

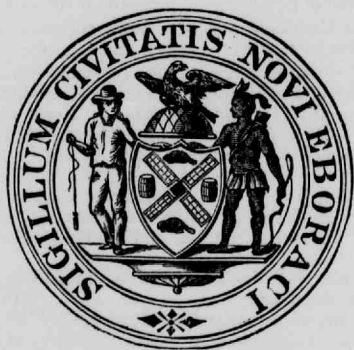
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
December 26, 1877.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners Joseph L. Perley and John J. Gorman.

Trial.

Fireman Owen J. Shanley of Engine Co. No. 14, charged with "neglect of duty" and "absence without leave." Found guilty, and reprimand ordered.
Assistant Telegraph Operator Frederick E. Graham, charged with "neglect of duty" and conduct prejudicial to good order." Found guilty, and dismissed the service of the Department, to take effect 27th instant.

Appointment.

George W. Greer, as Private, Engine Co. No. 4, from 1st proximo.

Promotion.

Hoseman Isaac C. Weeks of Chemical Engine Co. No. 4, to be Private, same company, from 1st proximo.

Resolution.

Resolved, That the pay-rolls of the laborers employed by direction of the President, with the concurrence of all the members of the Board, on the 21st instant, to aid in the extinguishment of fire, and to enable a thorough investigation into the cause and origin of the fire which occurred on the 20th instant, in Barclay street, between College place and Greenwich street, as well as to enable the discovery of the remains of missing persons presumed to be buried in the ruins, amounting to \$400.50, be and the same are hereby audited and approved, and ordered to be transmitted to the Finance Department, with request to direct their immediate payment. Adopted.
On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 27, 1877.

Present—President Vincent C. King, and Commissioners Joseph L. Perley and John J. Gorman. The minutes of meetings held 13th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 26th instant were read and approved.

Communications.

From—
Chief of Department—Report of operations for month of November. Filed.
Same, recommending that measures be taken to prevent use of large two-way hydrants for any other than fire purposes. Approved, with directions to communicate to Department of Public Works.

Inspector of Combustibles—List of applicants for licenses, etc., viz:
For sale and storage of kerosene oil..... 43
For special permits..... 4
Granted.

Same, reporting violations of law. Filed, and following resolution adopted:
Resolved, That Patrick McDonald, of 255 West 30th street, be and is hereby fined \$50 for violation of section 4, chapter 742, Laws of 1871; and that Floyd & Newins of No. 177 South street, Norman Smith & Son of No. 177 South street, and John Wolfe of No. 193 Pearl street, be and are hereby fined \$50 each, for violation of section 8, chapter 742, Laws of 1871, and that Mary Hayes of No. 187 Worth street, Patrick McNulty of No. 120 Cannon street, E. A. Gilson of No. 797-801 Broadway, R. D. Murphy of No. 302 West 55th street, C. H. Buechler of No. 13 Canal street, and George Backof of No. 795 Seventh avenue, be and are hereby fined \$5 each for violation of section 9, chapter 742, Laws of 1871, and that in each of the above named cases the Inspector of Combustibles be and is directed to enforce the collection of the penalty.

Same, recommending discontinuance of legal proceedings, for reasons assigned, in following cases of violation of law, viz:
E. H. Hines, No. 30 Sixth avenue. Chas. Schneiple, No. 24 Delancey street.
C. H. McNulty, No. 346 E. Twentieth st. S. Walsh, No. 497 Seventh avenue.
M. Loherson, No. 74 Bayard street.

Approved.
Same—Requisition for supplies. Referred to Trustees of Relief Fund.
Fire Marshal—Report of operations for month of November. Filed.
Medical Officer—Report of examination of Fireman John F. Williams, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 16, as directed by resolution adopted 13th inst. Filed.

Same, recommending that Fireman George Nunn, of Engine Co. No. 8, be allowed full pay during time of illness. Approved.

Same, recommending leave of absence to
Chief of Battalion William W. Rhodes.
Assistant Foreman William F. Flock, of Engine Co. No. 10.
Fireman James H. Shute, of Engine Co. No. 7.
" George Nunn, of Engine Co. No. 8.
" Malachi Haley, of Engine Co. No. 12.
" James Roland, of Engine Co. No. 18.
" Thomas Henry, of Engine Co. No. 27.
" Henry F. Hart, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 6.
Granted.

Resolution.

Resolved, That under the provisions of section 14, chapter 742, of the Laws of 1871, as amended by section 1, chapter 186, of the Laws of 1877, Fireman Malachi Healy, of Engine Co. No. 12, is hereby ordered to be examined by the Medical Officers as to his physical or mental qualifications to perform his duties. Adopted.

Medical Officer, recommending extension of leave of absence on account of physical disability, not attributable to duty, to

Fireman George Nunn, of Engine Co. No. 8.

" Richard Webb, of Chemical Engine Co. No. 3.

" Charles Ackerman, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 4.

" James Buckley, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 13.

Ladderman James Rooney, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 18.

Granted, on half pay.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That under the provisions of section 14, chapter 742, of the Laws of 1871, as amended by section 1, chapter 186, of the Laws of 1877, Ladderman James Rooney, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 18, is hereby ordered to be examined by the Medical Officers as to his physical or mental qualifications to perform his duties. Adopted.

Medical Officer, recommending excuse from fire duty to

Assistant Foreman William F. Flock, of Engine Co. No. 10.

Fireman James H. Shute, of Engine Co. No. 7.

" John Cotton, of Engine Co. No. 23.

" John McCarthy, of Engine Co. No. 29.

" Jeremiah Leamy, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

" Adam Hutter, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 12.

Approved.

Superintendent of Telegraph—Requisitions for materials and supplies; estimated cost, \$26, \$20, \$67, \$52.30, \$72, and \$163. Purchase ordered.

Supply Clerk—Requisitions for wagon for Chief Second Battalion, and for horse blankets; estimated cost, \$200 and \$270 respectively. Purchase ordered.

Same—Requisition for supplies. Filed.

Same—Requisition for supplies. Returned for detailed estimates.

Superintendent of Horses, reporting death of two horses. Filed.

Same, recommending sale of condemned horses. Sale at auction directed.

Same—Reports of selection of one horse for Engine Co. No. 17, and of two horses for Engine Co. No. 35, and recommending purchase at \$325, and \$650, respectively. Purchase ordered.

Resolution.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Horses be and is hereby directed to make a complete and accurate numerical and descriptive record of the horses belonging to this Department, and to keep such record in such form as to make the identification of each horse positive hereafter. Adopted.

Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops—Requisitions for materials and supplies, estimated cost \$8, \$17.05, \$22.50, and \$20, respectively. Purchase ordered.

Same—Requisitions for materials. Referred for further estimates.

Same, recommending repairs at Hospital stables, and at quarters of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 9, at an estimated cost of \$5, and \$47, respectively. Repairs ordered.

Same, recommending that badge be issued to James Riley, Foreman of Shops. Issue ordered.

Same, reporting absence of a clerk. Laid over.

Chief of Second Battalion—Report of rescue of two children at fire No. 112 Chatham street, on 14th instant, by Fireman Luke Gleason, of Engine Co. No. 12. Filed, with directions to record on Roll of Merit.

Chief of Eighth Battalion—Requisition for a horse. Selection ordered.

Foreman of Engine Co. No. 14, relative to services performed by Fireman Patrick Healy, in extinguishing accidental fire, and transmitting letter of thanks from Mrs. Gracie. Returned for further information.

Foreman of Chemical Engine Co. No. 4, requesting that a fire hydrant be located in vicinity of quarters. Recommendation to be made to Department of Public Works.

Assistant Foreman Washington Montanye of Engine Co. No. 3, applying for promotion to rank of Foreman. Referred to Examining Board.

Fireman Andrew C. McKelvey, of Engine Co. No. 3, requesting transfer. Ordered to Engine Co. No. 19, from 1st proximo.

Fireman Lewis S. Hoagland, of Engine Co. No. 7, applying for promotion to rank of Assistant Engineer of Steamer. Filed.

Private John W. Irving, of Engine Co. No. 32, applying for promotion to rank of Fireman. Filed.

Comptroller—Statements of condition of appropriation to 22d instant. Filed.

Counsel to the Corporation—Opinion in the matter of application of Gilbert R. Merritt, for reinstatement to the position of Fireman. Filed.

Allen Fire Department Supply Co., requesting that "Work Patent Coupling" be attached to new hose. Filed.

H. B. Claffin & Co., applying for a badge for John Teant. Filed.

James A. Colvin, applying for a badge. Granted.

William P. Dixon and others, recommending John E. Moore for appointment. Filed.

Gore, Harrow & Co. and others, relative to naphtha stored at No. 77 Greene street. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles.

Proposals for new tin roof at Headquarters from John Nicholson for \$238.00; O'Shaughnesey & Simpson for \$280.00. Awarded to John Nicholson.

S. S. Raymond, complaining of dangerous condition of premises No. 212 Canal street. Referred to Department of Buildings.

Rhode Island Coupling Company, proposing to furnish hose couplings. Filed.

Department of Buildings, Report of inspection of heating apparatus at Headquarters (previously laid over). Filed.

Resolution.

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for furnishing to this Department 150 tons of Incehall canal coal. Adopted.

Discharge.

John M. Gilfillan, Tower Watchman, on 31st instant.

Appointments.

James Cosgrove, Private, Engine Company No. 23, 1st proximo.

Daniel W. Hernon, as Assistant Telegraph Operator, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, 1st proximo.

On motion, it was directed that an opinion be requested from the Counsel to the Corporation on the power of the Board to award contract for hose.

Bills.

Audited and ordered to be transmitted to the Comptroller for payment.

For the Current Year—Schedule No. 55.

Allen Fire Department Supply Company, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	\$354 00	Mekeel, James, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	\$2,007 50
Brady, John H., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	274 00	O'Shaughnesey & Simpson, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	621 86
Bergen, William G., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	22 95	Pollock & Van Wagenen, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	58 14
Dahlman, Isaac H., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	325 00	Reilly, Michael, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	12 50
Dowers, C. W., Jr., & Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	14 50	Watkins, James T. & Son, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	84 00
Gregory, James, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	2 08		
Heuberger, Charles E., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	1,273 50		
Hunter, Keller & Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	54 38		
On motion, adjourned.			
			\$5,104 41

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 29, 1877.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners Joseph L. Perley and John J. Gorman.

Communications.

From—
Chief of Department—Report relative to patent hook and ladder truck, and returning communication from Fred Presco. Filed.

Medical Officer, recommending leave of absence to Fireman Thomas Henry, of Engine Co. No. 27. Granted.

Same, recommending excuse from fire duty to

Assistant Foreman William F. Flock, of Engine Co. No. 10.

Fireman Malachi Haley, of Engine Co. No. 12.

Approved.

Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops, recommending repairs to wagon. Filed, and sale at auction directed.

Same—Requisition for material; estimated cost, \$22.36. Purchase ordered.

