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LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

It is doubtful whether the Board of Assessors has jurisdiction to assess damage done to property by the closing of the Bloomingdale Road; and as such damage, if allowed by the Board, must be paid by the city within four months, and must then be collected through assessments upon the property benefited, which assessments would be set aside if the Board has no jurisdiction of the matter, causing a loss to the city of the amount paid, the Board is advised not to comply with a request to assess the damage alleged to have been done to a house by the closing of that road.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, April 11, 1874.

Mr. Thomas B. Asten, President of the Board of Assessors,

SIR:—I received your letter of February 11th, 1874, enclosing a copy of the petition of Montague Ward, for an award for damages to land and building, block number 1,168½, Ward numbers 1 and 2, in the matter of closing Bloomingdale Road, between the Boulevard and Manhattan street, in this city, and asking my opinion thereon.

The matter is not free from difficulty and embarrassment; and my reply to your communication has, for that reason, been delayed. On the one hand it may be claimed that, unless the damages suffered by the petitioner can be assessed in this manner, he is without remedy; but, on the other hand, if the assessors should assess those damages, the city would be bound to pay the same within four months after the confirmation of the assessment; and if it should appear that the assessors had no jurisdiction of the matter, the assessment would be vacated and the city would suffer the loss.

Section 3 of Chapter 697, of the Laws of 1867, referred to in the petition, provides that all damages to any land or to any buildings or other structure thereon existing at the time of the passage of this act, in any street, avenue or road laid out on the map of the city of New York, within the district specified in the first section of this act, by reason of closing such street, or altering the grade thereof, shall be ascertained and paid in the manner specified in sections 3 and 4 of an act entitled "An act to make permanent the grades of the streets and avenues in the city of New York." The act thus referred to is chapter 52 of the Laws of 1852, and section 3 of that act provides as follows: "In all cases where the grade of any street or avenue shall be changed or altered, in the whole, or in part, it shall be the duty of the assessors appointed to estimate and assess the expense of conforming to such change of grade and regulating the street or avenue in accordance therewith; to estimate the loss and damage which each owner of land fronting on said street or avenue will sustain by reason of such change to such lands or to any improvement therein, and make a just and equitable award of the amount of such loss or damage to the owner or owners of such lands or tenements fronting on such street or avenue and opposite thereto, and affected by such change of grade, and the amount of such award shall be included in the expense of such proceedings and with such expense, shall be assessed as provided in and by the 175th section of the act of April 9, 1813." And section 4 of such act provides, in substance, that the city shall within four months after the ratification of the assessment of the said assessors pay to the respective parties entitled thereunto the amount of such awards in their favor.

I have no doubt that the author of the provis-

ion above cited in the act of 1867 intended to provide a method by which any damage suffered by the owner of property, through the closing of streets, avenues or roads under that law, could be ascertained and paid; but I think it doubtful whether that object has been accomplished by the enactment of the provision in question. The act of 1852, above referred to, contemplates the case of a local improvement caused by changing the grade of a street and the consequent necessary regulating of the street or avenue in accordance therewith. Of course, in a case like this, there is a necessity for the assessors to take action in the matter for the purpose of estimating and assessing the expense of conforming to the change of grade and the regulating the street or avenue, and when they do take action for this purpose the law authorizes them to also estimate the loss and damage sustained by the owners of land, and to include such loss or damage in the assessment. But no such necessity for action on the part of the assessors arises under the act of 1867. Under that act the Commissioners of the Central Park were required to file certain maps; and the statute declares such maps shall be final and conclusive on all parties; and that streets, avenues and roads not shown upon the maps shall cease to be streets, avenues and roads; and that the abutting owner shall become and be seized in fee simple absolute therein to the centre line thereof, in front of his or their lands. Now the expense incurred by the Commissioners of the Central Park in making surveys and preparation of maps are not to be paid by assessment, but by money to be raised by the issue of bonds, which are to be, ultimately, paid by taxation, and there is, therefore, no occasion for any assessment or for any action of the assessors in regard to such expense, and there are not, therefore, in the language of the act of 1852, any "assessors appointed to estimate and assess the expense;" and, under a strict construction of the act of 1852, it is, to say the least, doubtful whether the "manner specified" in sections 3 and 4 of said act of 1852 is applicable to the ascertaining and paying for damage caused to the petitioner and others by the closing of the Bloomingdale road. Under these circumstances, in view of the doubt as to your jurisdiction to act, and of the possible loss to the city, after full and careful consideration of the matter, I cannot advise you to comply with the request of the petitioner.

The copy petition of Mr. Ward is herewith returned.

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

Where proposals for a contract are unaccompanied with an oath taken before a Judge of a Court of Record, a department may either reject them or may waive the irregularity.

Directory provisions of laws and ordinances, relating to the making of contracts and designed to protect the city, may, if uncomplied with by persons proposing for contracts, be treated as ground for rejecting proposals, or may on the other hand be waived by a department in its discretion.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, April 20, 1874.

