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SPECIAL NOTICE.

In consequence of a typographical error in the printing office of the CITY RECORD, the date on the first page of yesterday's issue was printed August 26th, instead of August 28th.

In compliance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation that portion of the issue in which the mistake occurred was reprinted. The Departments of the City Government may obtain corrected copies on application at the office of the CITY RECORD.

ABM. DISBECKER,
Supervisor City Record.

THE CITY RECORD.

The Board of CITY RECORD, &c., met in the Mayors office, Thursday, August 28th, 1873. Present, the Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works and Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Smith, and by a concurrent vote of the Board, it was resolved,

That the resolution passed by this Board July 24th, 1873, to wit: "By a concurrent vote of the Mayor, Commissioner of Public Works and Counsel to the Corporation, it was resolved, that, deeming it for the best interests of the city, we hereby consent that the Comptroller, Counsel to the Corporation and Commissioner of Public Works, procure such printing and stationery as may in the judgment of said three officers respectively be necessary in the proper conduct of the business of the Finance, Law and Public Works Department respectively, each acting in this respect for his own Department, and that printing and stationery for all other Departments be furnished as ordered by this Board by and through the Commissioner of Public Works. This order to be in force until the further action of the Board," be and the same is hereby rescinded: and the resolution passed by this Board, July 14th, 1873, to wit:

"Resolved, By a concurrent vote of the Board, that pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 19, of Chap. 757, Laws of 1873, the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed until the further orders of this Board, to procure such printing and stationery as may be required by the several departments, upon their requisition, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as he may deem for the best interests of the city, to be paid for out of the appropriation made for such printing and stationery upon the certificate and requisition of the Commissioner of Public Works," be and stand in full force, provided that all bills for stationery or printing contracted for or ordered by the Comptroller, Commissioner of Public Works and Counsel to the Corporation, may be properly certified by them respectively, and transmitted to the Commissioner of Public Works, and shall be paid by the Comptroller, on the requisition of the Commissioner of Public Works, out of the appropriation for stationery and printing, and that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Comptroller, Commissioner of Public Works, and Counsel to the Corporation.

Bills of F. B. Fisher, amounting to \$2,431.29, for printing for the Board of Aldermen, and M. B. Brown, amounting to \$1,736.40, for printing for the Board of Assistant Aldermen, were, on motion of Mr. Van Nort, approved, and ordered sent to the Comptroller for audit and payment, after the same shall have been properly certified by the clerks of the said Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen respectively.

On motion of Mr. Smith, and by a concurrent vote of the Board, it was resolved that the clerks of the respective Boards of Aldermen and

Assistant Aldermen, be authorized to print the minutes and documents thereof, at the rates heretofore recognized by the Comptroller, without formal contract.

A communication from P. W. Rhodes was read and referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

D. S. WENDELL,
Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The following opinions constitute a portion of the proceedings of the Law Department for the week ending August 30th, 1873:

THE COMPTROLLER ADVISED NOT TO COMPROMISE WITH THE PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEY—A JUDGMENT AGAINST THE CITY, WHERE THE PARTIES THEMSELVES HAVE GIVEN WRITTEN NOTICE FORBIDDING PAYMENT TO THE ATTORNEY.

August 27, 1873.

Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York:

SIR—I have received your letter of the 27th instant, requesting my opinion as to the propriety of accepting from the plaintiffs' attorney of record, an offer to compromise and settle for less than the amount a claim in judgment against the city, at the suit of John and Patrick Cunningham.

It appears that when the demand was originally left with the attorney, the claimants gave him an irrevocable power of attorney, to collect, settle or compromise the claim, retain from the sum recovered his own costs and fees, and pay the balance to them.

The claimants, however, have recently served you with a written notice, forbidding the payment of the claim to any person except themselves personally.

In my opinion, this notice is sufficient to put you upon inquiry as to any equitable grounds which the claimants may possibly be entitled to urge against the receipt of the money by their attorney.

I must, therefore, advise you not to settle the claim by paying less than the amount of the judgment, unless, first, the claimants unite with their attorney in the compromise; or, secondly, unless the judgment be actually satisfied of record; or, thirdly, unless a bond of indemnity, to be approved by me, be given to both the city and yourself.

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

POWER OF THE COMPTROLLER TO BORROW MONEY AND ISSUE REVENUE BONDS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF THE ANNUAL TAXES, WITHOUT NECESSITY OF OBTAINING AUTHORITY FROM THE BOARD OF APPOINTMENT.

August 27th, 1873.

Hon. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York.

SIR—Your letter of the 25th instant is this day received, asking my opinion as to the authority of the Comptroller to issue revenue bonds of the Corporation, for moneys borrowed in anticipation of its revenues.

The annual taxes levied for the support of the city and county governments, are not collected until the year is nearly closed, and from necessity, for many years their receipt has been anticipated, under authority of law, by money borrowed upon the credit of the city.

The course of legislation has been to empower the Comptroller to exercise his judgment as to the amounts from time to time required, his office being the financial centre where the exigencies of the public service become known.

The fifth section of the act of 1870, chapter 383, following legislative precedents, provides that, "The Comptroller of the City of New York is authorized to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the Corporation, in anticipation of its revenues, and not to exceed in amount the amount of such revenues, such sums as may be necessary to meet expenditures under the appropriations for each current year."

Laws of 1870, page 891.

In the precise words above cited, this provision of law was re-enacted by the late Legislature, in what is known as the Charter.

Laws of 1873, Section 105, Chapter 335, page 513.

In the year 1871, the Legislature placed a general restriction upon the power to issue bonds or stocks, and required that in general they must have been authorized by the Board of Apportionment. But from this provision, revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, are, by the act itself, expressly excepted. With regard to the latter, the Comptroller is left by that statute to exercise his own discretion as guided by facts and exigencies peculiarly within his official knowledge.

Laws of 1871, Chapter 583, Section 4, page 1270.

The one hundred and twelfth section of the act known as the amended charter, creates and continues a Board of Estimate and Apportionment. In granting and perpetuating the powers of such Board, the section referred to provides, among other things, that it "may, from time to time, by the affirmative vote of three members, authorize the issue of the whole or any portion of any stock or bonds which are now by law authorized to be issued, upon compliance with the provisions of law authorizing them."

Laws of 1873, chapter 335, section 112, page 518.

The question is, whether this affirmative grant of power to the Board of Apportionment contained in section 112, to authorize the issue of stocks or bonds as provided by law, repeals or modifies the express duty and authority given to the Comptroller in section 105 of the same act, to pledge the credit of the corporation for money borrowed to meet expenditures in anticipation of the taxes and other revenues to be realized by the city and county.

In my judgment, no such repeal or modification was either effected or intended by the Legislature. The words cited from the 112th section contain simply an affirmative grant of power to the Board, but do not expressly nor by implication impair the obligation and authority of the Comptroller to act upon his own official responsibility, without action on the part of the Board with regard to the necessity of anticipating the uncollected revenues of the corporation. The issue of what are known as revenue bonds is a temporary but necessary expedient, wisely and conveniently confided to the judgment and discretion of the Comptroller. It is not to be supposed, as a legal proposition, that a power so expressly and repeatedly granted and perpetuated, would be repealed or modified, except by a plain expression of the legislative will.

I am, sir,
Very respectfully yours,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

EFFECT OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN CITY RECORD.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
New York, August 28th, 1873.