Same, recommending repairs to Third Battalion wagon and Seventh Battalion engine, at estimated cost of \$13.40 and \$15 respectively. Repairs ordered.

Foreman of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3—Report of inspection of premises No. 13 Clinton place. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles.

Foreman of Engine Co. No. 24, requesting alterations to stable. Referred to Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

Assistant Engineer of Steamer Patrick J. Hannigan, of Engine Co. No. 31, applying for promotion to rank of Engineer of Steamer. Referred to Examining Board of Engineers.

Private William A. Lines, of Engine Co. No. 11, applying for promotion to rank of Fireman. Filed.

American District Telegraph Co., requesting permission to connect wires from stations with nearest company quarters, for the purpose of transmitting alarms for fire. Filed, with directions to reply that request cannot be granted, etc.

Manhattan Gas-Light Co. and New York Gas-Light Co.—Notices of reduction of price of gas for Department Buildings for year 1878. Filed.

Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops—Estimates for doors for quarters of Engine Co. No. 16: from John H. Brady, for \$50; from W. H. Housner, Jr., for \$32. Awarded to W. H. Housner, Jr.

Supply Clerk, returning requisitions for supplies, with detailed estimates as directed. Purchase ordered at \$210 and \$114, respectively.

Eaton, Cole, and Burnham Co., offering to furnish "Clemens Controlling Nozzles" (previously laid over). Purchase of one dozen at \$114 ordered.

Superintendent of Horses, recommending purchase of one horse for Engine Co. No. 28, one for Engine Co. No. 32, and one for use of Superintendent (previously laid over). Selection ordered.

Charges preferred against Fireman Lewis S. Hoagland, of Engine Co. No. 7, Acting Assistant Engineer of Steamer, of "incompetency," and "neglect of duty," were filed, and order detailing Fireman Hoagland to act as Assistant Engineer of Steamer countermanded.

On motion, it was ordered that examinations of applicants for promotion referred to Examining Board of Engineers, shall hereafter be conducted at company quarters, and a practical test of ability to run an engine required.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the bill of John Winters for services as Stoker at Headquarters, from November 24 to December 31, 1877, amounting to \$95, be approved and audited for payment. Adopted.

Resolved, That the bill of Peter Duryee & Co., for shovels used at the Barclay street fire, amounting to \$21.60, be approved and audited for payment. Adopted.

Appointment.

Edward M. Perley, as Tower Watchman, at a salary of \$800 per annum, 1st proximo.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 31, 1877.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners Joseph L. Perley and John J. Gorman.

Resolution.

Resolved, That the Chief of Department be and he is hereby directed to assign to the members of the uniformed force who have been or may hereafter be relieved from duty at fires to such duty at any Battalion Headquarters as the medical officers may have or may hereafter certify them to be qualified to perform.

Communications.

From—

N. Le Brun, architect—Specifications for plastering at Headquarters, and estimates for doing the work:

From Power Bros., for..... \$275 00 | From Bernard Sheridan, for..... 161 00
" W. G. Bergen, for..... 157 00 | " Isaac A. Hopper, for..... 123 00
Awarded to Isaac A. Hopper.

Assistant Chief of Department—Detailed report of inspection of uniformed force. Filed, with directions to refer recommendations, etc., to appropriate committees, etc.

Medical officer, recommending leave of absence to Fireman Dennis J. Doran, of Engine Co. No. 17. Granted.

Same, recommending excuse from fire duty to Foreman Charles L. Kelly, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 17; Fireman John McCarthy, of Engine Co. No. 29. Approved.

Supply Clerk—Requisition for supplies; estimated cost, \$7.50. Purchase ordered.

Same, returning requisition for axe-handles, with additional estimates, as directed. Purchase ordered at \$56.25.

Chief of Battalion in charge of Repair Shops—Specifications for alterations and repairs required at quarters of Engine Co. No. 7 and Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. Approved, and advertisement inviting proposals for doing the work directed to be inserted in the CITY RECORD.

N. Le Brun, architect—Plans and specifications for repairs required at quarters of Engine Co. No. 8. Approved, and advertisement inviting proposals for doing the work directed to be inserted in the CITY RECORD.

Chief of Third Battalion, reporting repairs required to Fuel Depot, No. 304 Washington street. Referred to Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

Assistant Foreman of Engine Co. No. 25—Report of appliances for extinguishment of fire placed in Wallack's Theatre. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles.

Fireman John Robertson, of Engine Co. No. 36, applying for promotion to rank of Assistant Foreman. Referred to Examining Board.

Private Charles A. McDermott, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 7, applying for promotion to rank of Fireman. Filed.

Charles Welsh, executor, and W. H. Montanye, complaining of condition of Barclay street, caused by debris from burned buildings. Filed.

Resolution.

Resolved, That the furnishing and placing of three galvanized iron sky-lights on the building No. 169 East Eighty-fifth street be and is hereby awarded to George Hayes, of Nos. 71-73 Eighth avenue, for the sum of \$850.

Appointment.

Coleman J. Burke, as Private, Engine Co. No. 39, 1st proximo.

Bills

Audited, and ordered to be transmitted to the Comptroller, for payment.

For the Current Year—Schedule No. 56.

Bramhall, Deane & Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	\$220 00	Morris & Williams, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	33 00
Bretherton, William, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	60 00	Poillon, C. & R., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	13 85
Composite Iron Works Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	52 30	Ross, Joseph, ".....	1,800 00
Dahman, Isaac H., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	975 00	Striedenger, Julius H., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	166 67
Dudgeon, Richard, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	17 00	Tillotson, L. G. & Co., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	506 18
Extra Telegraph Force, pay-roll, December, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	1,415 99	Vanderwater, W. C., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	40 00
Graham, James H., apparatus, supplies, etc.....	900 00	Winters, John, apparatus, supplies, etc.....	95 00
			<u>\$6,294 99</u>

Pay-rolls

Audited, and ordered to be transmitted to the Comptroller, for payment.

For the Current Year—Schedule No. 57.

Headquarters, pay-roll for December.....	\$3,616 67
Telegraph Force, pay-roll for December.....	2,293 92
Repair Shops, ".....	3,840 97
Bureau of Combustibles, pay-roll for December.....	1,064 42
Bureau of Fire Marshal, ".....	600 00
Bureau of Chief of Department, ".....	2,724 97
Superintendent of Horses, ".....	696 50
Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, pay-roll for December.....	74,303 92
	<u>\$89,147 37</u>

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 17th October, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of previous meetings, not approved, was dispensed with.

An application was received from James W. Boyle, lessee, of one-half of Piers 56 and 57, East river and bulkhead between, for a reduction in the rent thereof; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of James W. Boyle, lessee of portions of Piers 56 and 57, East river and bulkhead between, for a reduction in the rent agreed to be paid therefor at public sale, held 7th March, 1876, consequent upon the Legislature of the State having greatly reduced the rates of wharfage for oyster and similar boats, be and is hereby denied, the Counsel to the Corporation having advised that this Board is not vested with the power to make such reductions.

An application was received from Peterson, Lynch, Abel and Gould, for use of Department yard at Seventeenth street, East river, during winter season for building a small boat; and, being read, and the Secretary stating that by direction of the Commissioners permission had been granted on the 15th instant, to the said applicants to occupy such portion of the department premises at foot of Seventeenth street, East river, during the coming winter season, for the purpose of constructing thereon a small boat, as will not interfere with the Engineer-in-Chief in carrying on the work of the Department and to remain in force only during the pleasure of the Board,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and confirmed.

The following communication were received, read, and,

On motion, laid on the table to await action as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From Liverpool, New York and Philadelphia Steamship Company—Relative to notice to Comptroller of claim for reduction of rent on Pier (old number) 45, North river, from 1st November, 1874.

From Alexander J. Howell—Offering lime-stone for concrete at \$1.17 per cubic yard. Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine into qualities of material, and report as to advisableness of accepting offer.

From Police Department—Application to have dredging done at Forty-sixth street, East river, and Twenty-first street, North river—Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report quantity of material required to be removed from each location, and the Police Commissioners invited to attend at next meeting.

From Shipowners and Exporters—Petition to have bulkhead at Eleventh street, North river, repaired, and the slip dredged without delay.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, action being taken where necessary, as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From Board State Harbor Commissioners of San Francisco—Introducing the Engineer of said Board, T. J. Arnold.

From Superintendent Fitzpatrick—Relative to dangerous condition of pier at Thirtieth street, North river. Engineer-in-Chief directed to make necessary repairs to make pier safe.

From Old Colony Steamboat Company—Declining to accept terms of 15th June, 1877, for platform of Pier 28, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—

1. Relative to accompanying application of Department of Public Works for labor to erect lamps on bulkheads south of Canal street, North river. Engineer-in-Chief directed to confer with said Department, and do the necessary work required, but not exceeding fifteen lamps in all.

2. Report of work performed during week ending 13th October, 1877.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 16th October, 1877.

The President stating that Michael Kane had applied orally for the use of the dumping board at Forty-sixth street, East river,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Michael Kane to use and occupy during the pleasure of this Board, the dumping-board at the outer end of the pier at Forty-sixth street, East river, provided he shall pay to this Department, as rent therefor, the sum of \$400 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, from and after 1st November, 1877.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby respectfully informed and notified that the right to occupy the following named wharf property for ferry purposes, may be offered at public sale, in connection with the franchises for certain ferries therefrom, and sold to the highest bidder; but no bid to be received for a less amount than the upset price fixed for each separate lot or parcel of wharf property, to wit:

1. Ferry from foot of Roosevelt street to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, E. D.; for the bulkhead and slips, adjacent to and east of the wharf property at foot of Roosevelt street, East river, owned by the Bridge Company, and now occupied for said ferry.

2. Ferry from foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, New York; for bulkhead and small pier, adjacent to and west of westerly side of Pier 1, East river, being the premises as now occupied by said ferry; but not to include any portion of said pier which may now be used for the accommodation of a boat house and landing place for small boats from Governor's Island, and from public vessels of the United States and of foreign governments, nor the privilege to occupy any portion of the water on the west side of said pier.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to affix the names of the members of this Board to the advertisement for the proposed sale of the above-named ferry leases, to be in the form and contain the conditions of the advertisement as now being published for a similar sale on 25th instant, except that the above-named are to be taken in the condition in which they may be in on the day of sale.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby notified that the period for which this Board is prepared to lease, at the terms named, the said wharf property for the ferries designated, is five years from 1st November, 1877, and that the upset price for the annual rent of each lot of wharf property as named, will be announced by the auctioneer at the time of the sale.

