating in such mills or establishments.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the New York Fire Department be also requested to report to this Board whether the laws relating to the storage and sale in this City of the products of petroleum, also the storage and sale of gun cartridges, percussion caps, and other explosives are enforced, and whether, in their judgment, any additional laws or ordinances are needed to guard the City from the danger of disastrous conflagration originating from the storage or use of these articles.

Adopted.

By the same—  
Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be directed to remove all the materials appertaining to the Court House building, at Jefferson Market, now lying in Sixth avenue and west Tenth street, as the same is an obstruction to the streets, a nuisance to the neighborhood and is detrimental to the public health.

Which was adopted.

By the same—

Resolved, That the County Clerk be respectfully requested to report to this Board at its first session in each month, the names of all Commissioners of Deeds whose terms of office will expire during the said month.

Which was adopted.

G. O. 128.

By Assistant Alderman Kelly—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on north side of Fifteenth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, 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 Simonson—

Resolved, That west Fiftieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be paved with Belgian or Trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to Committee on streets.

By Assistant Alderman Beyea—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Second and Third avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas E. Hanson to place a Globe Lamp on lamp-post now standing in front of 22 west One hundred and twenty-ninth street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—20.

By Assistant Alderman Clancy—

Resolved, That the position of Sergeant at Arms of this Board be declared vacant, and that the clerk be authorized to fill the same.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved the adoption of the above resolution.

Assistant Alderman Strack moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Wisser, Thornell, Codington, Strack, Kreps, the President, Kehoe, Simonson, Beyea—10.

Negative—Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Theiss, Keenan, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers—10.

The President put the question on the motion of Assistant Alderman Clancy to adopt the resolution, which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assist. Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Healy, Theiss, Keenan, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers—9.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Murphy, Keating, Wisser, Thornell, Codington, Strack, Kreps, the President, Kehoe, Simonson, Beyea—11.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Aldermen, in favor of appointing Isaac Mix a Commissioner of Deeds, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having carefully examined the subject, they believe Mr. Mix to be qualified. They are, therefore, in favor of concurring with the Board of Aldermen in adopting said resolution, and accordingly respectfully recommend that such action be had thereon by this Board.

Resolved, That Isaac Mix 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 R. Adams, whose term of office has expired.

Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Clancy, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Kreps, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—20.

The President here announced as the Special Committee on Municipal Reform, the following members: Assistant Aldermen Simonson, Brucks and Strack.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, July 19, 1873.

To Board of Assistant Aldermen:

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

Title of Appropriations.	Amt. of Appropriations.	Payments.
Advertising for the Common Council	\$8,000 00	\$8,000 00
City Contingencies.	5,000 00	
Contingencies, Legislative Dep't....	1,000 00	364 87
Printing for the Common Council	8,000 00	1,330 37
Salaries, Legislative Department....	183,597 17	86,865 27

AND. H. GREEN,  
Comptroller.

Which was received and ordered on file.

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Communication from the Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, August 9, 1873.

To Board of Assistant Aldermen:

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

Title of Appropriations.	Amt of Appropriations.	Payments.
Advertising for the Common Council	\$8,000 00	\$8,000 00
City Contingencies.	5,000 00	613 00
Contingencies, Legislative Dep't....	1,000 00	380 82
Printing for the Common Council	8,000 00	1,330 37
Salaries, Legislative Department....	183,597 17	101,731 76

AND. H. GREEN,  
Comptroller.

Which was received and ordered on file.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved that the Special Committee on Municipal Reform be prohibited from acting until further instructed by this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Theiss, Keenan, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers—11.

Negative—Wisser, Thornell, Codington, Strack, Kreps, the President, Kehoe, Simonson, Beyea—9.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT AND REGULATION OF SALARIES OF CLERKS AND ATTACHES OF THE BOARD.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, NO. 10 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, August 18, 1873.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of the authority in me vested by section 15, chapter 335, laws of 1873, I have appointed the following named persons as clerks and attaches in this department, and fixed "their salaries as follows:"

Edward T. Fitzpatrick, deputy clerk, August 12th, vice George W. Betts, removed.	Salary.....	\$1,400 per annum.
William Lutz, assistant clerk, August 15th, vice Frederick Coyle, removed.	Salary..	900 "

Thomas E. Barrett, assistant clerk, Aug. 12th.	Salary..	900 "
Patrick Fitzgerald, assistant clerk, August 1st.	Salary..	900 "
John McCauley, Index Clerk, August 15th, vice George Codington, removed.	Salary	900 "
James Dorian, general clerk, August 6th, vice Benjamin W. Beyea, removed.	Salary	900 "
Edward Downey, Journal clerk, August 12th.	Salary.	900 "
Thomas Abbott, assistant messenger, August 1st.	Salary.	900 "

I have also fixed the salary of Peter B. Masterson, engrossing clerk, at \$900 per annum from August 1st.