Abm. Disbecker, Esq., Supervisor of the City Record.

SIR—I have received your letter of the 28th instant, directing my special attention to what I had already observed, that by some inadvertence in the printing office of the CITY RECORD, the date of this morning's issue appears as August 26th, when it should be August 28th. You ask my opinion whether the error in question would affect any of the legal matter contained in the issue.

Although the correct date appears in some parts of the paper, I think the error one calculated to produce embarrassment, uncertainty, and perhaps litigation; and I am therefore of the opinion that a correct edition of this issue of the paper should be published.

It is of the utmost importance that the CITY RECORD should be printed correctly in all respects, and particularly that no mistakes should be made in either the date or the folio numbering.

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

CONTRACTOR'S REFUSAL TO PERFORM.—DUTY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

August 26th, 1873.

Hon. George M. Van Nort, Commissioner of Public Works:

SIR—Your letter of May 3d, 1873, in relation to the contract of William H. Williams and John Garvey, has been accidentally mislaid, or it would have been answered before.

The refusal of the contractors named to proceed with the work is an abandonment thereof by said contractors.

Upon such abandonment it is your duty to re-advertise and relet the work, as provided in Section 91 of the Charter of 1873.

Under the terms of the agreement, the sureties of the parties named will become liable to the City for any excess of cost of the work over and above the amount which the same would have cost at the rates fixed in the original contract.

I am, yours respectfully,

E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTICES TO CONTRACTORS AND SURETY.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
Commissioners Office, Room 19, City Hall,
New York, August 27th, 1873.

Messrs. Wm. H. Williams and John Garvey,
Contractors:

GENTLEMEN—Take notice, that I, George M. Van Nort, the Commissioner of Public Works, am of the opinion, and I do hereby certify the same in writing, that the work contracted to be done by you for paving with Belgian pavement, 57th street, from 2d avenue to Lexington avenue, under a contract made and entered into between yourselves and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, on the 9th day of September, 1872, and said paving of 57th street is unnecessarily delayed, and that you are wilfully violating the conditions and covenants of said contract; and that the work is not being done, and is not progressing according to the terms of said contract, and that the work contemplated by said contract has not been fully completed in the time named in said contract for its completion; and I hereby notify and require you to commence the work contracted to be done by you under the contract aforesaid on or before the first day of September, 1873, and hereby notify and require you, on and after the fifth day of September, 1873, to discontinue all work under said contract, and the whole thereof, and from and after the day last aforesaid, to remove all persons employed by you from said work, and that I, as Commissioner aforesaid, will thereafter complete said work in the manner provided in Section 91 of the Charter of 1873, at your expense, and in case such expense shall exceed the sum payable to you under said contract, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty will hold you responsible for such excess.

Dated New York, 27th day of August, 1873.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Commissioner of Public Works.

To WM. H. WILLIAMS & JOHN GARVEY,
Contractors for paving 57th street, between 2d and Lexington avenues.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, August 27, 1873.

J. W. McIntyre, Esq., Surety for Messrs. W. H. Williams and J. Garvey, Contractors for paving 57th street, between 2d and Lexington avenues.

SIR—Take notice, that I, George M. Van Nort, the Commissioner of Public Works, am of the opinion, and I do hereby certify the same in writing, that the work contracted to be done by Messrs. Wm. H. Williams and J. Garvey, for paving with Belgian blocks, 57th street, from 2d to Lexington avenue, under a contract made and entered into between said Williams & Garvey, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, on the 9th day of September, 1872, and said paving of 57th street, is unnecessarily delayed, and that the contractors are wilfully violating the conditions and covenants of said contract, and that the work is not being done, and is not progressing according to the terms of said contract, and that the work contemplated by said contract,

has not been fully completed in the time named in said contract for its completion, and I have this day notified and required them to commence the work contracted to be done by them (the said William and Garvey), under the aforesaid contract, on or before the first day of September 1873, and also on and after the fifth day of September 1873, to discontinue all work under said contract and the whole thereof, and from and after the day last aforesaid to remove all persons employed by them from said work, and that I, as Commissioner aforesaid will thereafter complete said work in the manner provided in section 91, of the charter of 1873, at their expense, and in case such expense shall exceed the sum payable to them under said contract, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty will hold them responsible for such excess and you as surety.

Respectfully,
[Signed] GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Commissioner of Public Works,

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending August 16, 1873:

Amount paid into City treasury \$613,347 47
of warrants registered for payment .. 412,856 13
bonds and stock issued 468,000 00

The Comptroller attended opening of bids and proposals, as follows, viz.:

August 12, Department of Public Parks.—For completion of bases and lamp posts connected with flag staff decorations on Union Square, and for completion of fountain in City Hall Park.

August 12, Department of Public Works.—For street improvements in forty-six specifications for sewers, drains, paving, regulating and grading.

August 15, Department of Docks.—For furnishing granite stones to build sixteen arches of new pier No. 1 N. R.

The following contracts were received to be registered and filed—Department of Public Parks—with D. C. Weeks & Son, for mason work on Museum of Natural History, \$127,894.

The following proposals were received for the Comptroller's approval of sureties—from:

August 11, Department of Public Parks, with as follows:

Bigelow Blue Stone Co., for base course stone. Wm. H. Crommelin, for dressed ashler and coping for enclosing wall of Central Park.

August 14—Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., for enclosing wall of Central Park.

Geo. Fischer & Bro., for bronze work for fountain in City Hall Park.

Wm. L. Miller & Co., for bases and lamp posts connected with flag staff decorations in Union Square.

The following assessments lists, received from Board of Assessors for examination and certification of the Comptroller:

89th street, outlet sewer with branches.

13th street, flagging, N. S., from No. 515 to avenue A.

August 12. Received from Board of Assessors for the action of the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, twenty-four assessment lists for paving, sewers, basins, regulating and grading, flagging, fencing and drains.

The Comptroller approved the sureties to the following contracts, viz.:

Of Wilson & Hughes, Stone Co., Cleveland, Ohio, for 4,900 lineal feet of the enclosing wall of Central Park.

Received from Eighth Avenue Railroad Co. statement of receipts for June and July, 1873.

The following changes were made in this Department:

Andrew Lestrangle, cartman in markets, removed.

Hugh McCann, cartman in markets, appointed.

Peter Reynolds, sweeper in markets, removed.

Robert Grace, sweeper in markets, appointed.

Timothy Brennan, General Inspector, Comptroller's office, removed.

Lease for premises No. 52 and 54 Chatham st., delivered to the executors of R. V. Mooney, deceased.

The following market permits were granted, and changes made:

Stand 11½ Washington Market, transferred from Martin M. Blatt to William S. Brown.

Stand Nos. 45, 47 and 49, Fulton Market, permit to Joseph P. Disbrow.

Stand Nos. 8, 10 and 10½ Catharine Market, to Daniel Winant and Edward Kearney.

Stand No. 271 W. Washington Market, transferred to Christopher R. Miller and Henry Rugen.

Stand No. 272 W. Washington Market, transferred to Claus Rugen.

Stand Nos. 59 and 61 Catharine Market, transferred to Denis and Michael Connor.

Stand No. 214 W. Washington Market, transferred to John Schmultz.

Stand No. 368 Washington Market, permit to Elizabeth Guilfoyle.