The President stating that it had been agreed to grant to James Owens permission to extend and occupy the bulkhead at Forty-seventh street, East river,

On motion, the application for such permission was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Owens & Co., to extend, at their own cost and expense, the bulkhead at Forty-seventh street, East river, so as to make a continuous line with the bulkhead north of said street, and to occupy the said bulkhead at foot of the street, for commercial purposes, during the pleasure of this Board; provided that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department, and that they shall pay to the Department, as rent for said premises, the sum of \$300 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, from and after 1st November, 1877; and that at the termination of their occupancy thereof, from any cause, the said improvement shall revert to the Corporation free of claim of any kind whatsoever, either for cost or otherwise.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, laid on the table, to await action, as stated opposite to each respectively, to wit:

From Captain of the Port—Inclosing communication from Harbor Master, James M. Thomson, relating to the occupancy of Pier 41, East river.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Requesting new borings may be taken inside the coffer-dam at Thirty-fifth street, North river, as evidence in suit of City against Webb, for damage to pier at Thirty-seventh street. Engineer-in-Chief directed to consider the advisableness of making such borings.

From Finance Department—Requesting a re-examination of certain work at West Washington Market, to correct errors in report of experts. Engineer-in-Chief directed to make necessary re-examination, and report result.

The Secretary stating that at the sale of leases for wharf property, owned by the Corporation, used for ferry purposes, held by the Comptroller on the 11th instant, the following bids were received, to wit:

From Greenpoint Ferry Company—For bulkhead at Tenth street, East river, or so much thereof as may now be occupied for ferry purposes, \$251 per annum; provided the city is the owner of said property, which fact is disputed by said company.

From Greenpoint Ferry Company—For bulkhead at north side of and continues to foot of Twenty-third street, East river, as now occupied for ferry purposes, \$2,501 per annum.

On motion, the said bids of the Greenpoint Ferry Company were accepted and the Treasurer requested to receive and deposit the rent advanced.

On motion, the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending the erection of the shed, recently removed from Pier (new number) 1, North river, on the pier at Bogart street, North river, for the storage of cement and other material, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to erect said shed in accordance with his recommendation therefor.

On motion, the communication from Samuel Wilkinson, claiming ownership to certain chains, and so forth, on piles belonging to the Department, purchased under contract with James Bagley, and stored in basin at Hoboken, New Jersey, was taken from the table and referred to Commissioner Vanderpoel, for examination and report.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 18th October, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of 38 bills or claims, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$11,178.20; and, being read, was,

On motion, accepted and adopted; and the Secretary directed to forward the said bills, together with proper requisitions for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 24th October, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 26th and 28th September, and 3d and 10th October, 1877, read and approved.

An application was received from the Health Department for permission to drive piles and widen pier, Bellevue Hospital, East river; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to the Health Department to drive piles and widen the pier in Bellevue Hospital premises, at Twenty-sixth street, East river; provided that the work shall be done under the supervision and direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

An application was received from Mills & Ambrose for permission to drive piles at end of Seventh avenue, Harlem river, to facilitate work of grading Eighth avenue; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Mills & Ambrose to drive a row of piles at the end of Seventh avenue, Harlem river, to facilitate the landing of scows employed in grading Eighth avenue; provided that the said piles shall be driven under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and removed when so directed by this Board, free of expense to the Corporation.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, laid on the table to await action, as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From residents of Yorkville—Petition to have a new pier at Seventy-fifth street, East river, for public use.

From Superintendent Butler—Report on bad condition of bulkhead at Twenty-ninth street, East river. Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine premises, and report repairs needed and cost of doing same.

From Alexander Mason and Robert Foster—Application to appropriate Pier (new) 47, North river, to special kind of commerce.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, action being taken, where necessary, as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From Mills & Ambrose—Agreement to remove structure at end of Eighth avenue, Harlem river, upon completion of work of grading.

From Johnson & Wilson—Application to purchase or borrow 500 empty cement barrels. Secretary to notify applicants that the law prohibits the Department from disposing of any material on hand otherwise than at public sale, and that the Commissioners do not contemplate any immediate sale of old material.

From Samuel L. M. Barlow—Requesting that the Counsel to the Corporation be authorized to submit to him draft of lease for wharf property at Thirty-fourth street, East river, prior to the execution thereof. Secretary directed to inform Mr. Barlow that the Commissioners are not aware of the existence of any objections to his examining the said draft when prepared.

From Engineer-in-Chief—

1. Report on bad condition of approach to pier at Fifty-seventh street, North river, and recommending that the unsafe portion be removed and replaced by solid filling. Engineer-in-Chief directed to proceed with the repairs in conformity with said report.

2. Report of work performed during week ending 20th October, 1877.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 23d October, 1877.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief relative to the use of broken lime stone by the Department; and, being read,

On motion, the communication from Alexander J. Howell, offering to furnish such material, was taken from the table and placed on file; and the Secretary directed to inform Mr. Howell that such stone is unfit for use in making concrete, because it contains pyrites which are liable to disintegrate when exposed to the action of salt water, and destroy the stone, and that the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department does not deem it advisable to use other stone than granite or trap-rock in making concrete.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief stating that borings made within the cofferdam at Thirty-fifth street, North river, will not change materially the records of borings heretofore made by the Department, and that it is not advisable to make such borings; and, being read,

On motion, the communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting that such borings be made, was taken from the table and placed on file.

A requisition was received from the Engineer-in-Chief for the services of necessary machinery and labor to dredge for the foundation of the bulkhead wall north of the Canal street section, North river, and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase, for the uses and purposes of the Department, the services of dredging machines and scows, to excavate and remove 10,000 cubic yards (more or less) of mud, on the line of the bulkhead wall extending north from the northerly end of the Canal street section, North river, as per requisition of Engineer-in-Chief No. 1,592, at a price not exceeding fifteen cents per cubic yard; the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Patrick Farley to discontinue all dumping of material in the vicinity of the embankment under construction between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-eighth streets, North river, and at foot of Fifty-sixth street, as no dumping on the premises will be permitted hereafter, except by virtue of tickets purchased at this office.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request J. A. Bostwick to be present at the next meeting of the Board, in relation to the occupancy of premises at foot of Sixty-third street, East river.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine the condition of premises at foot of Forty-eighth street, East river, and report cost of placing same in good order for commercial purposes.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, relating to penalty imposed against McIntire Brothers, for non-completion of work within time agreed under contract for platform between Piers old numbers 47 and 48, North river, and, being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform the Comptroller, in reply thereto, that the action of the Commissioners, in imposing the penalty referred to, was had in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, relating to the subject, dated 1st August, 1877; and that, as the Corporation sustained no loss or damage consequent upon the delay in the completion of the work under said contract, this Board certified to that fact by resolution, adopted 29th August, 1877, in order that the Finance Department should have a correct knowledge of the claim, prior to action being taken, as required by section 31 of the Charter of 1873, and suggest that, should the said Department, after examination, decide to allow any part, or the whole of said claim, the filing with this Board of a certificate to that effect, will secure immediate attention as regards the making a further requisition for the balance of the amount adjusted and settled, as due McIntire Brothers under the said contract.

On motion the Secretary was directed to fix the upset price for the bulkhead and small pier west of Pier 1, East river, to be used for purposes of ferry, from foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, under resolution adopted 17th inst., at \$4,200 per annum, as set thereafter.

On motion, the following appointments were made, to wit:

Otho H. Klemm, as temporary Timekeeper at Christopher street office, in place of George W. Sterrill, on leave of absence; compensation at 35 cents per hour.

Edward Dickel, as temporary Clerk; compensation \$125 per current month of October.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Board be held on Thursday, the 1st November, 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Treasurer Vanderpoel presented his report relative to his examination of the charges made against Edward O'Cleary, for neglect of duty while in the employ of the Department, as night watchman on dredges Nos. 1 and 4, stating that in his opinion the charges were sustained, and that said O'Cleary was properly discharged the service; and, being read,

On motion, the report was received, and adopted and placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 1st November, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of previous meetings, not approved, was dispensed with.

An application was received from the Fire Department for permission to store about 300 telegraph poles in the yard at Seventeenth street, East river, and being read, and the Secretary stating that by direction of the President the Engineer-in-chief had been instructed, on the 29th ultimo, to permit the said poles to be landed at the said yard, to remain during the pleasure of this Board,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and confirmed.

An application was received from the Cromwell Steamship Line to erect an office and place water meter on bulkhead of Pier 9, North river; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Clark & Seaman, of the Cromwell Steamship Line, to erect on the bulkhead adjacent to Pier 9, North river, a shipping office, about seven

feet square, to remain only during the pleasure of this Board, and to place thereunder a water meter; provided that the work shall be done subject to the direction and supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and that the premises shall be placed in proper condition upon the removal of said structure or meter.

An application was received from the Unexcelled Fire Works Company for permission to erect shanty at foot of Houston street, North river, to exhibit a fire extinguisher; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to the Unexcelled Fire Works Company to erect and maintain during the pleasure of the Board on the centre of the reclaimed land in rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers (new numbers) 38 and 39, North river, a shanty, about fifteen feet square, for the purpose of exhibiting a practical test of a new fire extinguisher; provided that all the requirements of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, relating to the erection of said shanty and management of the proposed tests, shall be strictly complied with.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief relative to the dredging necessary at the dumping boards on piers at Forty-sixth street, East river, and Twenty-first street, North river, to accommodate the scows of the Bureau of Street Cleaning; and, being read,

On motion, the application of the Police Department to have such dredging done; and also the application of said Department for dredging at Market slip, East river, were taken from the table and placed on file; and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to make requisition for necessary dredging machinery and labor to remove about 1250 cubic yards of mud from the slip at south side of Pier 37, East river, to obtain a depth of fifteen feet at mean low water; and about 900 cubic yards of mud from slip at dump on pier at Forty-sixth street, East river, and about 2300 cubic yards of mud from slip at dump on pier at Twenty-first street, North river, to obtain a depth of ten feet at mean low water, and to superintend the work of doing such dredging.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the necessity of protecting the windows of the Dog Pound at Seventeenth street yard, East river; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be and is hereby respectfully suggested to the Department of Public Works, to have the windows of the Dog Pound at Sixteenth street, East river, properly protected against breakage, the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department reporting that they are becoming badly broken.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, laid on the table, to await action as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From the Common Council—Relative to erecting of water-closets on piers and bulkheads.

From Samuel A. Lewis—Recommending Bacharach's patent closet and urinal.

From Finance Department—Relative to wharf property occupied by Harlem and Morrisania Steamboat Lines. Secretary directed to examine and report premises used.

From Police Department—Application for three new piers on Ward's Island. Secretary directed to request said Department to advise the size, location and use proposed for said structures.

From W. D. Crane—Offering to furnish manufactured stone for uses of Department, at given prices. Secretary directed to notify party to furnish sample and statement of process of manufacture.

From Harrison Brainard—Application for permission to erect shed on bulkhead south of Bethune street, North river. Secretary directed to request applicant to advise whether he is engaged in the business of steam transportation, and uses and employs the said bulkhead for the purpose of regularly receiving and discharging cargo thereat.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, action being taken where necessary, as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamship Company—Application for berth for steamers of Bermuda division on North river.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—Application for repairs to pier at the bulkhead on Blackwell's Island. Engineer-in-Chief directed to make necessary repairs, if the cost thereof shall not exceed \$150.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 27th October, 1877.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 30th October, 1877.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief relative to repairs being required to the outer ends of Piers 4, 5, and 6, East river; and, being read,

On motion, the communication from F. W. Vosburgh, in relation to such repairs, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify the several lessees and owners of the said piers to make the necessary repairs in conformity with said report.