Robert Gardiner, messenger, \$900 per annum from August 1st.

All of the above have taken the oath of office and filed the same in the Mayor's office.

Very respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM H. MOLONEY,  
Clerk.

Assistant Alderman Healy moved to receive the paper and place the same on file.

Which was lost.

Assistant Alderman Strack moved to lay on table.

Which was lost.

Assistant Alderman Clancy, moved that the communication be received, printed at length in the minutes, and placed on file, upon which motion the Ayes and Nays were called for by Assistant Alderman Simonson.

Carried by the following vote:  
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Murphy, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Theiss, Keenan, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers—11.

Negative—Wisser, Thornell, Codington, Strack, Kreps, the President, Kehoe, Simonson, Beyea—9.

Assistant Alderman Strack moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

Whereupon the President declared, the Board adjourned until Monday next, September 1st, at 2 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. MOLONEY,  
Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Abstract of the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending August 26, 1873:

Plans submitted for new buildings	Number of buildings embraced
Plans submitted for alterations	Number of buildings embraced
Complaints received from outside	Violations of the law reported
Violations of the law removed	Unsafe buildings reported
Unsafe buildings made safe	Unsafe buildings taken down
Buildings reported for fire	Fire-escapes provided
Special applications	Structures.....
Special surveys	Cases sent to Architects
Arch girders	proved and
Iron beams	Iron lintels
Notices	Special
Fire	thall

Abstract of the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Parks for the week ending August 26, 1873:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1873.  
The Commissioners of the Parks for the purpose of opening a months supply of screened gravel walks, and for "550 tons of gravel" former there were three bidders, viz: Messrs. Caldwell, Donovan, James Clark, and Fairchild; and for the latter bidders, viz: Messrs. Caldwell and Henry Sherwin.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Board met in session.

The claim of Mr. James O. was referred to Mr. Bissinger to be investigated.

The Secretary was directed to index of all the maps on file in the office.

Two drinking fountains were placed in Stuyvesant Parks.

The claim of Messrs. Burt, H. damages done their lighter while on the 4th avenue bridge, was denied.

A communication from the Taxation of the 10th, 11th and 17th with reference to Tomkins square to the Special Committee on Police.

Bills to the amount of \$2,905 73 and directed to be sent to the Finance Department for payment.

Bernard Wieth was directed to pay a sum of \$25 50 for services.

An enclosure of canvas was directed to be placed temporarily round each of the gasoliers at Madison square, during the completion of the bronze work on them.

Francis Hagan and George W. Snow were ordered to be paid, the first \$72 and the latter \$84, for services as assistant foremen.

The cutting down of all trees in Central Park was ordered to be stopped.

August 21st, 3:30 o'clock p.m. Mr. Alfred Edwards was given permission to place small tin sparrow houses on the trees in all public parks.

The proposal of Messrs. Caldwell, Weston & Co., for 550 tons of coal, was rejected, as same was informal, and the contract was awarded Henry Sherwin, at the following prices:

Scranton coal (urnace size), \$6.10 per ton. Pittston coal (grate size), \$6.20 per ton.

The proposal of James Clark for screened gravel was rejected, as the sample furnished with the same was not suitable for the purposes for which the same is required by the Department.

All the proposals for light iron railing on Union Square were rejected on account of informality.

Five hundred copies of the meteorological report and two hundred and fifty of the menagerie report were directed to be printed.

The sum of \$15,000 was directed to be paid by the Comptroller to the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Museum of Arts.

A Committee of three (Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson and Hall) was appointed to examine and report as to the re-appointment of the personal force necessary to carry on the business of the Department.

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, FROM THE 19th Day of May to the 31st Day of July, 1873.

By Commissioner Bowen: Whereas, In reply to the following resolution of this Board, passed June 20, 1873,

"Resolved, That the Counsel of the Corporation be respectfully requested to inform the Commissioners, in respect to the power of this Board to remove clerks and heads of bureaus from this Department, under the charter of 1873."