The following contracts were received to be registered and filed:

From Department of Public Parks—D. C. Weeks & Son, for completion of mason work on Museum of Natural History.

From Board of Education—J. Effingham & Co., furniture for new Normal College Building; David Christie, mason work and materials for new school house in Lexington av.

Gillis & Geoghan steam heating apparatus for new Grammar school No. 59.

Gillis & Geoghan, steam heating apparatus, Primary School No. 1.

John H. Lyon, supplies of coal for schools.

J. T. Barnard & Sons, wood for schools.

From Department of Public Works—John McCauley, sewer, 7th av., 121st to 127th sts.

From Department of Public Works—Leonard W. Johnson, sewer in 6th av. from 116th to 125th sts., with branches.

From Department of Public Works—Thomas C. Crimmins, sewers, 6th, 7th and St. Nicholas avs. with branches.

From Department of Public Works—John McCauley, sewer in 6th avenue from 125th to 129th sts.

From Department of Public Works—James Everard, sewer, 6th avenue and 129th to 147th sts.

The following claims, demands, orders, motions, attachments, mandamus, &c., &c., were served or received:

John McGowan—Demand on Board of Estimate and Apportionment for salary as Messenger, Board of Supervisor's, \$1,250 (Oct. to Dec. 31st, 1871 and June to Nov. 31st, 1872).

N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co.—Notice of motion of attachment for not vacating assessment.

Francis H. Palmer vs. Andrew H. Green, Comptroller.—Alternative mandamus directing payment for salary as County Treasurer to May 7, 1873, of \$2,177 42.

The People ex rel. Timothy G. Sullivan.—Alternative mandamus to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, directing allowance for services in 1871, \$250.

The People ex rel. James E. King.—Alternative mandamus to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, directing allowance for services in 1871, \$250.

The People ex rel. Edward Hagan.—Alternative mandamus to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, directing allowance for services in 1871, \$250.

The People ex rel. Henry C. Vandewater, Assignee of Louis Basal, versus Andrew H. Green, Comptroller.—Alternative mandamus for services in 1871, \$600.

Orders to vacate assessments received as follows:

J. N. Paulding and nineteen others for street paving, &c.

Morgan Jones, summons and complaint for rent of 2d and 3d stories, Nos. 106 to 110 Centre street, from Aug. 1, 1871, to May 1, 1873, \$13,125.

Martin B. Brown, order to show cause, claim for printing, law and blank books and stationery, in 1872 and 1873, \$6,927 02.

John Chester and others, motion of attachment in re-vacating assessments.

N. Currier and others, orders vacating assessments.

Wm. T. McGrath, assignee of Ingersoll, Martin & Co., demand for repairing furniture in 1871 and 1872, \$322 50.

Chas. H. Haswell, claim for preliminary surveys in 1871 and 1872, \$203 20.

N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co. and others, directions to vacate assessments on petition.

R. W. Adams vs. C. G. Waterbury, order modifying injunction.

Catherine L. Hunter and others, orders to show cause for vacating assessments.

Joseph Kenworthy and Eliza La Forge vs. Geo. H. Remson, Sheriff's notice of attachment of all moneys due Remson.

Ellen Brown and others, order to vacate assessments.

Jacob Bookway, order to vacate assessments.

Demand of Chas. H. Bannigan, assignee of Wm. Kelly and D. McElhinny and of three other claimants, served.

Sixty-five official letters and communications were transmitted.

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

REPORT
OF THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE
THREE MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 1873.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, Office Board of Commissioners, 127 & 129 Mercer Street, New York, August 25th, 1873.

Hon. William F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City of New York:

SIR—In conformity with your instructions, under date of the 16th ult., the undersigned commissioners have the honor to submit the following report "of the operations and actions" of this Department for the three months ending July 31st, 1873:

The Board organized and assumed control of the Department on the 19th of May, 1873, Commissioner Joseph L. Perley being elected President, Commissioner Roswell D. Hatch, Treasurer, and William B. White being appointed Secretary. At a subsequent meeting the resignation of Commissioner Hatch as Treasurer having been accepted, Commissioner Cornelius Van Cott was elected to that position.

For details of changes in the personnel of the Department, etc., we beg to refer to the proceedings of this Board as published from time to time in the CITY RECORD.

The statement of the expenses of the Department and the several reports of the Treasurer give a correct exhibit of the financial condition of the Department, and are attached hereto.

The operations of the various bureaus and Superintendents of the Departments are given at length in the reports of the Chief of Department, the Fire Marshal, the Inspector of Combustibles, the officer in charge of the Repair Shops, and the Superintendent of Telegraph, which are all hereto attached.

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

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENTS,
NEW YORK, August 1st, 1873.

Hon. Board of Commissioners.

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully submit herewith, the report of operations of this Department for the quarter ending July 31st, 1873.

The accompanying table shows that the total number of fires were (387) three hundred and eighty-seven, and the estimated loss (\$533,078) five hundred and thirty-three thousand and seventy-eight dollars, which compared with the previous quarter, shows an increase of (32) thirty-two fires, and a decrease in the loss of (\$324,847) three hundred and twenty-four thousand, eight hundred and forty-seven dollars.

Very respectfully,
ELI BATES,
Chief of Departments.

Table with multiple columns: Estimated Loss, Extinguished without sending out an Alarm, Extinguished with Fire Extinguishers, Total, Alarms, How Discovered, Buildings, etc. Includes sub-tables for 'ESTIMATED LOSS' and 'BUILDINGS'.

Hon. Board of Fire Commissioners:
GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your request, I herewith submit a report of the trans-

actions of the Fire Marshal's bureau, from the day on which it became a branch of your Department (May 31st), to August 1st, 1873.

346 fires have occurred during that period, involving an estimated loss of \$443,338. Amount of insurance, \$870,450.

371 fires occurred during the same period in 1872. Estimated loss, \$571,848. Amount of insurance, \$2,218,750.

Average loss per fire, May 21st to August 1st, 1872 \$1,544 28

Average loss per fire, May 21st to August 1st, 1873 \$1,281 32

I have succeeded in procuring four indictments for arson, since my accession to office, three of which are for arson in the first degree, and one for arson in the second degree. Two of the parties are under arrest, one is admitted to bail, and one cannot be found.

The causes of the several fires were as follows:

Table titled 'CAUSES OF FIRES FROM MAY 21ST TO MAY 31ST, 1873.' Lists causes like Foul chimney, Accidental (s. p.) cause unknown, Spontaneous combustion, etc., with corresponding counts.

Total 149

CAUSES OF FIRES FROM JULY 1ST TO JULY 31ST, 1873.

Table titled 'CAUSES OF FIRES FROM JULY 1ST TO JULY 31ST, 1873.' Lists causes like Explosion of kerosene lamp, Foul chimney, Overheated stove, etc., with corresponding counts.

Respectfully, &c.,
GEO. H. SHELDON,
Fire Marshal.

NEW YORK, August 3, 1873.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
127 AND 129 MERCER STREET,
Office of Supt. of Fire Alarm Telegraph,
NEW YORK, August 6th, 1873.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to transmit the following report of operations of this branch of the Department for the first quarter, dating from May 1st to July 31st, 1873.

The ringing of the Tower bells for fires was discontinued on June 1st, and the services of the bell ringers dispensed with on the towers located south of 33d street. Their duties being transferred to and performed by the uniformed force.