The Secretary stating that at the sale of leases for wharf property owned by the Corporation, used for ferry purposes, held by the Comptroller on the 25th ultimo, the following bid was received, to wit:

From Staten Island Railroad Co.—For bulkhead and small pier, adjacent to and west of the westerly side of Pier 1, East river, being the premises as now occupied by a Staten Island Ferry; but not to include any portion of said pier now occupied as a landing for small boats; \$4,200 per annum.

On motion, the said bid was accepted and the Treasurer directed to deposit the rent advanced.

The Secretary then stated that at the sale of Floating Property held this day, pursuant to action of the Board, on 10th ultimo, the following property was sold to the highest bidder therefor, to wit:

Deck scow "Two Sisters," to Thomas McLaughlin, of 39 1/2 South street, for \$150.

Steam tug "Alert," to W. C. Barrett, of 58 West street, for \$260.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to instruct the Engineer-in-Chief to deliver the said property upon payment of the purchase price in full; and to advertise the dredging machine, No. 1, for sale on such date as may be agreed with the auctioneer, no bid for said machine having been received at sale held this date.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation advising his opinion in relation to the Order of the Court issued to the Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, dated 7th April, 1877, authorizing the removal of certain leases of wharf property, that the said receiver has no authority under said order to negotiate for, or accept from this Department, the lease of the bulkhead and piers, proposed to be constructed in the vicinity of Chambers street, North river, and that to enable the said Receiver to proceed further under the agreement of about 1st June, 1875, to lease the said proposed wharf premises, it will be necessary to obtain the specific order of the Court for that purpose, and authorizing the said Receiver to enter into the proposed arrangement as contemplated by said agreement; and, being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of said opinion of Counsel to the Corporation to the Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, and request that immediate application be made to the Court for the necessary order, as required by the said Counsel to the Corporation, in order to protect the right of said Company to the improved premises, and enable the Department to progress with its work at once.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in relation to a re-examination of certain work at West Washington Market; and, being read,

On motion, the communication from Finance Department, requesting that such re-examination be made, was taken from the table, and placed on file; and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy of said report to the Comptroller.

The following communications were received from the Engineer-in-Chief, and,

On motion, laid on the table, to wit:

1. Communication asking instructions as to penalty to be imposed on Davis Tillson for delay in completion of contract for granite, dated 14th February, 1877.

2. Report of work performed during the three months ending 31st July, 1877.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief recommending that the sheds on Piers (new numbers) 43 and 46, North river, be painted, and submitting an estimate of the cost of doing the work; and, being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make necessary requisition for materials and labor for painting said sheds and to superintend the work.

A requisition was received from the Engineer-in-Chief for services of proper dredging machinery to remove crib at Pier (old number) 43, North river; and, being read,

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the uses and purposes of the Department, the services of dredging machines and scows, to excavate and remove 2,700 cubic yards (more or less) of crib work on site of Pier (old number) 43, North river, for the continuation of bulkhead wall north of Canal street section, per requisition of Engineer-in-Chief, No. 1,593, at a price not exceeding \$1.00 per cubic yard; the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

A requisition was received from the Engineer-in-Chief for 1,000 barrels of cement; and, being read,

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the uses and purposes of the Department 1,000 barrels of "Portland" cement of the same quality as required under proposals advertised for and publicly opened by the Department on the 14th March, 1877, as per requisition of the Engineer-in-Chief, No. 1,611, at a price not exceeding \$3.25 per barrel; the said purchase being made by the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

It being understood that the Counsel to the Corporation has repossessed the pier and bulkhead at foot of Eleventh street, North river, for the city from John D. Tracy, who held the premises under a lease purchased at public sale held 21st April, 1876, for non-payment of rent accrued,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the necessary repairs to the said bulkhead, but not to exceed an expense of \$700 in doing said work.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 7th November, 1877.
Present—President Westervelt and Commissioner Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Vanderpoel.

The minutes of the meetings held 17th, 18th, and 24th October, 1877, read and approved.

An application was received from George Yonge, agent, for permission to extend shed on Pier (old number) 43, North river, westerly to cover the extension to the pier; and, being read,
On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to George Yonge, agent Savannah Steamship Line and occupant of Pier (new number) 35, North river, to maintain on said pier the shed now erected thereon, and to extend the same westerly about 156 feet, for the protection of property received and discharged thereat; provided, that the plans for said extension shall be first approved by the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department, and that the work shall be done under his supervision and subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875; and that the said shed shall revert to the Corporation at the termination of the lease of said pier, on 1st May, 1883, or upon expiration of its removal, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever, either for cost or otherwise.

The President stating that permission had been given to Watrous & Willson to use the bulkhead at Thirty-ninth street, East river,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved, and the following resolution adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Watrous & Willson, to occupy, during the pleasure of this Board, the bulkhead at foot of Thirty-ninth street, East river, provided that they shall pay to this Department as rent therefor, the sum of \$100 per annuums, payable quarterly in advance from and after 1st September, 1877.

An application was received from Williams & Guion, agents, to have the Croton water carried to north side of Pier (new number) 46, North river; and, being read, was,

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine the premises, and report what action, if any, is necessary to be taken by this Department.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file:

From Knickerbocker Ice Company—Requesting a reconsideration of application to extend pier at Twentieth street, North river; denied on 7th September, 1877.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 3d November, 1877.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 6th November, 1877.

A communication was received from Benham & Boyesen, agents for the Italian brig "Concezione Immacolata," claiming liability of Department for damages sustained on 2d instant, consequent upon the breaking of the granite mooring posts on Pier (new number) 1, North river, during the gale on that date; and, being read, was,

On motion, laid on the table.

The communication from the Finance Department, requesting information relative to piers occupied by Harlem and Morrisania Steamboat Lines, was, on motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to advise the Comptroller, in reply thereto, the following, to wit:

1. Ferry from westerly side of Pier 24, East river, to One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Harlem river; that the wharf property occupied by said ferry is not vested in the Corporation.

2. Ferry from easterly side of Pier 22, East river, to Mott Haven, Harlem river; that the outer half of the easterly side of said Pier 22, East river, now occupied by said ferry, was leased at public sale to the Morrisania Steamboat Co., for three years from 1st May, 1876, at \$2,750 per annum.

And that the Harlem and New York Navigation Co. purchased, at public sale, the lease of pier at One Hundred and Ninth street, Harlem river, at \$755 per annum, and the lease of pier at One Hundred and Twentieth street, Harlem river, at \$505 per annum, both for the term of three years from 1st May, 1876, and suggest whether it would not be advisable to change the term for which it is proposed to make the leases for the franchises for the above ferries, so that it may expire on 1st May, 1879, the date of expiration of the leases for the wharf property as above stated; and further state that the Corporation is not vested with the title of any wharf property in the vicinity of Eighty-fourth street, East river, except at Eighty-sixth street, which is subject to lease until 1st May, 1879.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform the auctioneer that the upset price for the bulkhead and slips adjacent to and east of the wharf property owned by the Bridge Company at foot of Roosevelt street, East river, to be used for purposes of a ferry therefrom to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, E. D., under resolution adopted 17th ult., is to be \$10,000 per annum as rent therefor.

The communication from the Finance Department, requesting to be furnished with an estimate of the amount of "Dock Bonds" required by this Department for remainder of present calendar year, was,

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby respectfully informed, in reply to his communication, dated 26th September, 1877, requesting to be advised of the amount of moneys required for the expenditures of the Department during the remainder of the current year, that the amount of proceeds of "Dock Bonds of the City of New York" necessary for that purpose will not exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

On motion of the President, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the pier at foot of Fifty-ninth street, North river, constructed within the lines of the plan adopted by this Department for the permanent improvement of the water front, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on 27th April, 1871, be and is hereby appropriated to the sole use of the special kind of commerce, as carried on by the New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Co., for and during the life of the lease, for the land under water, covered by said pier, to be hereafter executed in accordance with the agreement contained in resolution adopted by this Board, 16th August, 1876.

Resolved, That the New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Co. be and are hereby notified that the rent of \$1,000 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, for the use of the land under water covered by the Pier at Fifty-ninth street, North river, will commence and accrue from and after 1st November, 1877, and that the lease therefor, drawn in conformity with the resolution of this Board, adopted 16th August, 1876, will be submitted for execution as soon as prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received from the Engineer-in-Chief, and, being read, were,

On motion, placed on file, action being taken on the first communication as stated, to wit:

1. Recommending iron mooring posts for Pier new 1, North river, to replace the broken granite posts. Engineer-in-Chief directed to erect the iron mooring posts, and repair the fenders, if necessary, in conformity with his report, but not to exceed an expense of \$600.

2. Recommending sale at auction of empty cement barrels.

3. Certificate of completion of pier at Sixty-third street, North river, and ready for use on 1st November, 1877.

On motion, Amzi Cook, now in employ of Department as Watchman, was appointed Inspector, subject to the orders of the Board, at a salary of three dollars per day, and necessary car fares, from date of reporting for duty.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks held 14th November, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of meeting held 1st November, 1877, read and approved.

An application was received from Moses Taylor, for permission to insert a drain-pipe in bulkhead opposite to No. 44 South street; and, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Moses Taylor, to insert and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board, a 6-inch drain-pipe in the bulkhead between Piers 12 and 13, East river, to connect with building No. 44 South street; provided that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, and that the said pipe will be removed when so ordered by this Department, free expense to the city.

An application was received from the Police Department for permission to employ the tug "Manhattan," for one day, to test the practicability of chartering a tug of equal power for service in said Department; and, being read, and the Secretary stating that by direction of the Commissioners, the Engineer-in-Chief was instructed, on the 12th instant, to inform the Committee on Street Cleaning, of said Department, that the said tug could be had on Wednesday, 14th instant,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and confirmed.

An application was received from the Old Dominion Steamship Company, to use the unoccupied office belonging to the Department, on Pier (new number) 1, North river, at such times as said pier may be occupied by the company's vessels; and, being read, and the Secretary stating that by direction of the Commissioners permission was granted to said company on the 13th instant, to occupy, during the pleasure of this Board, the office of the Department on said pier, it being understood that the company is to be responsible for all damages thereto sustained during its occupancy thereof,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and confirmed.

A communication was received from the Police Department in relation to the location and size of the new piers proposed to be constructed on Ward's and Randall's Islands; and, being read,

On motion, the application of said Department to have this Board erect the said piers, was taken from the table and placed on file; and the following resolution adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the application of the Board of Police to have this Department construct three new piers, two on Ward's Island, and one on Randall's Island, to facilitate the filling in by the Bureau of Street Cleaning of certain sunken lands on said islands, be and is hereby denied; the Commissioners

of Docks being of the opinion that this Board have no power nor facilities to erect said structures otherwise than by contract, and that the Board of Police are possessed of equal authority to do the work in that manner; provided permission to erect said piers shall first be obtained from this Department.