The Corporation Counsel, George W. Bissinger, reported that "no head of bureau shall be removed from the Department, unless he has been informed of the proposed removal, and an opportunity of explanation, and in the absence thereof must be entered in the Department," and that "any person removed from the Department of Free Labor Bureau, shall be restored to the same, unless he be restored to the same by the Board, or unless he be dismissed."

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partment with power to appoint and remove all clerks, officers, employees and subordinates, without reference to their tenure of office, but that section is equally express that no regular clerk or head of a bureau shall be removed until he has been informed of the cause of the proposed removal, and has been allowed an opportunity of making an explanation, and in every case of removal the true grounds thereof shall be forthwith entered upon the records of the Department, and in case of removal, a statement showing the reason therefor shall be filed in the Department. These provisions are clear and full, and being the law, must be observed. But I am satisfied that the sufficiency of the cause and ground of any removal is left to the sound discretion of the Department.

In my judgment, the ground and cause in question need not necessarily amount to a charge of malfeasance nor misfeasance in office, but may extend to any consideration involving in the opinion of the Department, the public usefulness of the clerk or officer. I think the section plainly infers that the removal must be based upon considerations of the public interest, but whether the cause or grounds of removal involves the public interest, is a question which the Department is left free to decide for itself. The consideration may be general, and as I have before intimated, need not involve any charge of turpitude or even of neglect of duty.

You, Mr. President, have called my attention, very properly indeed, to the broad and comprehensive provisions of section 117 of the same act. By that section, the terms of all subordinates in your and other Departments are made to cease and determine as soon as the Department itself appoints other persons in their places. This provision is accompanied with no conditions whatever, so far as the Department is concerned. The resolution which you communicated to me assumes that the person named has been removed by some formal act, the nature of which is not stated. If removed by a resolution or other act, except the act of appointing his successor, then he is entitled to have the provisions of section 28 applied to his case; but, under the 117th section, your power is perfect to appoint a person in his place without assigning any reason therefor whatever, and then upon such appointments being made, his term of office is by law expressly terminated.

The 117th section in other words, vacates without cause the office of all your subordinates, immediately upon your appointment of successors to them. The 28th section has no application to those subordinates whom you find in office upon your accession; it will have application however, to such appointees as you shall put in their places.

I am sir, with great respect, Your obedient servant, E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Counsel to the Corporation.

Alms House, Charges against James W. Smythe.

By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That the charges made against James W. Smyth, for the removal of property belonging to the Department be examined into by the Commissioners in person, on the 25th day of June, 1873.

June 23d, 1873. Adopted.

Charges against James W. Smythe, late Warden of the Work House.

By Commissioner Bowen: Resolved, That this Board after a careful investigation of the charges preferred by George Ferguson against James W. Smythe, late Warden of Alms House, declare them to be unfounded, and that the character of Mr. Smythe for integrity and fidelity to duty, is, in the opinion of this Board, in no respect impaired by the charges referred to.

June 26, 1873. Adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Bowen, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Laimbeer.

Note.—Commissioner Laimbeer in explanation of his vote, favored the adoption of the following: Ordered, That the complaint against Mr. James W. Smythe, be and is hereby dismissed, and Mr. Smyth is hereby exonerated from any intention to defraud the Department.

Engineer New York City Asylum, W. I.

By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That William O'Cloves be appointed as Engineer at Ward's Island Insane Asylum, in place of H. V. Freeman—resigned. Commissioner Stern moved, That it be laid on the table for 30th June. Carried.

Ayes—Commissioners Bowen, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Laimbeer.

Applications as Engineer.

By Commissioner Bowen: Resolved, That all applications for Engineers for appointment be referred to Supervising Engineer, and that he be instructed to examine and report upon all candidates for vacancies in the office of Engineer.

June 23, 1873. Adopted by the Board.

Ayes—Commissioners Bowen, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Laimbeer.

Accommodations for Chaplain on Randall's Island.

By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That the order issued by the Board of Public Charities and Correction on April 9th, 1873, to E. S. Dunster, M.D., resident physician, to appropriate the room occupied up to that date by both the Catholic and Protestant Chaplains who officiate in the Institutions under this Commission, be and is hereby revoked and annulled; and that from henceforth, both the Catholic and Protestant Chaplains, as above stated, shall have the use and privilege of that room, the same as prior to the issuing of the order referred to, under date of April 9, 1873.

Resolved, That on the official visits or sojourns of both the Protestant and Catholic Chaplains their regular meals should be furnished to them by any warden, superintendents or matrons they,

the Chaplains, may select, and that fifty cents for each meal so furnished by such warden, superintendent or matron, be allowed to them, and be paid for by this Department, on proper vouchers being produced.