The Telegraph repair force consisting of nine Linemen at the commencement of the quarter was reduced on May 25th, and now consists of six experienced men.

The condition of the Telegraph was such at the close of the past winter as to excite well grounded fears for its reliable working even during the summer and fall months. After a careful survey of its condition the following report and recommendations were forwarded.

NEW YORK, July 7th, 1873.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith present a statement of the condition of the Telegraph of this Department, accompanied by such recommendations for its improvement as I deem absolutely necessary to maintain it in a reliable condition.

The wires south of Fourteenth street were built in 1869 and 1870; those above a year later. They have had no general repairs since their completion. Well constructed lines should remain in fair condition at least five or six years without extensive repairing, but unfortunately the air lines of this Department now require extensive repairs to place them in a safe and reliable shape. Their present condition is traceable to several causes. In their construction an expensive "patent" wire was used, composed of steel and copper, a copper strip wound spirally upon a steel core.

This wire has proved a complete failure. In joining it the copper covering splits and exposes the steel to water and dampness, producing a galvanic action between the two metals that rapidly eats and breaks the wire. The immense number of joints in the wires, which may be

Estimated Loss, \$533,078. Insurance, \$1,861,925.

safely estimated at from 20,000 to 25,000, tends to seriously weaken them.

With 625 miles of wire, but 2,600 poles were used, at least one-half less than were required in a properly constructed telegraph.

Out of some 60 poles blown down in January last, "during the storm," some 40 were decayed to such an extent as to be unfit for further use.

Respectfully submitted, C. K. SMITH, Supt. Telegraph.

Active preparations were at once commenced and the work is now fairly progressing. The lines were also rebuilt on 4th avenue, from 42d street to 50th street, to avoid interruptions caused by the 4th avenue improvement.

Our records show that the interruptions to the fire wires from this source, (that is) coming in contact with other lines are rapidly increasing and points to a day fast approaching when a radical change in the entire system will be necessary.

The following is a summary of alarms, special signals, messages transmitted, &c., &c. for the three months ending at 12 A. M., July 31st, 1873.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Count. Includes 'First Alarms', 'Still Alarms', 'Total Alarms', 'Messages transmitted', etc.

Respectfully submitted, C. KINNEY SMITH, Supt. of Telegraph.

NEW YORK, August 1st, 1873.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York:

I respectfully present a statement of the work done under my superintendence and the operation of the Combustible Bureau for the quarter ending July 31st, 1873.

WILLIAM TERHUNE, Inspector of Combustibles.

Engine 1—(Plumbing) repairs to floor and sink. (Gas fitting) repairs to gas fixtures. Engine 5—(Carpenter) general repairs to stables, floor and stalls. (Gas fitting) gas pipes repaired.

Engine 19—(Carpenter) alterations to bath tub and wash basin. (Plumbing) laid new main and repaired urinal and wash basin.

Engine 20—(Mason) ceiling and walls repaired. (Carpenter) general repairs to quarters and stables. (Painting) 3d floor side walls painted, ceiling kalsomined, and all wood work painted, grained and varnished. (Caulking) engine floor caulked.

Engine 21—(Plumbing) water pipes repaired. Engine 22—(Tinning) roof repaired. (Caulking) stable floor caulked.

Engine 23—(Plumbing) repairs to pipes and water closet. Engine 24—(Plumbing) wash basins repaired.

Engine 25—(Carpenter) repairs to front doors, stables and windows. (Gas fitting) gas fixtures repaired and cleaned. (Tinning) roof repaired and painted. (Plumbing) pipes repaired.

Engine 27—(Gas fitting) cleaning and repairing fixtures. Engine 28—(Carpenter) general repairs to stables and alterations in bunk room. (Plumbing) altering drain

pipes and repairs to basins. (Gas) altering gas pipes and one new fixture. (Caulking) engine floor caulked.

Engine 30—(Tinning) roof repaired and put up new leader on Spring street tower. (Painting) roof painted two coats. (Gas) gas pipes repaired.

Engine 31—(Carpenter) new floor laid in engine room. (Plumbing) repairs to croton pipes. (Gas) gas pipes repaired. (Caulking) engine floor caulked.

Engine 32—(Carpenter) new floor in stables. (Caulking) engine floor caulked. Engine 33—(Plumbing) repairs to pipes and wash basin. (Gas) repaired gas fixtures and put up one new drop light.

Engine 34—(Tinner) put up new heater. Engine 35—(Carpenter) one new sash and frame. (Tinner) roof repaired. (Caulking) engine room floor caulked. (Glazing) put in 8 lights of glass.

Engine 37—(Plumbing) wash basins repaired. Hook and Ladder Co. 1—(Carpenters) all wood work repaired. (Painters) side walls painted, windows, doors and all wood work painted, grained and varnished, all 2 coats; all ceilings kalsomined. (Plumbing) repairs to water closet and sewer cleaned. (Gas) repairs to gas pipes. (Caulking) truck room and stables caulk-d.

Hook and Ladder Co. 3—(Carpenter) alterations to setting room and repairs to window blinds. (Painting) roof painted 2 coats and 8 lights of glass for windows. (Gas) repairs to gas fixtures and pipes.

Hook and Ladder Co. 4—(Carpenter) general repairs to all doors and windows. (Plumbing) laid new main and repairs to urinal and basins.

Hook and Ladder Co. 5—(Tinning) repaired roof and put up new leader. (Painting) roof painted 2 coats.

Hook and Ladder Co. 6—(Carpenter) repairs to stables and truck house floor, and new bridge plank. (Glazing) 15 lights of glass for windows.

Hook and Ladder Co. 8—(Plumbing) wash basins repaired. Hook and Ladder Co. 12—(Carpenter) new bridge plank. (Plumbing) repairs to water pipes.

Hook and Ladder Co. 13—(Plumbing) cleaned out waste pipe from bath tub. (Tinning) repaired roof and covered shed.

Combustible Bureau—(Mason) removed 20 loads of dirt from cellar. (Plumbing) water closet cleaned. Paint shop, Eldridge street—(Painting) roof painted.

Fire Marshal's Office—(Carpenter) fitting up closets and wardrobe. Fuel Depot, 122d street—(Tinner) roof repaired. (Mason) shoring up foundation wall.

Union Market Tower—(Plumbing) repaired croton pipes and force pump. (Gas) gas pipes and fixtures repaired.

Repair Yard—(Carpenter) new floor in stove room and new shelving. (Plumbing) repairing croton pipes. (Glazing) 8 lights of glass. (Mason) built furnace and repaired forges.

Fireman's Hall—(Carpenter) repairing floors and windows and removing desks. (Painting) room on 2d floor, side walls painted, wood work painted, grained and varnished, all 2 coats; ceiling kalsomined. (Plumbing) repaired force pump. (Gas) gas fixtures cleaned and repaired.

Chief Stables—(Carpenter) repairs to stables. Fuel depot, West 47th street—(Mason) shoring up and taking down the stone work and one story of brick work of easterly walls of engine house; also the extension in the rear, and built it up again according to law ten feet below the curb.

The business of the Bureau of Combustibles has been as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'Number of oil licenses issued', 'Number of firework permits', 'For oil licenses', etc.