A communication was received from Harrison Brainard, advising that he is not engaged in the business of steam transportation; and, being read,

On motion, his application for permission to erect a shed on the bulkhead south of Bethune street, North river, was taken from the table and placed on file; and the following resolution adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the application of Harrison Brainard, for permission to erect a shed on 210 feet of bulkhead adjacent to the southerly side of pier at Bethune street, North river, be and the same is hereby denied; the Department having no jurisdiction in the premises, consequent upon the applicant not being engaged in the business of steam transportation as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the repairs required to bulkhead at Twenty-ninth street, East river; and, being read,

On motion, the report of Superintendent Butler, on the bad condition of said bulkhead, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to make the necessary repairs to the said premises, in conformity with his report thereon.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, laid on the table, to await action, where necessary, as stated, to wit:

From Inman Steamship Company—Application to have either side of Pier (new number) 37, North river, dredged to a depth of 27 feet, at low water. Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine premises, and report quantity of material to be removed to secure the desired depth.

From Knickerbocker Ice Company—Application for permission to extend pier at Twentieth street, North river, westerly to established pier line.

The following reports were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file:

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 10th November, 1877.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 13th November, 1877.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine the brig "Concezione Immacolata," and report the damage sustained by that vessel while moored at Pier (new number) 1, North river, on 2d instant, as stated by Benham & Boyesen, agents, in communication now on table.

Mr. W. D. Crane, being present, was given a hearing in relation to his offer to furnish manufactured stone for the purposes of the Department, as contained in communication now on the table; and,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine into the merits of the material proposed to be furnished, or manner of manufacturing the stone, and report as to the advisableness of accepting the said offer.

On motion, the petition of ship-owners and exporters to have the slip at foot of Eleventh street, North river, dredged to a proper depth, to permit the larger vessels being safely loaded alongside the bulkhead thereat, was

Taken from the table and placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make proper requisition for the necessary dredging machines, scows, and force to dredge and remove to the extent of six thousand cubic yards of mud, at a price not exceeding fifteen cents per cubic yard, and to superintend the work of dredging said slip.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, transmitting four bids, including estimate of Department for removing easterly end of shed on Pier (old number) 45, North river, to the westerly extension of said pier; and, being read, was,

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief requested to consider and report as to the advisableness of moving the entire said shed westerly to cover the extension to the pier, instead of taking down the easterly end thereof and putting it up over the said extension as proposed.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in relation to the unsafe condition of the platform at foot of Forty-eighth street, East river; and, being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the necessary repairs to said premises, in conformity with the said report.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the necessity of repairing the outer end of pier at Thirty-third street, East river; and, being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the necessary repairs in conformity with the said report.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine Pier (new number) 44, North river, and report as to the extent of damage, if any, being sustained, consequent upon the pier being constantly struck by ferry boats of the Christopher Street Ferry, and what remedy should be adopted to prevent future injury.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform the auctioneer that the upset price for the Dredging Machine No. 1, to be offered for sale on the 20th inst., in pursuance to action had by this Board on the 1st inst., is to be \$6,000.

On motion, the Bookkeeper was directed to prepare in proper form, all bills against the Department received, and submit them for audit at the meetings of the Board held on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

On motion the Secretary was authorized and directed to have five hundred copies of the annual report of the Department for the year ending 30th April, 1877, printed in proper form, including the plates accompanying the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, connected therewith.

On motion, the following appointments were made, to wit:

James W. Marshall as Night Watchman, in place of Joseph Cornell, on File Driver No. 2.

John Barratt as Night Watchman, in place of Edward O. Baker.

Thomas C. O'Connor as Day Watchman, in place of Amzi Cook, appointed Inspector.

Cornelius Murphy, as laborer.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Report for the Quarter ending December 31, 1877.

To the Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor, etc.:

SIR—In compliance with the requirements of section 27 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, respectfully

REPORT:

That the assessments upon the real and personal estates in this city are nearly completed, and the Books of Annual Record will be opened for public inspection on the second Monday (14th) of January, as required by law.

STATE EQUALIZATION.

In the report of this Department for the last quarter, the action of the State Board of Equalization, in fixing the proportion of the State Tax, for 1877, to be paid by this city, was stated. A careful examination of the apportionment of that tax upon all the counties of the State develops the injustice done to this city by that apportionment. This is the more worthy of notice because of the earnest and persistent efforts made by the majority of the Board of State Assessors to create the belief that the apportionment, as made by the majority of the State Board of Equalization, gave to this city a great and unfair advantage, and cast upon other portions of the State a share of the burden which justly belonged to this city. A few figures will serve to show how grossly unfair such an imputation was.

The local assessors' valuation of real estate for 1876, in the following counties, was as follows:

Broome County	\$24,340,331
Erie " "	133,675,158
Jefferson " "	31,222,857
Onondaga " "	72,420,935
Total	\$261,659,281

The valuation of the same counties, as fixed by the majority of the State Board of Equalization, was as follows:

Broome County	\$12,936,392
Erie " "	71,147,368
Jefferson " "	16,757,838
Onondaga " "	36,903,914
Total	\$137,805,512

The valuation by the State Board is 52.6 per cent. of the valuation by the local assessors.

Assuming (and it is really a very great assumption) that this sum of \$261,659,281 represents the actual value of the real estate in these four counties, then the sum of \$137,805,502, being 52.6 per cent., represents the proportion of actual value which every other county in the State should pay.

In 1876 the Tax Commissioners valued the real estate of this city at \$892,428,165, but the majority of the State Board of Equalization fixed the value at \$1,015,565,000, to put the city upon the same basis as the four counties above-named, as well as all the other counties.

Now, when it is ascertained of what sum \$1,015,565.000 is 52.6 per cent., the actual value of the real estate in this city, as fixed by the majority of the State Board, is at once determined. That sum is no less than \$1,930,731,939. And it is in this way that the majority of the State Board of Equalization favored, as is alleged by the minority of that Board, the interests of the City of New York.

It is true that the apportionment, as made, did this city an injustice, a little less enormous than in some previous years. The just proportion which the city should pay of the whole State tax is doubtless about 38 per cent., and not 44.7, as fixed.

The following table, condensed from one prepared by the Hon. John D. Van Buren, Jr., State Engineer, shows the percentage of the State tax paid by each county in 1853, and in several later years:

	1853.	1865.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Albany.....	2.60	2.81	2.31	2.33	2.28	2.29	2.37	2.52
Allegany.....	.73	.51	.24	.40	.40	.40	.40	.45
Broome.....	.55	.52	.38	.43	.43	.44	.47	.52
Cattaraugus.....	.69	.50	.41	.34	.42	.80	.45	.50
Cayuga.....	1.05	1.33	.96	.92	.87	.97	.90	.97
Chautauqua.....	1.21	.94	.79	.79	.78	.77	.79	.89
Chemung.....	.74	.50	.42	.44	.44	.43	.45	.50
Chemung.....	.93	.69	.54	.53	.55	.55	.58	.65
Clinton.....	.57	.37	.28	.30	.29	.29	.31	.36
Columbia.....	1.09	1.39	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.11
Cortland.....	.45	.38	.35	.30	.29	.29	.33	.37
Delaware.....	.68	.58	.40	.42	.41	.40	.42	.46
Dutchess.....	2.15	2.08	1.61	1.56	1.49	1.50	1.52	1.65
Erie.....	2.75	3.07	2.45	2.60	2.59	2.60	2.85	3.00
Essex.....	.36	.25	.26	.26	.27	.27	.33	.35
Franklin.....	.32	.28	.27	.25	.24	.24	.24	.26
Fulton.....	.36	.26	.18	.18	.17	.17	.19	.25
Genesee.....	1.05	.90	.68	.62	.62	.62	.64	.70
Greene.....	.64	.48	.27	.30	.28	.28	.33	.38
Hamilton.....	.04	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.03
Herkimer.....	1.01	.71	.46	.48	.49	.50	.54	.80
Jefferson.....	1.49	1.04	.70	.70	.73	.73	.75	.80
Kings.....	5.85	7.92	9.34	8.51	9.13	9.16	9.36	9.48
Lewis.....	.44	.29	.18	.18	.19	.19	.25	.29
Livingston.....	1.40	1.00	.72	.63	.64	.64	.65	.72
Madison.....	.97	.80	.53	.48	.47	.48	.55	.58
Monroe.....	2.73	1.93	1.45	1.58	1.76	1.77	1.92	2.09
Montgomery.....	.71	.57	.30	.34	.45	.45	.55	.65
New York.....	32.65	40.14	49.85	51.84	50.95	50.72	48.78	44.78
Niagara.....	1.37	.94	.70	.65	.67	.67	.69	.75
Oneida.....	1.38	1.65	1.42	1.17	1.34	1.41	1.46	1.66
Onondaga.....	2.19	1.83	1.66	1.62	1.54	1.54	1.56	1.73
Ontario.....	1.66	1.16	.92	.83	.81	.81	.83	.94
Orange.....	1.95	1.79	1.35	1.19	1.29	1.34	1.35	1.54
Orleans.....	.88	.67	.51	.40	.47	.47	.49	.53
Oswego.....	1.09	.94	.72	.72	.70	.70	.74	.79
Otsego.....	.94	.79	.59	.58	.56	.56	.61	.65
Putnam.....	.40	.35	.34	.25	.24	.20	.25	.29
Queens.....	1.40	1.38	1.26	1.24	1.32	1.36	1.40	1.45
Rensselaer.....	2.66	1.90	1.43	1.33	1.32	1.32	1.43	1.52
Richmond.....	.57	.42	.39	.34	.37	.38	.40	.46
Rockland.....	.40	.38	.42	.40	.43	.44	.45	.48
St. Lawrence.....	1.15	.98	.66	.63	.67	.67	.74	.81
Saratoga.....	1.04	.79	.59	.61	.59	.60	.65	.72
Schenectady.....	.51	.38	.26	.25	.27	.27	.29	.34
Schoharie.....	.60	.40	.26	.28	.24	.25	.29	.33
Schuylers.....	.31	.21	.17	.18	.19	.19	.21	.23
Seneca.....	.87	.66	.49	.44	.44	.44	.45	.47
Steuben.....	1.39	.86	.70	.68	.63	.62	.64	.71
Suffolk.....	.82	.58	.56	.54	.53	.53	.53	.58
Sullivan.....	.33	.25	.14	.12	.13	.13	.14	.15
Tioga.....	.55	.37	.28	.29	.28	.29	.32	.37
Tompkins.....	1.05	.51	.38	.38	.39	.39	.40	.44
Ulster.....	1.28	.93	.63	.64	.63	.65	.67	.75
Warren.....	.19	.15	.14	.14	.13	.13	.15	.18
Washington.....	1.25	1.05	.72	.68	.63	.63	.70	.73
Wayne.....	1.16	1.01	.71	.68	.70	.70	.71	.78
Westchester.....	2.80	2.95	2.87	2.88	2.86	2.36	2.43	2.63
Wyoming.....	.73	.56	.44	.41	.38	.38	.39	.43
Yates.....	.69	.52	.37	.35	.35	.35	.37	.40

* New County, formed from those marked thus †.