The entire amount of such expenditure not to exceed twelve dollars per month for each chaplain.

Resolved, That either of the rooms now used by the Protestant or Catholic Chaplains at Randall's Island, under the charge of Doctor E. S. Dunster, Resident Physician, be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Sisters of said Resident Physician, or any other room that may be selected by the said Resident Physician, other than the room referred to in previous resolutions.

June 24, 1873. Adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Bowen, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Laimbeer—and thinks the missionaries work best in not remaining over night at all.

Reception Hospital, Park. On complaint against George Brown, steward. By Commissioner Stern:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the complaint made by Miss Susan M. Van Amringe and Miss Sarah T. Sands, the Visiting Committee of the Ladies Union Relief Society, and their full accusation, statement and testimony hereunto annexed against George Brown, Steward of the Park Reception Hospital, that the services of said George Brown be no longer required by this Department from and after the 2d day of July next.

June 27, 1873. Adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Laimbeer, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Bowen.

Salary of Engineers. At Insane Asylum, W. I., Charity Hospital, and Bellevue Hospital.

Resolved, That Henry V. Freeman, Engineer at Insane Asylum, Ward's Island, be paid at the rate of \$100 per month, and also John Sheridan, of the Charity Hospital, receive the same compensation, and also John Conway, of Bellevue Hospital, the same compensation from July 1st, 1873. July 1, 1873. Adopted by the Board.

Salary, Examining Clerk. By Commissioner Stern:

Resolved, That the salary of the Examining Clerk, A. P. Butler, shall be at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, to go into effect from this date. July 1, 1873. Adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Bowen, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Laimbeer.

Physician to the City Prison. By the Board:

Resolved, That Dr. David Brekes be appointed Physician to City Prison, provided he assents in a written communication to this Board, that he will accept \$800 per annum as full compensation for his services to the Department. July 1, 1873. Adopted.

Penitentiary. By Commissioner Bowen:

Resolved, That James McCready, James Douglass, and James Murphy be appointed Keepers at the Penitentiary, in place of William Pendegrag, Alexander Yule, and Hugh Keegan, discharged for incompetency. July 9, 1873. Adopted.

Proposals for Boiler and Engine for Steamboat. Present—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen, Stern, and the Comptroller.

Delamater Iron Works.....\$14,500 People's.....13,500 Chester.....13,575 Highland.....9,750 Samuel Secor & Son.....18,900 Quintard Iron Works.....9,500

On motion of Commissioner Bowen, the contract was awarded to Quintard Iron Works for the sum of \$9,500, their offer being the lowest received, and the President authorized to sign the contract on behalf of this Board. July 9, 1873.

Proposals for 10,000 Tons of Coal. Present—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen, Stern, and the Comptroller.

The following were received: John W. Atwood; Brown's Brothers; Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.; R. Heckscher, Jr.; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R. Co.; Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co.; Blake & Co.; L. Audenried & Co.

On motion of Commissioner Laimbeer, the proposals were referred to Commissioner Stern and Supervising Engineer to report. July 9, 1873.

Coal. REPORT OF COMMISSIONER STERN.

To the Department of Public Charities and Correction: GENTLEMEN—The undersigned to whom was referred to ascertain the best mode to secure the supply of coal for this Department, respectfully reports:

That sealed proposals for ten thousand tons of different kinds of coal were advertised for in the CITY RECORD, on June 24th, 1873, for ten days, that at the expiration of said time, the said proposals were opened by this Commission in the presence of the honorable the Comptroller, Andrew H. Green, and each bid entered by the Secretary of this Board, and a clerk of said Comptroller. After a minute and close examination it was found that the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, E. A. Quintard, Esq., No. 9 Pine street, were the lowest bidders for 1,910 tons of nut coal, and that Messrs. C. A. Blake & Co., No. 111 Broadway, were the lowest bidders for 8,090 tons grate, stove and egg coal, said C. A. Blake & Co.'s bid is for Pittston coal, which by the report of our Supervising Engineer, is superior and more economical for our purpose; and, in value, from ten to fifteen cents per ton in its favor, in comparison with other coal. Although this value did not require to be

taken into consideration, as the price made for that coal, and is lower than any other parties.

The report of the Supervising Engineer, together with the various proposals for coal, and the calculations of the same, as well as all documents in relation to it are to be filed in the archives of this Department, and the following resolutions are offered for your adoption.

Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. C. A. Blake & Co., to supply this department with 8,090 tons of sundry kinds of coal as more fully specified in their sealed proposal to this Commission, under the date of July, 1873, be and is hereby accepted; and that a regular contract be entered into with them for the purpose of carrying the same into effect.

Resolved, That a contract be entered into with the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, for 1,910 tons of nut coal as more fully specified in their sealed proposal, under date of July, 3, 1873.

All of which is respectfully submitted. MYER STERN, Special Committee.

By the Board. July 24, 1873. Report accepted, and resolution adopted.

Table with columns for item, quantity, and price. Includes items like Blackwell's Island, Ward's Island, and various grades of coal. Total 8,090 tons.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING COAL & IRON CO.

E. A. QUINTARD, Agent.

Bellevue Hospital, foot 26th St., 1,350 tons nut \$4 90, July, Aug. Sept. Randall's Island, Nursery, 420 tons nut \$5 05, July, Aug. Sept. Randall's Island, Nursery Hospital, 140 tons nut \$5 05 July, Aug. Sept. Total 1,910 tons. July 24, 1873.

City Prison. By Commissioner Stern:

Resolved, That the services of Walter R. Savage, as messenger in the Tombs, be and are hereby no longer required. Resolved, That Solomon Hoehster be and is hereby appointed messenger in the Tombs, to take effect the 15th of July. July 10, 1873. Adopted.

Third District Prison, Essex Market. By Commissioner Laimbeer:

Resolved, That James McDonald be appointed messenger at Essex Market Prison, in place of Frank White, removed. July 10, 1873. Adopted.

Free Labor Bureau. By Commissioner Laimbeer:

Resolved, That the repairs to roof of building of Labor Bureau be done under the supervision of Engineer Knapp, at the lowest possible cost. July 18, 1873. Adopted.

Free Labor Bureau. By Commissioner Laimbeer:

Resolved, That the compensation of clerks at Free Labor Bureau, now receiving \$1,000 per annum, be at the rate of \$800 per annum, to take effect from this date, and that the chief clerk notify the parties of the above action of the Board. July 10, 1873. Adopted.

Stables, Eleventh Street. By Commissioner Bowen:

Resolved, That the salaries of each of the employees in the Central stable be increased \$10 per month. July 12, 1873. Adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Bowen and Stern. Nay—Commissioner Laimbeer.

Penitentiary. By Commissioner Bowen:

Resolved, That R. W. Bell be appointed guard at penitentiary. July 14, 1873. Adopted.

Penitentiary. By Commissioner Stern:

Resolved, That Philip Lowenthal is hereby appointed guard in the penitentiary. July 14, 1873. Adopted.

City Prison. By Commissioner Stern:

Resolved, That the following named persons be appointed keepers at the city prisons: Andrew Wilson, in place of Joseph O. C. Graley.

Patrick Feora, in place of James Linden. Solomon Oberfelder, in place of Thos. Smith. Charles Luderman, in place of Thos. Sullivan. Benjamin Curran, as keeper in the Tombs, to fill vacancy.

July 15, 1873. Adopted.

All voting in the affirmative, except as to

James Linden, Commissioner Laimbeer voting in the negative.

District Physicians.

By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That Dr. Charles W. Betzel is hereby appointed District Physician for the Sixth District, Eleventh and Seventeenth Wards, in place of Dr. David Brekes, appointed physician at City Prison.

July 18, 1873. Adopted. By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That Dr. William O'Donald, Jr., be and is hereby appointed District Physician for the Tenth District, Twelfth Ward, in place of Dr. George H. Butler.

July 18, 1873. Adopted. Visitors to Out Door Poor. By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That Maier Florsheim be and is hereby appointed a visitor for out door poor, in place of John C. Begley.

July 18, 1873. Adopted. By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That Dr. Morris Ellinger be and is hereby appointed a visitor for out door poor, in place of Jotham Wilson.

July 18, 1873. Adopted. Penitentiary. By Commissioner Bowen: Resolved, That Charles Robb be appointed keeper at the penitentiary.

July 21, 1873. Adopted. City Prison. By Commissioner Bowen: Resolved, That Charles Graham be appointed keeper at Tombs on his resignation of the office of night watchman at Infants' Hospital.

July 21, 1873. Adopted. By Commissioner Bowen: Resolved, That Andrew Fyans be appointed keeper at the City Prison.

July 21, 1873. Adopted. Advertisement for Oats, Wood, Straw and Vinegar. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Mr. Lamson be instructed to advertise for proposals for the following:

3,000 bushels oats. 30 cords pine wood. 50 bales straw. 25 barrels cider vinegar. July 21, 1873. Adopted. Advertisement for Lumber.