Total... \$21,759 50

The number of complaints for violation of law relating to storage of combustibles, was 1,059

Of which there were removed: On notice 1,008; No violation 46; Still pending 5

Fire Department of the City of New York, OFFICE OF REPAIR SHOPS, No. 21 Elizabeth Street, NEW YORK, July 31st, 1873.

Hon. Board of Commissioners Fire Department of the City of New York.

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully submit the following report of the operations of the branch of the Department under my charge, for the three months, ending with this date.

The amount of new work done is as follows: 4 wheels for steamers. 2 wheels for tenders. 6 poles for apparatus. 50 fire hooks. 2 sets double harness. 1 set single harness. 5 bridles. 5 hal'ers. 1 set double reins. 21 halter shanks. 9 horse boots. 3 cushions. 12 chisels. 6 slicing bars. 95 hame straps. 3 butt straps. 5 suction straps. 74 lamp straps. 4 pole straps. 32 assorted straps. 2 collars. 24 trace bearers. 54 rosettes. 100 hydrant wrenches.

There is now in course of construction at these repair shops:

One two wheel tender with side seats, to be assigned to Engine Co. No. 1, and one two wheel tender, without side seats, to be assigned to repair shops, as a reserve tender and to be put into service as a substitute for those requiring repairs.

There has been issued from these repair shops, 450 feet of patent combination hose, being 9 lengths of 50 feet each, one length of suction and one heater.

Three new Steam Fire Engines, crane neck, 2d size, built by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. of Manchester, N. H., completely equipped, and ready for service, to Engine Cos. No. 1, 9 and 12, respectively.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. BROWN, Chief of Repair Shops.

NEW YORK, August 1st, 1873.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York:

I respectfully present a statement of the work done under my superintendence and the operation of the Combustible Bureau for the quarter ending July 31st, 1873.

WILLIAM TERHUNE, Inspector of Combustibles.

Engine 1—(Plumbing) repairs to floor and sink. (Gas fitting) repairs to gas fixtures. Engine 5—(Carpenter) general repairs to stables, floor and stalls. (Gas fitting) gas pipes repaired.

Engine 6—(Tinning) roof repaired. Engine 7—(Mason) ceiling and walls repaired. (Carpenter) new floor, wainscoting, and new slats for stalls. (Painting) side walls, doors, windows and all wood work, painted two coats, grained and varnished; also ceilings all kalsomined. (Caulking) engine floor and stables caulked.

Engine 8—(Plumbing) repaired bath tub, wash basin, and water trough. (Tinning) leaky roof repaired. Engine 9—(Plumbing) croton pipes. Engine 10—(Mason) coping stone reset. (Tinning) new tin roof.

Engine 11—(Tinning) roof repaired. Engine 12—(Carpenter) repairs to windows and flag-staff, new step ladder. Engine 13—(Tinning) roof repaired. Engine 14—(Mason) ceiling and walls repaired and extended flues.

Engine 16—(Plumbing) cleaning drain pipes and altering same. (Tinning) roof repaired. Engine 17—(Gas fitting) repaired pipes and put up 7 new fixtures.

Engine 19—(Carpenter) alterations to bath tub and wash basin. (Plumbing) laid new main and repaired urinal and wash basin.

Engine 20—(Mason) ceiling and walls repaired. (Carpenter) general repairs to quarters and stables. (Painting) 3d floor side walls painted, ceiling kalsomined, and all wood work painted, grained and varnished. (Caulking) engine floor caulked.

Engine 21—(Plumbing) water pipes repaired. Engine 22—(Tinning) roof repaired. (Caulking) stable floor caulked.

Engine 23—(Plumbing) repairs to pipes and water closet. Engine 24—(Plumbing) wash basins repaired.

Engine 25—(Carpenter) repairs to front doors, stables and windows. (Gas fitting) gas fixtures repaired and cleaned. (Tinning) roof repaired and painted. (Plumbing) pipes repaired.

Engine 27—(Gas fitting) cleaning and repairing fixtures. Engine 28—(Carpenter) general repairs to stables and alterations in bunk room. (Plumbing) altering drain

pipes and repairs to basins. (Gas) altering gas pipes and one new fixture. (Caulking) engine floor caulked.

Engine 30—(Tinning) roof repaired and put up new leader on Spring street tower. (Painting) roof painted two coats. (Gas) gas pipes repaired.

Engine 31—(Carpenter) new floor laid in engine room. (Plumbing) repairs to croton pipes. (Gas) gas pipes repaired. (Caulking) engine floor caulked.

Engine 32—(Carpenter) new floor in stables. (Caulking) engine floor caulked. Engine 33—(Plumbing) repairs to pipes and wash basin. (Gas) repaired gas fixtures and put up one new drop light.

Engine 34—(Tinner) put up new heater. Engine 35—(Carpenter) one new sash and frame. (Tinner) roof repaired. (Caulking) engine room floor caulked. (Glazing) put in 8 lights of glass.

Engine 37—(Plumbing) wash basins repaired. Hook and Ladder Co. 1—(Carpenters) all wood work repaired. (Painters) side walls painted, windows, doors and all wood work painted, grained and varnished, all 2 coats; all ceilings kalsomined. (Plumbing) repairs to water closet and sewer cleaned. (Gas) repairs to gas pipes. (Caulking) truck room and stables caulk-d.

Hook and Ladder Co. 3—(Carpenter) alterations to setting room and repairs to window blinds. (Painting) roof painted 2 coats and 8 lights of glass for windows. (Gas) repairs to gas fixtures and pipes.

- 22 heaters. 109 lengths patent combination hose. 30 lengths leather hose. 10 suction. 20 pipes. 8 lamps. 31 ladders. 2 controlling nozzles.

Respectfully, GILBERT J. ORR, Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops F. D. N. Y.

STATEMENT showing the expenses of the Fire Department of the City of New York, from May 19th, 1873, to July 31st, 1873, and balance of appropriation unexpended:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'For salaries and wages', 'Apparatus', 'Buildings', 'Contingencies', 'Coal and Wood', 'Gas', 'General Supplies', 'Horses', 'Horse feed and straw', 'Horse shoeing', 'Harness shop supplies', 'Hose shop supplies', 'Machine and paint shop supplies', 'Telegraph supplies'.

Appropriation for 1873... \$1,264,900 00

Expended January 1st to May 19th... \$389,739 82

Expended May 19th to July 31st... 296,936 88 \$686,676 70

Balance unexpended... \$578,223 30

NEW YORK, August 1st, 1873. JOSEPH L. PERLEY, President.