From the above table it will be seen that the persistent demands made on behalf of this city since 1873, for something like justice, have not been entirely without effect.

THE TAX LAWS.

The grossly inadequate provisions of law for the assessment of personal and corporate property is not a new theme in the reports of this Department; and yet, so long as no steps are taken to remedy the evils, it would seem to be the duty of those charged with administering the law not to weary in calling attention to its defects. A law more effective would afford relief to the burden borne by the owners of real estate; and a law which would not even attempt to reach the personal property of individuals would greatly benefit the owners of real estate. The laws for the assessment of the property of corporations are sadly confused and imperfect. They should not only be revised, but should be administered uniformly throughout the commonwealth by State officers.

So important is this question that the Commissioners feel called upon to repeat the recommendations made in their report last year, to wit:

"1. That all corporations created by or doing business in the State shall be assessed by the State Assessors, upon sworn returns to be sent to them in Albany, and the taxes paid directly to the State Treasurer.

"2. That the taxes shall be fixed upon the value of the stock, a percentage upon gross receipts, or in proportion to dividends, including scrip and stock dividends, at such rates as will attract capital and yet yield a large revenue; and that the scale of taxation be so adjusted as not to call for any deduction for investments in real estate.

"3. That discrimination shall be made in the rate of taxation upon corporations formed under the general manufacturing law, so as to foster such interests so far as may be practicable and equitable.

"4. That if it shall be found necessary, to secure ample revenue to the State, a license tax, moderate in amount, may be imposed upon certain classes of business, to be paid to the State.

"5. That it shall be left to each county to determine, by its local Legislature, whether it will tax, for its local purposes, other descriptions of personal property.

"6. That real estate be relieved entirely from taxation for State purposes.

"7. That the real estate of corporations shall continue to be taxed where situated, as under present laws.

"It is susceptible of demonstration that the direct and indirect results of the adoption of a plan similar to this would not ultimately add anything to the burden of taxation upon the owners of real estate. On the contrary, the Commissioners believe that no act of legislation could so effectively and permanently benefit the City of New York, and with the city, the State; and that Mr. David A. Wells had a just appreciation of all the conditions, when he said that the adoption of a system similar in its general features would 'Do more to promote the prosperity of the State than anything that has happened since the construction and opening of the Erie Canal.'

"Such a reform in the system of taxation would make New York the most desirable abode for people of wealth upon this continent; would stud the now vacant boulevards and drives with costly and elegant mansions; would attract thousands of artisans whose services would be needed in the construction of such mansions; would foster the establishment of manufactories and warehouses upon the river fronts; would tend to make our banks and financial institutions strong and safe; and more than any thing else that legislation can do, revive the depressed interests of real estate, not with a speculative and ephemeral glow, but with a healthy and permanent recovery, based upon a sure foundation of increased population and resources. Now, men accumulate wealth here, and go elsewhere, beyond the reach of our present tax laws, to enjoy that wealth. Then, men who have accumulated wealth elsewhere would seek this city as a residence, offering advantages superior to any other city. Here would centre those who would prize the opportunities for social intercourse, for resort to amusements, for access to public libraries, and for the cultivation and development of aesthetic tastes. With common and indissoluble interests, the State would share the prosperity of the city; and so should be achieved that great future which New York, under wise legislation and administration, undoubtedly has before it."

The calendar year closes with a horizon tinted with some rays of hope. In certain lines of business there has been, of late, more activity, and the realization of rapid transit upon several lines of travel is so near at hand that the stimulating influence should manifest itself in the course of the following year. The immediate demand is for such judicious legislation as will attract to this city population and capital; residents for unoccupied lands and premises, and passengers for the improved modes of transit.

JOHN WHEELER,
JOHN N. HAYWARD,
GEO. H. ANDREWS, } Commissioners of
Taxes and Assessments.

New York, December 31, 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending January 5, 1878.

Deposits in the Treasury.

On account of the Sinking Fund.....	\$56,871 94
" " City Treasury.....	1,300,324 57
Total.....	\$1,357,196 51

Bonds and Stocks Issued.

Five per cent. Bonds.....	\$116,000 00
Five per cent. Stock.....	21,000 00
Total.....	\$137,000 00

Warrants Registered and Ready for Payment.

Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance.....	\$2,047 53
Armories and Drill Rooms—Rents.....	375 00
Armories and Drill Rooms—For Wages of Artificers.....	741 00
Assessment Sales—Moneys Refunded.....	6,096 75
Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues, Maintenance of.....	426 74
Bureau of Municipal Correction, Expenses of.....	100 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	669 35
CITY RECORD—Salaries and Contingencies.....	625 00
Cleaning Markets.....	2,157 78
College of the City of New York.....	573 02
Contingencies—Comptroller's Office.....	936 69
" Department of Buildings.....	161 00
" Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	10 00
" Law Department.....	500 00
" Mayor's Office.....	546 79
" Public Administrator's Office.....	78 00
Coroners' Fees.....	291 68
County Contingencies.....	34 70
Croton Water Fund.....	3,386 83
Croton Water-main Fund.....	19,581 65
Croton Water Rent—Refunding Account.....	16 00
Dock Fund.....	14,604 05
Election Expenses.....	5 00
Excise Licenses.....	75 00
Fire Department Fund.....	7,757 95
Flagging Sidewalks and Fencing Vacant Lots in front of City Property.....	65 00
For Removal of Night-soil, Offal, and Dead Animals.....	3,333 34
Fund for Small-pox Hospital and care of contagious diseases.....	45 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements, and Maintenance.....	166 66
Health Fund.....	172 15
Interest on the City Debt.....	137,091 22
Judgment Fund.....	272 98
Judgments.....	68,109 61
Jurors' Fees.....	3,278 67
Lamps and Gas.....	20,297 91
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	7,057 39
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads, Avenues, and Bridges, including Bridges over Bronx river, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	26 40
Museum of Art Fund.....	272 90
Museum of Natural History Fund.....	948 02
Police Station-houses—Rents.....	106 25
Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.....	1,221 65
Publication of CITY RECORD.....	2,745 40
Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs.....	382 15
Public Charities and Correction.....	11,262 03
Public Drinking Hydrants.....	32 81
Public Instruction.....	12,698 20
Refunding Taxes Paid in Error.....	381 50
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues.....	253 25
Repairs and Renewal of Pavements.....	887 98
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.....	869 00
Revenue Bonds of 1877.....	75,000 00
Roads and Avenues and Sprinkling.....	701 87
Salaries—Bureau of Permits.....	999 97
" City Courts.....	1,541 66
" Department of Buildings.....	4,316 61
" Department of Finance.....	15,786 19
" Judiciary.....	15,135 26
" Law Department.....	1,500 00
Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning.....	3,796 91
State Taxes.....	200,000 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	5,458 46
Street Improvement Fund—Riverside Avenue.....	1,447 26
Street Improvements above Fifty-ninth Street.....	603 94
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices.....	464 64
Surveying, Laying-out, Monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	2,106 17
Water-meter Fund.....	340 00
Total.....	\$662,974 01

SUITS, ORDERS OF COURT, JUDGMENTS, Etc.

COURT.	PLAINTIFF OR RELATOR.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION, ETC.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme..	Wm. C. Wetmore.....	.....	Order to vacate assessment sale for regulating Second avenue.....	E. M. Neville.
"	James W. Pinchot and Theo. Weston.....	.....	Order to vacate assessment sale for paving Forty-third street, Third to Fourth avenues Notice of Judgment.....	A. B. Johnson. T. J. McKee.
"	Ephraim D. Brown.....	\$13,431 48	" "	E. O. Andrews.
"	Susan D. Brown.....	736 29	" "	"
"	Joseph R. Wood.....	3,682 74	" "	E. H. Moeran.
"	Thomas Ovington.....	404 35	" "	"
"	The Church of St. Anthony.....	.....	To vacate taxes of 1874, 1875, and 1876 on No. 60 Macdougall street, Ward No. 1309..	Bliss & Schley.
"	Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.....	.....	Order to set aside assessment sale for Seventy-ninth and Eighty-eighth street sewers..... Notice of Judgment.....	H. A. Shipman. D. & T. McMahon.
"	Alfred E. Beach.....	821 08	" "	"
"	Butler H. Bixby.....	27,361 20	For balance of salary as Police Justice, September 1, 1871, to November 4, 1873 (amended complaint).....	G. Nathan. J. A. Deering.
Superior..	Henry J. Newton.....	507 00	Notice of Judgment.....	"
Com. Pleas.	Charles H. Maguire ..	.....	Order to reduce assessment for regulating, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, Eighth avenue to Harlem river.....	S. Jones.
"	The Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.....	1,482 90	Notice of Judgment.....	D. & T. McMahon.
"	E. Delafield Smith.....	3,559 20	" "	J. H. Judge.

BUREAU OF FIRE-ESCAPES AND IRON WORK.

BUREAU OF FIRE-ESCAPES AND IRON WORK.	
Operations for the week ending Jan. 5, 1878 :	
Buildings reported for fire-escapes.	22
Fire-escapes provided	8
Arch girders tested (approved).....	..
“ (not approved).....	..
Iron beams tested (approved).....	6
“ (not approved).....	..
Iron lintels tested (approved).....	..
“ (not approved).....	..
Notices for fire-escapes served.....	51
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.....	..
Operations for the month of December, 1877 :	
Buildings reported for fire escapes.....	117
“ “ iron shutters.....	..
Buildings reported for trap-doors and railings to hoistways.....	1
Buildings provided with fire escapes.....	134
“ “ iron shutters.....	..
“ “ trap-doors and rail- ings to hoistways.....	..
Arch girders tested (approved).....	18
“ (not approved).....	..
Iron beams tested (approved).....	10
“ (not approved).....	..
Iron lintels tested (approved).....	6
“ (not approved).....	..
Notices for fire-escapes, etc., served.....	349
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.....	11

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. K. HYDE,
Chief of Bureau.
VICTOR W. VOORHEES,
Clerk.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH
all the 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
Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Mayor's Marshal, No. 7, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.
Board of Aldermen and Supervisors, No. 9, City Hall,
Office hours from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Super-
isors, No. 8, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.
Comptroller's Office, second floor, rooms 19 and 20.
1. Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and rev-

2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park.
3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents, first floor, room 5.