By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That instead of the lumber required by this Board being purchased as heretofore at the several yards of this city, that the purchasing clerk, at once, advertise as the law directs for the following lumber:

75,000 feet box boards. 1,000 1-4-inch spruce plank. 500 2-inch spruce plank. 2,000 worked boards. July 21, 1873. Adopted. Coal Yard, Blackwell's Island.

Commissioner Laimbeer reported that he had made an examination of coal yard, on Blackwell's Island, and for which 800 2 inch spruce plank is called for to be used in laying flooring, and does not advise that the same should be furnished for that purpose, offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the coal yard on Blackwell's Island be paved with stone, the same to be done under the direction of the warden of penitentiary, who shall execute it at once.

July 21, 1873. Adopted. District Physician. By Commissioner Bowen: Resolved, That Dr. Robert D. Nesmith be appointed District Physician of the Eleventh District, in place of Dr. John C. Jay.

July 23, 1873. Adopted. Hospital Department of Work House. By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That the hospital department, both for male and female inmates at the workhouse, Blackwell's Island, except the wards set apart for female penitentiary convicts, be and is hereby abolished, and that all patients, inmates of said workhouse, be hereafter treated at Charity Hospital.

July 24, 1873. Adopted. Free Labor Bureau. By Commissioner Stern: Whereas, accusations are made by the Chief Clerk of the Free Labor Bureau against Thomas R. Murray, Jr., clerk in said Free Labor Bureau; and,

Whereas, In the course of examination on the part of said Chief Clerk and explanation of said Murray, it fully appears that many very improper irregularities have been committed by almost the entire clerical force in said department; and,

Whereas, Neither of said clerks will directly fasten the guilt of said irregularities on any one in particular, but admit they have taken place; therefore,

Resolved, That the services of James H. Beglan, Thomas R. Murray, Jr., Joseph Swenarton, C. R. Parker, and E. E. Egan, be and are hereby no longer required from and after the 26th of this month.

July 24, 1873. Adopted. Free Labor Bureau. By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That Francis H. Nugent be and is hereby appointed clerk at Free Labor Bureau, in place of James H. Beglan; Charles H. Pentz, in place of Thomas R. Murray, Jr.; and Albert Hartman, in place of Joseph Swenarton, from and after the 28th inst.

July 24, 1873. Adopted. City Prison. By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That James Finn and Bernard Clark be and are hereby appointed keepers of the City Prison, in place of Isaiah H. Killroy and John McCaffrey, removed.

July 24, 1873. Adopted. Proposals to Furnish 600 Barrels of Flour. Present—Commissioners Laimbeer, Stern, and the Comptroller. Sample No. 20, James Dowling, \$6.50 per barrel. Sample No. 21, Jesse Hoyt & Co., \$7.15 per barrel. Sample No. 22, E. R. & R. B. Livermore, \$6.85 per barrel delivered to lighter.

3 samples No. 23, Hollister & Chamberlain:— 5 barrels mixture, \$7.00 per barrel, delivered free at the bakery. 2 barrels mixture, \$6.95 per barrel, delivered free at the bakery. 3 barrels mixture, \$7.10 per barrel, delivered free at the bakery.

No sample—Blue A flour, \$6.65 per barrel, delivered free at the bakery. 3 samples No. 24 Partridge, Wells & Co.:— State Mills, \$6.65 per barrel. Bertschys, \$7.45 per barrel. Credit River, \$7.75 per barrel.

Sample No. 25, Crystal Palace Mills, Troy, \$7.65 per barrel, delivered free at bakery. By the Board: Contract awarded to James Dowling for 600 barrels flour, at \$6.50 per barrel, being the lowest offer received, and the samples of bread produced from his sample of flour being satisfactory to the Board.

Penitentiary. By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That from and after the 10th day of August next, the services of John Fitch, as Warden of the Penitentiary, be no longer required by this Department. July 25, 1873. Adopted.

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Liscomb be and he is hereby appointed Warden of the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, to assume duty on the 10th day of August next.

July 25, 1873. Adopted. Lunatic Asylum, B. I. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Anthony Allaire be appointed as Warden of Lunatic Asylum at Blackwell's Island, in place of James Beach removed, to take effect August 10, 1873.

July 25, 1873. Adopted. Visitor, Out-Door Poor. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That George F. Bord be appointed Visitor to Out-Door Poor in place of Henry G. Hunt, retired.