Cornelius Van Cott, Treasurer, in account with the Fire Department of the City of New York: 1873

May 19, To amount received from Jas. S. Hennessy, Treasurer... \$991 00

May 31, To amount received from sales condemned horses... 250 00

June 17, To amount received from sales manures... 125 00

June 19, To amount of checks not paid out by old Board to parties entitled to same, now cancelled... 1,194 85

1873 CR. June 14, By deposit with City Chamberlain... \$1,241 00

June 19, By deposit with City Chamberlain... 125 00

June 19, By deposit with City Chamberlain... 1,194 85

Total... \$2,560 85

E. & O. E. NEW YORK, August 1st, 1873. CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Treasurer.

Cornelius Van Cott, Treasurer, in account with N. Y. F. D. Life Insurance Fund. 1873

May 19, To amount received from Jas. S. Hennessy, Treasurer old Board... \$1,523 00

June 9, To amount received for April assessment... 686 00

June 29, To amount received for May assessment... 685 00

July 31, To amount received for June assessment... 660 00

To balance on hand in West Side Savings Bank... \$3,554 00

E. & O. E. NEW YORK, August 1st, 1873. CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Treasurer.

Cornelius Van Cott, Treasurer, in acc't with the New York Fire Department Relief Fund:

DR. 1873. May 19... To amount rec'd from Jas. S. Hennessy, Treas. old Board, Cash... 31,854 60

Bonds... 41,000 00 72,854 60

July 31... Rec'd from May 19 to July 31, for Fines, Oil Licenses... 206 12

Fireworks Permits... 17,767 50

Chimney Fines... 455 25

To rec'd from Corporation Atty for penalties... 105 00

To interest... 135 00

Total... 89,210 74

1873. Aug. 1... To balance brought down... \$90,538 87

CR. 1873. July 31... By disbursements to date Expense Acct Pension ac't... 488 20

By balance carried down, say Cash in Manhattan Sav. Bk. 5,000 00

Metrop'n " Bk. 1,404 78

Emigrant Ind. " 5,000 00

West side Sav. " 6,446 00

Dry Dock " 2,000 00

Sixpenny " 5,000 00

Citizens " 5,000 00

East river Nat. " 1,688 90

BONDS—Assessment Bond No. 32... 10,000 00

Assessment Bond No. 6... 30,000 00

Water Stock, No. 283... 1,000 00

Revenue Bond... 18,000 00 90,538 87 \$92,110 74

E. & O. E. CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Treasurer. New York, August 1, 1873.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Resolutions.

That the premises Nos. 5, 7 and 9 Mulberry street, (rear), New York, having been, and being in the opinion of the Board, and in fact in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health;

That in case of non-compliance with said order on or before September 7, 1873, the Sanitary Superintendent be instructed to execute the same so far as regards the vacation of the building, and its proper disinfection, and that the expense of such execution be made a lieu upon said premises.

That a copy of the report of Inspector Viele, on complaint of Erastus F. Brown, be forwarded to the Board of Health of Morrisania.

That Dr. John O. Bronson be appointed Assistant Sanitary Inspector, vice Dr. Wm. E. Hall promoted, with salary at the rate of \$1,500 per annum.

That Henry Lamb, —Humphrey and —Hurry be appointed Special Inspectors, for temporary service, with salaries at the rate of \$100 per month.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Bureau of Vital Statistics, August 26, 1873. Col. Emmons Clark, Secretary Board of Health.

SIR—In the week ending August 23d, there were 615 deaths reported in this city, and during the preceding week, ending August 16th, the actual number of deaths was 648. The mean temperature was 70.70 Fahr, last week with a range of 24 and upwards, and in the previous week it was 69.90, with a range of 23°.

The death rate: 33.69 in the 1,000 living was the equivalent annual rate in the week ending on the 16th, 31.98 last week. The zymotic diseases caused nearly half of this mortality.

Infants Mortality: 384 of the total 648 deaths in the week ending August 16th, were of children under five years old, and 253 were of infants less than a year, 341 were under two years. Last week 349 were under five, 312—or a little more than half of all that died—were under two and 235 were less than one year old.

Diarrhoeal disorders, which in the fortnight ending August 9th, destroyed 591 children under five years of age, in the fortnight ending on Saturday last are charged with only 345 deaths at like ages. Diphtheria caused 47 deaths during the last two weeks, and the deaths by this malady occurred chiefly upon the west side of the city, from the fifth ward to Manhattanville.

Deaths by violence. Casualties like that in Eleventh street occur too frequently to be treated as unavoidable. Already there are eight deaths recorded as the result of that downfall of a building. The same degrees of vigilance and effort for the saving of life and health which the public rightly requires at the hands of sanitary officers must likewise be required from all authorities that have power to prevent fatal casualties.

Contagious diseases. Not a death from Small Pox or Typhus has been reported in the fortnight ending last Saturday. The city and its suburbs are free from epidemic disease. The heavy rainfall amounting to 7¾ inches depth, in the last two weeks, produces some immediately sanitary effects upon the surface and sewers of the city, but creates special necessities for draining and drying the cellars and low quarters where stagnant waters are now present and tend to cause serious sickness.

Respectfully submitted, ELISHA HARRIS, Registrar.

SANITARY BUREAU. Record of the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending August 23d, 1873.

The total number of inspections made by the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors, was 2009 as follows:

5 public buildings, 805 tenement houses, 265 private dwellings, 96 other dwellings, 16 manufactories and work-shops, 50 stores and warehouses, 78 stables, 15 markets and market places, 26 slaughter houses, 8 lard rendering establishments, 31 fat rendering establishments, 2 gut cleaning establishments, 1 head cleaning establishment, 1 piggeries, 4 manure dumps, 1 public sewer and drain, 2 piers and bulkheads, 25 sunken and vacant lots, 102 yards, courts and areas, 93 cellars and basements, 52 waste pipes and drains, 128 privies and water-closets, 170 streets, gutters and side-walks, 6 dangerous stairways, 4 cisterns and cesspools, 23 other nuisances.

The number of reports received from the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors was 732.

During the past week 148 complaints were received from citizens and referred to the Inspectors for investigation and report.

The Disinfecting Corps have visited 33 premises where contagious diseases were found and have disinfected and fumigated 33 houses, 28 privy sinks, together with clothing, bedding, &c. One case of small pox was removed to hospital by the Ambulance Corps.

149 permits were granted to scavengers to empty, clean and disinfect privy vaults.

119 permits were granted for vessels to discharge cargoes, on vouchers from the Health Officer of the Port.

The following number of cases of contagious diseases were reported for the week ending August 23d, 1873: Typhus fever, 1; typhoid fever, 9; scarlet fever, 24; measles, 11; diphtheria, 25; and small-pox, 1.

The amount of meat and fish condemned by the officers as unfit for human food, during the week ending August 23d, 1873, was: carcass of beef, 1; carcass of veal, 1; hog, 1 carcass; lamb, 1 carcass; beef, 375 pounds; veal, 200 pounds; mutton, 500 pounds; poultry, 70 pounds; and fish, 290 pounds.

Four hundred and forty loads of night soil were removed by night scavengers from the privy vaults of the city.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

- 1. Samuel B. H. Vance, President; place of business corner of 24th street and 10th avenue; residence 206 West 23d street.
2. Oliver P. C. Billings, place of business, 15 Nassau street; residence, 143 East 34th street.
3. Jenkins Van Schaick, place of business, 13 Broad street; residence, 1 University place.
4. Stephen V. R. Cooper, place of business, 177 Broadway; residence, 318 West 51st street.
5. John Falconer, place of business, 472 Broome street residence, 308 East 15th street.
6. George Koch, place of business, 23 Rivington street; residence, 638 Lexington avenue.
7. Peter Kehr, place of business, 115 Norfolk street; residence, 50 Seventh street.
8. Robert McCafferty, place of business, 654 5th avenue; residence, 838 Lexington avenue.
9. Oswald Ottendorfer, place of business, 17 Chatham street; residence, 7 East 17th street.
10. Henry Clausen, place of business, 309 East 7th street; residence, 83d street corner Avenue A.
11. Patrick Lysaght, place of business, 514 Pearl street; residence, 27 City Hall Place.
12. Richard Flanagan, place of business, 312 West 22d street; residence, 312 West 22d street.
13. John Reilly, place of business, 62 East 14th street; residence, 314 East 14th street.
14. John J. Morris, place of business, 59 University Place; residence, 117 West 21st street.
15. Joseph A. Monheimer, place of business, 233 East 31st street; residence, 233 East 31st street.

SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President. JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk.

- STANDING COMMITTEES
ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. Aldermen Billings, Monheimer, Reilly.
FERRIES. Aldermen Falconer, Cooper, Lysaght.
FINANCE. Aldermen Van Schaick, Clausen, Kehr, Morris, Ottendorfer.
LANDS AND PLACES. Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, Monheimer.
LAW DEPARTMENT. Aldermen Cooper, Billings, Flanagan.
MARKETS. Aldermen Morris, Kehr, Lysaght.
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING. Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, Falconer.
PUBLIC WORKS. Aldermen Koch, Morris, Clausen.
RAILROADS. Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, Ottendorfer.
REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES. Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, Flanagan.
ROADS. Aldermen Cooper, Clausen, Reilly.
SALARIES AND OFFICES. Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, McCafferty.
STREETS. Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, McCafferty.
STREETS AND PAVEMENTS. Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, Van Schaick.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, FOR 1873.

- 1.—Thomas Foley, place of business 24 Morris street; residence, 18 West street.
.—Jeremiah Murphy, place of business 45 Cherry street; residence, 45 Cherry street.
.—Charles M. Clancy, place of business 191 Mott street; residence 191 Mott street.
4.—John C. Keating, place of business 333 Cherry street; residence, 333 Cherry street.
5.—Henry Wisser, place of business 77 Greene street; residence, 155 Prince street.

- 6.—Michael Healy, place of business 19 Ridge street; residence, 19 Ridge street.
7.—Thos. L. Thornell, place of business 120 Broadway; residence, 169 West 12th street.
8.—John Theiss, place of business 223 Bowery; residence, 223 Bowery.
9.—George F. Codington, place of business 62 Perry street; residence, 62 Perry street.
10.—Joseph P. Strack, place of business 85 Water street; residence, 179 Third street.
11.—William S. Kreps, place of business 349 and 351 West 26th street; residence, 354 West 27th street.
12.—Patrick Keenan, place of business 217 Lewis street; residence, 217 Lewis street.
13.—William Wade, place of business 8th avenue and 23d street; residence, 144 West 21st street.
14.—John J. Kehoe, place of business 41 Chambers street; residence, 138 First avenue.
15.—Edward Brucks, place of business 686 Eighth avenue; residence, 422 West 30th street.
16.—George Kelly, place of business 236 East 20th street; residence, 318 East 20th street.
17.—Stephen N. Simonson, place of business 304 West 52d street; residence, 305 West 48th street.
18.—Philip Cumisky, place of business 552 First avenue; residence, 552 First avenue.
19.—Henry A. Linden, place of business Hunter's Point; residence, 68th street, between 10th and 11th aves.
20.—Isaac Sommers, place of business 10 Barclay street; residence, 202 East 55th street.
21.—Benjamin Bevia, place of business 89 West street; residence, 23 East 132d street.

WILLIAM WADE, President. WILLIAM H. MOLONEY, Clerk; residence, 42 North Moore street.

- STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1873.
ARTS AND SCIENCES. Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Theiss, Codington.
DONATIONS. Assistant Aldermen Codington, Clancy, Wisser.
FERRIES. Assistant Aldermen Bevia, Healy, Kehoe.
FINANCE. Assistant Aldermen Strack, Murphy, Simonson.
LAMPS AND GAS. Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Foley, Bevia.
LAW DEPARTMENT. Assistant Aldermen Thornell, Clancy, Strack.
MARKETS. Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Codington, Kehoe, Foley Bevia.
NATIONAL AFFAIRS. Assistant Aldermen Wisser, Thornell, Cumisky, Keating, Strack.
ORDINANCES. Assistant Aldermen Simonson, Brucks, Thornell.
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING. Assistant Aldermen Keating, Kreps, Thornell.
PUBLIC HEALTH. Assistant Aldermen Linden, Healy, Wisser.
PUBLIC BUILDINGS. Assistant Aldermen Codington, Murphy, Thornell.
PUBLIC WORKS. Assistant Aldermen Kehoe, Keating, Kreps.
RAILROADS. Assistant Aldermen Simonson, Keenan, Linden, Sommers, Bevia.
ROADS. Assistant Aldermen Linden, Cumisky, Kreps.
SALARIES AND OFFICES. Assistant Aldermen Kehoe, Brucks, Codington.
SEWERS. Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Kelly, Linden.
STREETS. Assistant Aldermen Bevia, Theiss, Linden.
STREET PAVEMENTS. Assistant Aldermen Kehoe, Sommers, Simonson.
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS. Assistant Aldermen Thornell, Keenan, Linden.

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 of 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.—3 p.m. Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT. Clk of the Common Council and of Bd of Supervisors, 7 & 8 City Hall, 9 A.M.—4 P.M. Clerk of Bd of Assistant Aldermen, 9 1/2 City Hall, 9 A.M.—4 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— Ground floor, west end, New County Court House.
6.—Bureau of Markets— 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 countersigned by the Mayor— (Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer.) Main floor west end, New County Court House.
8.—Bureau for the Collection of Assessments— Governor's room, City Hall (temporarily.)
LAW DEPARTMENT. Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau st., 9 a. m., 5 p. m. Public Administrator, 115 and 117 " 10 a. m., 4 p. m. Corporation Att'y, " " 8:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m. Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 265 Broadway, Room 13, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, Room 52, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
POLICE DEPARTMENT. Central Office, 300 Mulberry street, always open. Com's Office, " " " " Supt's Office, " " " " Inspector's Office, " " " " Chief Clerk's Office, " " 8 a. m., 5 p. m. Property Clerk, " " " " Bureau of St Clean'g, " " " " Bureau of Elections, " " " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION. Central Office, 66 Third av. 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Out Door Poor Dept, 66 Third av., always open. Entrance on 11th Street. Free Labor Bureau, 8 and 10 Clinton pl. 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, N. E. Corner, always open. Bellevue Hospital, 99th street and 10th av. always open. Reception Hospital, foot of 26th street, E. R. " " " "

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Commissioner's Office, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Chief of Department, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Inspectors of Combustibles, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Fire Marshal, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Commissioner's Office, 301 Mott St. 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Sanitary Superintendent, 301 Mott St., always open. Register of Records, 301 Mott St., for granting burial permits, on all days of the week except Sundays from 7 a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m., and on Sundays from 8 a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS. Commissioners' Office, 346 and 348 Broadway, corner Leonard St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. Commissioners' Office, Brown Stone Building, City Hall Park, 32 Chambers St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., on Saturday 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Board of Assessors, " " " "

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS. Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth av. a. m. to 4 p. m. BOARD OF EXCISE. Commissioners Office, 259 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. 4 P. M. BOARD OF EDUCATION. Office of the Board, cor Grand and Elm sts, 9 A. M. 5 P. M. Supt. of Schools, " " 9 A. M. 5 P. M. COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION. Commissioners Office, Castle Garden, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Superintendent's Office, Castle Garden, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. THE CITY RECORD OFFICE, No. 2 City Hall, N. W. corner (basement), 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES. Coroner's Office, 40 E. Houston st. Sheriff's " first floor, S. W. cor. } 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. New Court House. County Clerk's Office, first floor, N. E. cor. New Court House. } Surrogate's Office, first floor, S. E. cor. } 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. New Court House. Register's Office, Hall of Records, } 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. City Hall Park. District Attorney's Office, second floor } 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Old Court House, 82 Chambers Street.