4. Auditing Bureau, second floor, west end, room 19.
5. Bureau of Licenses, first floor, room 6.
6. Bureau of Markets, first floor, room 6.
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

8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, second floor, room 16.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, Staats Zeitung Building,
third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Public Administrator, 115 and 117, Nassau street, 10
A. M. to 4 P. M.
Corporation Attorney, 49 Beekman street, 8½ A. M. to
4 P. M.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes,
No. 51 Chambers street, second floor.
Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 2 Fourth
venue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN.
Commissioners' Office, second floor
Superintendent's Office, first floor.
Inspectors' Office, first floor.
Chief Clerk's Office, second floor, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Property Clerk, first floor (rear) " " "
Bureau of Street Cleaning, Avenue C, from Sixteenth
to Seventeenth street, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Bureau of Elections, second floor (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Commissioner's Office, No. 19.
Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.
Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.
Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.
" " Boulevards and Avenues, No. 18.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.
 " Lamps and Gas, No. 13.
 " Incumbrances, No. 13.
 " Street Improvements, No. 11.
 " Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct, No 11½.
 " Water Register, No. 10.

“ Water Purveyor, No. 4.
“ Streets and Roads, No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND
CORRECTION.
Commissioners' Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A. M. to

Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open, entrance on Eleventh street.
Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth street and Tenth avenue, always open.
Yellow Fever Hospital, foot of Twenty-ninth street, East

NOS. 153, 155 AND 157 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Commissioners' Office. Chief of Department.

Inspectors of Combustibles. Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
NO. 301 MOTT STREET.
Commissioners' Office, second floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Sanitary Superintendent, always open, third floor.
Register of Records, third floor, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M., and on Sundays, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.
Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M
Board of Assessors, " " "

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioners' Office, 117 and 119 Duane street,
A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENT'S
Commissioners' Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall

Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. On Saturday, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.
Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth Avenue, 9 A. M.BOARD OF EXCISE.
Commissioners' Office, first floor, 299 Mulberry street,
6 A. M. to 4 P. M.BOARD OF EDUCATION.
CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS
Office of the Board, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Superintendent of Schools, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street from the northerly line of Laurence street, parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, to the westerly side of a certain road or avenue in the City of New York, closed by act of the Legislature, chapter 290, section 10, passed April 5, 1871; as said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street appears upon a map made by the Commissioners of the Central Park and filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on October 23, 1867.

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

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Elliot F. Shepard, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 154 Nassau street (Room No. 22), in the said city, on or before the twelfth day of February, 1878, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week-days next after the said twelfth day of February, 1878, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 23d day of February, 1878.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follow, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street with the northerly line of Laurence street, running thence northerly and at right angles to said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 100 feet; thence easterly and parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 619 feet and 8 1/2 inches to what was formerly the easterly line of a certain new avenue closed by an act of the Legislature, passed April 5th, 1871 (Laws of 1871, chapter 290); thence in a southerly direction 281 feet and 7 inches to a point; thence westerly and parallel to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 108 feet and 10 inches to the northerly line of Laurence street; thence northerly along the northerly line of Laurence street 217 feet and 6 inches, be the same more or less, to the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly line of Laurence street with the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; thence easterly along the southerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 493 feet and 3/4 of an inch to the westerly line of said new avenue closed by an act of the Legislature, passed April 5, 1871, as aforesaid; thence northerly along the westerly line of said new avenue, closed as aforesaid, 63 feet and 8 1/2 inches to the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; thence westerly along the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 585 feet and 7 1/2 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Also all those other certain lots, pieces or parcels of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Laurence street, distant 206 feet and 3 inches from a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of Laurence street with the easterly side of the Tenth Avenue; running thence northerly along the southwesterly line of Laurence street, 185 feet 3 inches to a point; thence westerly and parallel to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, 164 feet and 4 inches to a point; thence northerly and at right angles to said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, 85 feet and 4 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the sixth day of March, 1878, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, January 8, 1878.

ELLIOT F. SHEPARD,
NEVIN W. BUTLER,
LOUIS MESIER,
Commissioners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1878.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, Police Department, City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Riveting hammers, split cow-hides, boats, rope, trunk and contents, black bags and contents, liquor, revolvers, silver watch, and small amount of money taken from prisoners.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING,
NEW YORK, December 26, 1877.

LOST—SCOWS NOS. 3 AND 9 OF THE BUREAU of Street Cleaning, reported as going adrift. Any information respecting the same is requested at the office of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, foot of Seventeenth street, East river.

By order of the Board,

S. C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

JURORS.

NOTICE
IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR
STATE COURTSOFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1877.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 9 to 4 daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

Those who have not answered as to their liability, or proved permanent exemption, will receive a "jury enroll-

ment notice," requiring them to appear before me this year. Whether liable or not, such notices must be answered (in person, if possible, and at this office only) under severe penalties. If exempt, the party must bring proof of exemption; if liable, he must also answer in person, giving full and correct name, residence, etc., etc. No attention paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines, received from those who, for business or other reasons, are unable to serve at the time selected, pay the expenses of this office, and if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

All good citizens will aid the course of justice, and secure reliable and respectable juries, and equalize their duty by serving promptly when summoned, allowing their clerks or subordinates to serve, reporting to me any attempt at bribery or evasion, and suggesting names for enrollment. Persons between sixty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States and District Court jurors are not exempt.

Every man must attend to his own notice. It is a misdemeanor to give any jury paper to another to answer. It is also punishable by fine or imprisonment to give or receive any present or bribe, directly or indirectly, in relation to a jury service, or to withhold any paper or make any false statement, and every case will be fully prosecuted.

THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner,
County Court-house (Chambers street entrance)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, January 4, 1878.WOODEN AND GALVANIZED IRON BRIDGE,
ENTRANCE PORCH, ETC., FOR THE MUSEUM
OF NATURAL HISTORY BUILDING, MAN-
HATTAN SQUARE, CENTRAL PARK.

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York City, until Wednesday, the 23d day of January, 1878, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read—

For the erection of a bridge, entrance porch, etc., for the Museum of Natural History building, situate on Manhattan square, in the Central Park, in the City of New York.

Each proposal must state, both in writing and in figures, a gross price for the whole work.

The work is to be completed within three months from the date of the contract therefor.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of three thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal, and that if the said person or persons making the proposal shall omit or refuse to execute said contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent by affidavit.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the plans and the terms of the contract (including the specifications), settled as required by law, seen at the office of the Secretary, at the above address.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Bridge, etc., Museum of Natural History," and shall also be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation.

WM. R. MARTIN, President;
JAMES F. WENMAN,
WM. C. WETMORE,
SAMUEL CONOVER,
Commissioners D. P. P.WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, January 4, 1878.

ENCAUSTIC TILE WORK.

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York City, until Wednesday, the 23d day of January, 1878, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened by the head of the said Department and read—

For the Tilers' work to be executed in a bridge, entrance porch, etc., to be erected for the Museum of Natural History building, on Manhattan square, in the Central Park, in the City of New York.

Each proposal must state, both in writing and in figures, a gross price for the whole work.

The work is to be completed within four months from the date of the contract therefor.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal, and that if the said person or persons making the proposal shall omit or refuse to execute said contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent by affidavit.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the plans and the terms of the contract (including the specifications), settled as required by law, seen at the office of the Secretary, at the above address.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Tilers' Work for Bridge, Museum of Natural History," and shall also be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation.

WM. R. MARTIN, President;
JAMES F. WENMAN,
WM. C. WETMORE,
SAMUEL CONOVER,
Commissioners D. P. P.WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

A STATED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the College of the City of New York will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education (No. 146 Grand street, New York City), on Tuesday, January 15, 1878, at 4 o'clock P. M.

LAWRENCE D. KIERNAN,
Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, January 4, 1878.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DOING THE WORK and furnishing the materials required in the proposed alteration and repairing of the building located at Nos. 22, 24, and 26 Chambers street, will be received as above until 10 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 23d instant, when they will be publicly opened and read.

No proposals will be received or considered after the hour named.

Plans and specifications and the form of contract to be entered into by the successful bidder may be seen, and blank proposals will be furnished, on application at these Headquarters.

Two responsible sureties will be required with each proposal, who must each justify thereon, prior to its presentation, in not less than one-half the amount thereof.

Proposals must be addressed on the envelope to the Board of Commissioners, with the indorsement "Proposal for Alterations and Repairs," and the name of the bidder.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted, if deemed to be for the interests of the city.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING TO this Department one hundred and fifty (150) tons Incehall Cannel coal, to weigh two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and to be hand-picked, and free from slate, will be received at these Headquarters until ten (10) o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, January 16, 1878, when they will be publicly opened and read.

No proposals will be received or considered after the hour named.

The coal is to be delivered within two months after the execution of the contract at such of the houses of the Department, and in such quantities and at such times as may be directed.

Two responsible sureties are required upon each proposal, who must each justify thereon, prior to its presentation, in an amount equivalent to one-half the amount of the proposal.

The form of contract, to which especial attention is called, can be seen on application to these Headquarters, where further information and blank proposals may also be obtained.

Proposals must be addressed upon the envelope to the Board of Commissioners of this Department, be indorsed "Proposal for furnishing Cannel Coal," and state the names of the parties making the same.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted, if deemed to be for the interests of the city, and to increase the quantity of coal required under the terms of this advertisement to any amount not exceeding two hundred (200) tons.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.HEADQUARTERS,
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, December 31, 1877.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A ONE- horse open spring wagon will be sold at public auction by Van Tassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, January 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., at the Hospital Stables, No. 199 Chrystie street.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIVE (5) horses will be sold at public auction, by Vantassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, January 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., at the Hospital Stables, No. 199 Chrystie street.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, December 31, 1877.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At N. Y. City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island, December 25, 1877—John McDermott; aged 33 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; blue eyes; black hair. Had on when admitted black coat, dark-mixed pants and vest, white shirt. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, December 28, 1877—Ellen Harmon; aged 41 years; blue eyes; brown hair. Admitted to Asylum May 18, 1863. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, December 28, 1877.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Hart's Island Hospital, Christina Smith; aged 25 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; brown eyes; light hair. Had on when admitted, a light skirt, red flannel petticoat, woolen shawl, black velvet hat. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1877.PROPOSALS FOR 5,000 TONS OF WHITE
ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-
DOOR POOR, AND CARTING SAME.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, January 19, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 5,000 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; to be delivered in cargoes alongside such piers on the east and west side of the city, and at such times as the Commissioners may direct. Each ton to consist of 2,240 pounds.

Also, proposals for carting and delivering said coal, in such quantities and in such parts of the city as the Commissioners may direct.

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

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
ISAAC H. BAILEY,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 5, 1877.PROPOSALS FOR 17,150 TONS WHITE
ASH COAL.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, January 19, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering 17,150 tons of White Ash Coal, of the best quality; to be well screened and in good order. Each ton to consist of 2,240 pounds. None other will be accepted. All of said coal to be delivered as required, in about the following sizes and quantities, free of all expense, at the following places:

At Blackwell's Island—
5,000 tons grate size.
250 tons stove size.
At Ward's Island—
4,000 tons grate size.
2,000 tons grate size.
250 tons stove size.
At Hart's Island—
500 tons egg size.
At Randall's Island—
1,800 tons egg size.
500 tons stove size.
200 tons nut size.
At City Prisons—
600 tons egg size.
At Steamboat Dock, foot of East Twenty-sixth street, for use of steamboats, in cargoes of about 200 tons per month—
2,000 tons grate size.
At No. 66 Third Avenue—
50 tons egg size.