July 25, 1873. Adopted. City Prison. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Peter Collins be appointed Keeper at City Prison, in place of Daniel Friel, retired.

July 25, 1873. Adopted. Night Watchman, 26th Street Dock. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That John Murphy be appointed Night Watchman at the 26th Street Dock in place of Thomas Reilly, to take effect on the 28th instant.

July 25, 1873. Adopted. Classification of the Poor and Distressed, and Proposed Remedy for Greater and More Prompt Relief. To the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction:

GENTLEMEN.—It is beyond a doubt the highest aim of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction not only to furnish relief to all persons requiring the aid of the community, but to provide it in the most efficient and expeditious manner—having, necessarily, proper regard to the character of those who are compelled to solicit the help of the charitable and compassionate. To do this, all the resources from which relief is drawn must be made available. Charities and Institutions established and supported by Municipal and private munificence must work in harmony, thus only can we hope to arrive nearer the object we have in view—namely: to diminish Pauperism, find asylums for the sick, maimed and aged, homes for the feeble and helpless, and to make our public charities not only dispensing agencies of public funds, but institutions contributing to the diffusion of civilization—ministering angels of Grace and Love.

Those requiring assistance may be said to form two distinctive classes. One class is composed of the confirmed pauper, born and bred in poverty, habituated to want and deprivation; the state of dependence is his natural element, and no spark is left upon which to fasten the slightest hope of ever lifting him up to manhood and self-respect. Very little in the way of improvement can be done to ameliorate his condition. Whenever and wherever we meet him all that can be done is to furnish him the means of existence, and prevent him from doing harm to society, and in case of sickness or debility assign him to one of our institutions. Our main object with that class is to take measures against their becoming criminals. Able-bodied paupers should, however, be employed while in charge of the public authorities, in some useful occupation which might in a measure compensate for the expenditures incurred in their behalf, and perhaps teach them, in some cases at least, to rely on their own efforts for support.

The other class of applicants form the largest portion. It is they who appeal most to our sympathy. The efforts we make in their behalf are well expended, and are not infrequently rewarded by the redemption of human souls, that would otherwise have been irretrievably lost in the mire of despair and demoralization. It is those who have been brought into the condition of helplessness by misfortune and adverse circumstances. Public and private Institutions are established to meet their wants, and extend to

them that help and assistance which they in justice claim as the wards of Humanity. They consist of families whose natural supporter has been disabled by disease or accident; of women, deserted by those to whom they surrendered their all in return for a promise of love, shelter and protection; of women deprived by death of their husband, father or other protector; of those who are the victims of disease or accident; or those, like waifs, that are either the offspring of vice and poverty, and have never known the sweets of parental affection, or such as are assigned, as it were, by Providence to the guardianship of the generous, the benevolent, and the merciful. In short, the entire class of human beings who, by the inscrutable dispensation of Providence, are placed in a condition of helplessness and dependence, out of which we have made it our duty to rescue them and restore them, as far as practicable, to their former position of usefulness and independence. Now, in order to enhance the usefulness and efficiency of the Institutions established for this purpose, they ought all to be brought within the knowledge of everybody, and to act in accord, without prejudice to their individual characteristics and administration, thus aiding each other in the discharge of those noble duties which all of them have voluntarily assumed. Our Board of Commissioners, especially, should have thorough information of each and every charitable institution and organization in the city, the peculiar cases of distress of which it takes charge, the condition under which those who seek its benefits can be admitted, so that our agents can direct those in search of, or in need of, such an institution to the proper place, with the least possible delay, instead of universally directing them, and in many instances dragging them from all portions of this great city to the Out-Door Poor Department, at this office, no matter how remote the unfortunate person is from this location, nor what their condition is, nor how much additional suffering is caused before proper relief can be had.

Every police officer could, and should be made such an agent, but in order to enable him to act intelligently in cases that come under his cognizance, he should be provided with a book containing the requisite information; and in order to carry out the afore-mentioned ideas, the following resolutions are respectfully offered for adoption to this Board.

Resolved, That the honorable the Police Commissioners be and are hereby respectfully requested to instruct the Superintendent to ascertain through the Captains the name and location of every charitable and benevolent institution or organization within his precinct, the name of the officer in charge, the place where application for admission is to be made, and the regulations by which they are governed, and report the same to the Commissioners of Police, and by that august body to be transmitted to this Board.

Resolved, That whenever this Board receives the information asked for in the foregoing resolution, that number of copies be printed and books be provided for them by this department.