COURTS. Supreme Court, Second Floor, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. General Term, Special Term, Chambers, New Court H. Circuit, part 1, 10:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. Circuit, part 2. SUPERIOR COURTS. Superior Court, 3d floor, New Court House, 11 a. m. — Part I. } 11 a. m. — Part II. } 11 a. m. — Clerk's Office, 3d floor, New Court House, 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

COMMON PLEAS. Common Pleas, 3d fl., New Court House, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. MARINE COURT (Brown stone building.) General Term, 32 Chambers st., Room 17, 10 a. m., 3 p. m. Special " " " Room 15, " " Chambers, " " " Room 18, " " Clerk's Office, " " " Room 19, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. GENERAL SESSIONS. General Sessions, 32 Chambers street, 10 a. m., 4 p. m. Clerk's Office, 32 Chambers st., Room 14, " " "

OVER AND TERMINER. Over and Terminer, 32 Chambers st., } 10 a. m. — General Term, } Room 11. } Special Term. } SPECIAL SESSIONS. Special Sessions, Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a. m. — JUSTICE'S (OR DISTRICT) COURTS. First District, 1st, 2d, 3d, and 5th Wards, S. W. corner of Centre and Chambers streets, 10 a. m., 4 p. m. Second District, 4th, 6th, and 14th Wards, 514 Pearl street, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Third District, 8th, 9th, and 15th Wards, 12 Greenwich avenue, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Fourth District, 10th, and 17th Wards, 163 East Houston street, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Fifth District, 7th, 11th, and 13th Wards, 154 Clinton street, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Sixth District, 15th and 22d Wards, 57th street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 9 a. m., 4 p. m. Eighth District, 16th and 20th Wards, S. W. cor. 22d st. and 7th ave. 9:30 a. m. 4 p. m. Ninth District, 12th Ward, 2374 Fourth avenue, 9 a. m., 4 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, 13th, 17th, 18th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct, 69 Essex street, 8 a. m., 4 p. m. Fourth District, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, and 19th sub station, 57th street, between 3d and Lexington ave, 8 a. m., 5 p. m. Fifth District, 12th Ward, 2374 Fourth avenue (Harlem.) 8 a. m., 4 p. m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE Committee on Normal Schools, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Thursday the eleventh day of September, 1873, or until 3:30 o'clock, p. m., on said day, for the gas fixtures required for the new Normal College Building on Fourth Avenue, between 68th and 69th streets. Specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings No. 146 Grand street, third floor; or will be sent by mail, by applying as above. The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered.

- JAMES W. FARR, JOHN C. BROWN, ALBERT KLAMROTH, RANH. W. TOWNSEND, JAS. M. HALSTED. Committee on Normal Schools.

Dated New York, August 28th, 1873.

THE CITY PRISON.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Commissioners to locate and erect a suitable building in the City of New York, to be used as a city prison and bridewell, in the place and stead of the building now used and occupied for that purpose, in the said city, relative to the taking, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, of the land designated and selected by said Commissioners for the said purpose—

The undersigned, the Commissioners designated by Chapter 535 of the Laws of 1873, being an act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to provide for the location and erection of a new city prison, and place for holding certain courts in the City of New York," passed May 16, 1873, pursuant to the provisions of said act, hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said Court to be held in and for the First Judicial Department, in the New Court House in the City of New York, on the seventeenth day of September, 1873, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of three commissioners of appraisal in the above-entitled matter, to estimate and appraise the value of the land designated and selected by the undersigned Commissioners for the purposes of said act, and of the buildings thereon, and of all and every subsisting estate right, title and interest of, in and to said land or buildings, or any part thereof, and to estimate and appraise the damages resulting to the owner or owners, lessee or lessees, and all other persons interested in said land or buildings, or any part thereof, by, from, or by reason of the taking of the same for the purposes set forth in said act, or by reason of their relinquishing the same for the purposes aforesaid; and that the land so designated and selected as the land required for the purposes mentioned in said act (of which selection a notice was filed and caused to be recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the 12th day of August, 1873), is described and bounded as follows, to wit:

All that certain piece and parcel of ground in the Sixth Ward of the said City of New York, comprising the entire block of land, bounded on the northerly side by Canal street, on the easterly side by Elizabeth street, on the southerly side by Bayard street and on the westerly side by Mott street—said piece or parcel of land being in extent one hundred and eighty-seven feet and five inches 187 ft. and 5 in.) on Canal street, three hundred and ninety-nine feet and ten inches (399 ft. and 10 in.) on Elizabeth street, one hundred and eighty-eight feet and four inches (188 ft. and 4 in.) on Bayard street, and four hundred feet and three inches (400 ft. and 3 in.) on Mott street, be the said dimensions more or less.

Dated, New York, August 22, 1873. W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor of the City of New York. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller of the City of New York. SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NO. 301 MOTT ST., NEW YORK, August 26th, 1873.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Health Department, of the City of New York, held at its office, No. 301 Mott street, on the 26th day of August, 1873, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That sections Nos. 80 and 130, of the Sanitary Code, be amended to read as follows: Section 80. That no person shall boil, heat, dry, keep, store or manufacture any offal, swill, blood, bones, fat, tallow or lard, or any decaying animal or vegetable matter; nor shall the business of bone crushing, bone boiling, bone grinding, bone or shell burning, lime making, gut cleaning, skinning, or matting glue from any parts of dead animals, heating, drying, storing, shipping or transporting any blood, scrap, fat, grease, or offensive animal or vegetable matter, or manufacturing materials for manure, be allowed or conducted in the city of New York, or in its waters, without a special permit from this Board, or in its waters, without a special permit from this Board, to be applied for in writing, specifying the nature and precise location of the proposed business. Section 130. That no ship, boat or other vessel or article shall be taken or allowed by any person to come into or lay to, or at, or within any dock, pier, bulkhead or slip, or be placed thereon for the purpose of the shipment or removal of any offal, garbage, rubbish, blood or offensive animal or vegetable matter, dirt or dead animals, or for the use of any contractor about the removal of any of the foregoing substances, without a permit from this Department. CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President. L. S. EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR STOCKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Comptroller's Office until Thursday, fourth day of September, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars of Stocks of the city of New York, to wit: Additional New Croton Aqueduct Stock, authorized by chapter 230, laws of 1870, payable August 1st, 1900, \$150,000 00 Croton Water Main Stock, authorized by chap. 865, laws of 1873, payable November 1st, 1900, 300,000 00 Said stocks will bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable on the first day of May and November in each year.

The proposals will state the amount of stocks desired, and the price per one hundred dollars thereof; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premiums thereon. On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit, the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them, bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each Proposal should be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Stocks of the City of New York," and enclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Comptroller. The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all of the bids, if in his judgment the interests of the Corporation require it. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller. CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, August 25, 1873.

DEPARTMENT 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. New York, August 27th, 1873.