Proposals to state the particular description of coal to be delivered as known in the market, from what mine produced, and all particulars, to enable the Board to arrive at a proper decision.

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

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
ISAAC H. BAILEY,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 3, 1878.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, January 1, 1878—Mary Kelly; aged 55 years; 5 feet 3 1/2 inches high; dark gray eyes; light brown hair. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1878.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Hart's Island Hospital, December 31, 1877—Ann Kelly; aged 25 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; blue eyes; light hair. Had on when admitted, black merino dress, white flannel petticoat, striped woolen shawl, cloth gaiters, straw hat. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE obtained at No. 2 City Hall (northwest corner, basement). Price three cents each.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS WILL MEET every Friday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
BRYAN REILLY,
JAMES J. SLEVIN,
LEWIS J. PHILLIPS,
Committee on Streets.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, January 7, 1878.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 31, 1877.

60th street, sewer, between 8th and 10th avenues.
44th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 1st to 3d avenue.
3d avenue, regulating and paving, from Westchester avenue to 163d street.

3d avenue, regulating and paving, from 163d street to northern boundary 23d Ward.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before March 8, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

CORPORATION SALE OF LEASE OF THE HAY SCALES AT TOMPKINS MARKET.

THE LEASE OF THE HAY SCALES AT TOMPKINS Market until May 1, 1879, will be sold at public auction at the new Court-house, on Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock noon.

TERMS OF SALE.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent; or forfeited, if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation. (Sec. 99 of Charter of 1873.)

The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the city during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarterly-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 7, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISES.

THE FRANCHISES TO RUN THE FOLLOWING ferries and a lease of the wharf property belonging to the city, if any, set apart for ferry purposes at each of said ferries, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, November 8, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of five years from November 1, 1877, except as otherwise stated:

Ferry from Peck Slip, New York City, to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street at Third avenue, Harlem, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river.

Ferry from Fulton Market slip, New York City, to Mott Haven, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river, until May 1, 1879.

Ferry as now established from foot of Roosevelt street, in the City of New York, East river, to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, Eastern District, together with the bulkheads and slips adjacent to and east of the wharf property at foot of Roosevelt street, East river, owned by the Bridge Company, and now occupied for said ferry.

Bidders must bid for the franchise and lease of wharf property of each ferry separately, but no bid will be received unless it includes an offer for both the ferry franchise and wharf property.

The form of the lease required to be executed by the highest bidder can be seen at the office of the Comptroller.

All bids will be regarded as made with reference to said form of lease, and in case the highest bidder shall neglect to execute a lease according to said form, for ten days after said sale, his bid will, at the option of the Comptroller and the Board of the Department of Docks, be rejected.

The leases will contain a covenant requiring the lessees to pay rent quarterly-yearly to the Comptroller.

The minimum rate for which the ferry franchise or license to operate such ferries shall be used or enjoyed has been appraised and set by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at five per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts for ferriage collected at the New York landing-place for the ferry as now established from the foot of Roosevelt street, New York, to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, and at two and one-half per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts collected for ferriage for the ferries from Peck Slip, New York, to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Third avenue, Harlem; and from Fulton Market slip, New York, to Mott Haven, such percentage to be paid quarterly-yearly to the Corporation, and a covenant will be contained in each lease requiring the lessees to make and deliver to the Comptroller of the City of New York, quarterly-yearly, a statement in writing, verified by oath or affirmation of the lessee, or of

such proper officer of the lessee as may be designated by the Comptroller, of the actual total gross receipts for ferriage received by such lessee during the preceding three months, and also, that the lessee shall keep regular books of account, showing the daily gross receipts of the ferry leased, and allow said Comptroller, or any person designated by him, to examine such books.

The franchise will be put up and knocked down to the person offering to pay the largest percentage.

All moneys received for the conveyance of passengers, animals, vehicles, or freight from New York to be collected at the landing place in New York, or, if collected elsewhere, to be included in the receipts upon which such percentage is to be calculated and paid.

No bid less than such percentage on such gross receipts will be entertained.

The successful bidder will be required to pay to the Collector of City Revenue the sum of fifteen hundred dollars immediately after the franchise shall have been struck down to him, as security for the execution and performance of the lease, such amount to be credited on the rent when the same becomes due.

Security, satisfactory to the Comptroller, will be required for the punctual performance by the lessees of the covenants of the lease of the franchise in their behalf.

Each purchaser of a lease will be required, at the time of the sale, and in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to pay to the Department of Docks twenty-five per cent. of the amount of the annual rent bid for the wharf property, as security for the execution of the lease, and which twenty-five per cent. will be applied to the payment of the rent for such property first accruing under the lease, when executed, or forfeited if the lessee neglects or refuses to execute the lease and bond after being duly notified that the lease is prepared and ready for signature, or, in case the bid be finally rejected, will be returned to the bidder.

Lessees will be required to pay their rent for the wharf property quarterly, in advance, in compliance with a stipulation therefor in the form of the lease adopted.

The franchise and the lease of the wharf property, if any, of each ferry will be put up and sold together to the highest bidder, subject to the condition hereinafter expressed, and subject also to the right of the Comptroller and the Board of the Department of Docks to reject any or all bids, if deemed to be for the interest of the city.

The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be to the interest of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller;

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,

HENRY F. DIMOCK,

JACOB VANDERPOEL,

Board of Department of Docks.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, November 1, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 15, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, November 8, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 22, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, November 15, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, November 22, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISE.

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

THE FRANCHISE TO RUN THE FOLLOWING ferry and a lease of the wharf property belonging to the city, set apart for ferry purposes at said ferry, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, October 25, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of five years from November 1, 1877, namely:

Ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Queens County, Long Island.

Bidders must bid for the franchise and lease of wharf property of said ferry separately, but no bid will be received unless it includes an offer for both the ferry franchise and wharf property.

The form of the lease required to be executed by the highest bidder can be seen at the office of the Comptroller.

All bids will be regarded as made with reference to said form of lease, and in case the highest bidder shall neglect to execute a lease according to said form for ten days after said sale, his bid will, at the option of the Comptroller and the Board of the Department of Docks, be rejected.

The leases will contain a covenant requiring the lessees to pay rent quarterly-yearly to the Comptroller.

The successful bidder will be required to pay to the Collector of City Revenue the sum of fifteen hundred dollars immediately after the franchise shall have been struck down to him, as security for the execution and performance of the lease, such amount to be credited on the rent when the same becomes due.

Security, satisfactory to the Comptroller, will be required for the punctual performance by the lessees of the covenants of the lease of the franchise in their behalf.

The minimum price for which the lease of said wharf property connected with the ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Long Island, will be sold, has been fixed by the Board of the Department of Docks at the following sum, namely:

For bulkhead at foot of Ninety-second street, East river, and for premises at foot of Fulton street, Astoria, as now occupied for ferry purposes, at \$250 per annum.

The premises connected with the said ferry to be taken in the condition in which they were in on the 1st day of August, 1877, and all repairs and rebuilding thereof, and dredging at said ferry during the term leased, to be done at the expense and cost of the lessees.

The purchase of the lease will be required, at the time of the sale, and in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to pay to the Department of Docks twenty-five per cent. of the amount of the annual rent bid for the wharf property, as security for the execution of the lease, and which twenty-five per cent. will be applied to the payment of the rent for such property first accruing under the lease, when executed, or forfeited if the lessee neglects or refuses to execute the lease and bond after being duly notified that the lease is prepared and ready for signature, or, in case the bid be finally rejected, will be returned to the bidder.

Lessees will be required to pay their rent for the wharf property quarterly, in advance, in compliance with a stipulation therefor in the form of the lease adopted.

The franchise and the lease of the wharf property, of said ferry will be put up and sold together to the highest bidder, subject to the condition hereinafter expressed, and subject also to the right of the Comptroller

and the Board of the Department of Docks to reject any or all bids, if deemed to be for the interest of the city.

The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be to the interest of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Dated New York, October 20, 1877.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,

HENRY F. DIMOCK,

JACOB VANDERPOEL,

Board of Department of Docks.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 8, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, October 25, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 15, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 8, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 22, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 15, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, November 22, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, December 3, 1877.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED NOVEMBER 27, 1877.

Broadway, sewer, between Manhattan and 133d streets, etc.

130th street, sewer, between Broadway and 10th avenue.

152d street, sewer, between 10th avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

Clinton street, basins, northeast and northwest corners of South street.

Little 13th street, curbing, guttering and flagging, south side, between Washington street and Tenth avenue.

64th street, curbing and guttering, between 8th and 9th avenues.

56th street, flagging, between 6th and 7th avenues.

58th street, flagging, from southeast corner of 9th avenue to 344 W. 58th street.

60th street, flagging, south side, between 1st and 2d avenues.

64th street, flagging, between 8th and 9th avenues.

Marion avenue, flagging, from Kingsbridge road to Ridge street (24th Ward).

Berrian avenue, flagging, west side, from the 2d angle north of Kingsbridge road to Isaac street.

Berrian avenue, crosswalk and flagging, between Kingsbridge road and Isaac street.

4th avenue, paving, from north to south side, 71st street to 56th street, " " 6th to 7th avenue.

95th " " " 1st " 2d "

105th " " " 8th avenue to Boulevard.

106th " " " 3d " to Harlem river.

121st " " " 1st " to 4th avenue.

Broadway, fencing vacant lots, from 42d to 59th street.

43d street, fencing vacant lots, south side, between 3d and Lexington avenues.

45th street, fencing vacant lots, north side, between 9th and 10th avenues.

54th street, fencing vacant lots, northwest corner 6th avenue.

60th street, fencing vacant lots, north side, between 10th and 11th avenues.

61d street, fencing vacant lots, north side, between Boulevard and 8th avenue.

71st and 72d streets, fencing vacant lots, between 2d and 3d avenues (block).

73d and 74th streets, fencing vacant lots, between 5th and Madison avenues (block).

83d and 84th streets, fencing vacant lots, between 5th and Madison avenues (block).

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 1, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

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Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, February 6, 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, December 21, 1877.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment list was received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 15, 1877.

56th street, paving, from Madison to 4th avenue.

100th street, paving, from 8th to 10th avenue.

152d street, paving, from St. Nicholas avenue to the Boulevard.

79th street, regulating and paving, from 9th avenue to Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 15, 1878, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, December 6, 1877.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED NOVEMBER 30, 1877.

76th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 8th avenue to Riverside Drive.

West street, flagging (full width on east side), from Horatio to Gansevoort street.

109th street, curb, gutter, and flagging, from 3d to 5th avenue.

173d street, flagging (north side), from 3d to Railroad avenue (Twenty-third Ward).

Waverley place, sewer, between Charles and Perry streets.

44th street sewer, between 2d and 3d avenues.

West 59th street, sewer extension.

103d street, sewer, between 4th and Lexington avenues.