All of which is respectfully submitted, MYER STERN. On motion communication received and resolutions adopted.

District Physician. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Dr. Stephen Kelly be appointed District Physician for 19th Ward, in place of Dr. Sydney H. Chapin.

July 28, 1873. Adopted. Free Labor Bureau. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Jacob H. Theobald be appointed clerk in the Free Labor Bureau, from and after 28th July, 1873.

July 28, 1873. Adopted. Penitentiary. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Albert C. Price, Jr., be appointed Keeper at the Penitentiary, on Blackwell's Island.

July 28, 1873. Adopted. Reception Hospital, Park. By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That William B. Clark and Frances Ann Clark be appointed Steward and Stewardess of the Park Hospital, to go on duty August 1, 1873, at 7 o'clock, a.m.

July 29, 1873. Adopted. Penitentiary. Resolved, That Abraham Newfield be and is hereby appointed a guard in the Penitentiary, in place of Philip Lowenthal, this day discharged.

July 29, 1873. Adopted. Report on the Free Labor Bureau. And proposed improvements for the same. July 30, 1873. To the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction: Gentlemen—The Free Labor and Intelligence Bureau, forming one of the Departments of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, does not seem to have received that attention which its importance, as the best and most equitable medium of exchange between the labor seeking and labor-requiring classes would demand.

The almost incidental manner in which the Bureau was instituted by the mere insertion of clause in the tax-levy of 1869, appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars, by the Department of Public Charities and Correction, for the purpose of opening and advertising, under the control of its officers, a free Intelligence Office for the poor and stranger, seeking employment and information, would suggest that it was rather an experiment attempted by the Legislature to remove the evils and abuses that had their origin in the numerous intelligence offices,

with which the city was dotted over at that time. Many of these offices were sinks of vice and iniquity, wherein the unwary emigrant and the stranger, that came from the country in search of honest labor, were inveigled, robbed of the little they had, and then sent adrift. These places were not unfrequently the pitfalls wherein innocent and virtuous girls were enticed to be transferred to houses of shame and lust.

Of the thousands that come here looking for employment, a large portion fell into the hands of these sharpers who drove a lucrative trade at the cost of those that are most entitled to our protection, because friendless and helpless.

The Free Labor and Intelligence Bureau, under the control of the public authorities was to remedy all this; the interest of the labor seeking classes were to be guarded; those protected who were earnestly in search of honest employment; a public office was to be established that would furnish the required accommodation between employer and employe. The amount appropriated for the purpose was but \$10,000, the expenses, however, gradually reached the sum of \$21,333.66. This had mattered but little if the object sought for had been really obtained; if the benefits that were expected from the Bureau were realized; if the institution had become in reality a medium of exchange between the honest, well meaning and well behaved servant, and the classes in need of help.

With regret must it be stated that these just expectations were not fulfilled. A careful investigation reveals the fact, that with the present system prevailing, with the loose control had over those that seek the benefits of the Bureau, it has rather become the resort of that class of nomadic servants that wander from place to place, from mistress to mistress, with no serious intention to remain longer in one place than what it may suit their temporary whim and purpose; no encouragement is offered to the steady, sober toilers who honestly desire employment; rather an inducement is given to those erratic characters that have become the terror of housewives, and the torment of households. It is a common complaint of late years, that servants have become the masters; it is they who dictate terms and impose conditions. The Free Labor Bureau has indeed contributed no little to induce this condition of things.

(To be Continued.)

MAYOR'S MARSHAL.

Licenses granted and amount received for licenses and fines by Marshal D. S. Hart, for week ending Aug. 23, 1873: Licenses granted..... 122 Amount received..... \$332 00

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN 1873-

- 1. Samuel B. H. Vance, Esq., corner of 24th street and 206 West 23d street. 2. Oliver P. C. Billings, street; residence, 206 West 23d street. 3. Jenkins Yan, street; residence, 206 West 23d street. 4. Stephen V. way; residence, 206 West 23d street. 5. John F. residence, 206 West 23d street. 6. George residence, 206 West 23d street. 7. P. residence, 206 West 23d street. 8. residence, 206 West 23d street. 9. residence, 206 West 23d street. 10. Henry residence, 206 West 23d street. 11. Patrick Lysaght, residence, 27 City street. 12. Richard Flanagan, street; residence, 206 West 23d street. 13. John Reilly, place residence, 314 East street. 14. John J. Morris, Place; residence, 206 West 23d street. 15. Joseph A. 31st street. Jos.