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

SIR:—In your letter of the 11th instant you stated that the Department has advertised for proposals to furnish all the material and do all the work necessary for, and to put a new roof and fixtures on Tompkins Market, in accordance with specifications. Proposals were received, the one from William Halliday, and the other from Christopher C. Burfoot, which you enclose for my examination. The proposals are not sworn to by the sureties "before a Judge of a Court of Record," in accordance with the requirements of section 21, chapter 7, article 2, Revised Ordinances of 1866. You request my opinion whether the Department is authorized or justified in executing a contract in view of this irregularity. I have already had occasion to consider whether a bid or contract should be regarded as absolutely void when the proposals are sworn to before a notary public instead of a Judge of a Court of Record, and I have determined that such an irregularity places it within the un-

doubted power of the Department to reject the bid; but I have at the same time advised that it was within the authority of the Department to waive the irregularity.

In this case, it appears from an inspection of the papers, that the proposals are not only unaccompanied with an oath taken before a judge of a court of record, but are also not sworn to at all.

In my judgment it is perfectly competent for the Department, if it see fit, to reject the proposals altogether, in consequence of this omission.

But directory regulations of this character are made as a protection to the city. If they be not complied with, the Department may reject the proposals; but such rejection is entirely within the discretion of the Department. If the irregularity be waived the contractor cannot object nor use the waiver as ground for escaping from the obligations which he may incur in entering into a contract for the work.

The answer to your communication is therefore that you are clearly authorized and justified in contracting with persons who have made proposals unaccompanied with an oath. It is within your discretion to accept the contractors or to reject them under these circumstances.

I return the papers transmitted to me.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At meetings of the Board governing this Department, held from the 2d to 11th April, 1874, inclusive, Commissioners Westervelt and Budd present, the following action was had.

Applications for Permits, etc.

April 2—From North Shore Staten Island Ferry Co., to erect ferry building on bulkhead, etc., foot of Whitehall street, E. R. Granted, to be erected upon plans submitted to and approved by this Department.

April 2—From Wm. H. Christie, to extend time of removal of corrugated iron building on bulkhead, between Perry and 11th streets, N. R. Granted till May 5, 1874, provided his agreement to remove that date is filed in this office.

April 8—From Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., to retain on bulkhead, between 24th and 25th streets, N. R., the engine and tool houses now located thereon. Granted.

April 8—From Wm. Burns, to locate a float for small boats, at the south side of bulkhead foot of 57th street, N. R. Granted.

Repairs, etc., Ordered.

April 2—Superintendent Turner directed to make necessary repairs to dumping board at foot of 38th street, E. R.

April 2—Marietta V. Hull notified to make repairs to that part of pier at 130th street, H. R., as may be located on property owned by her.

April 6—Erie Railway Co., lessees of Pier 8, E. R., notified to make necessary repairs thereto without delay.

April 6—Owner of Pier 28, E. R., notified to place said pier in thorough repair, numerous complaints having been made as to its present unsafe condition.

April 6—Owner of pier foot of 39th street, N. R., notified to make the necessary repairs to said pier without delay.

April 6—Supt. Turner directed to repair the backing piece on pier at foot of 86th street, E. R.

April 6—Supt. Turner directed to extend the pier at foot of 155th street, N. R., a distance of 75 feet, and of a width of 40 feet at the water end, and 47 feet at the inner end.

Miscellaneous.

April 2—The three proposals for furnishing 5,000 piles, which were received and publicly opened on March 26, 1874, rejected as irregular by advice of the Counsel to the Corporation, and the contract for furnishing said material not awarded thereunder.

April 2—The Secretary directed to prepare statement of material, labor and cost of building piers at foot of 11th, 24th, 25th and 51st streets, N. R., and transmit same to the Comptroller as requested by him.

April 2—The Treasurer directed to transmit to the Comptroller, in compliance with his request, the balance sheet of the Department for each month hereafter.

April 2—The Secretary directed to inform Kingman F. Page that evidence must be submitted to this Department of his being a taxpayer, in order to be furnished, as requested, with copies of the proceedings of this Board relative to granting permission for the use of building foot of Vesey street, N. R., for market purposes.

April 6—Counsel to the Corporation directed to discontinue all proceedings taken in compliance with the request of this Board on March 11, 1874, relative to acquiring all the property on the water front, between Morton and Barrow

streets, N. R., he having given his written opinion that the title to said property is vested in the city and that this Department is justified in proceeding with its work of erecting a pier on said premises.

April 6—Owners of brick on bulkhead, between Bank and Bethune streets; of lumber on bulkhead, between 12th and Horatio streets, and of stone on bulkhead, between Horatio and Gansevoort streets, N. R., notified to remove said materials within ten days, and that a fine of \$50 per day will be imposed upon them for each and every day thereafter during which said materials shall remain on said bulkheads.

April 6—Superintendent Finley directed to remove to the corporation yard all the sand remaining on the 7th inst. on bulkhead between 11th street and Pier 54 N. R., the owner having been notified to remove same on or before that date.

April 6—Superintendent McConkey directed to notify owner of schooner "Signal," sunk off north side of pier at 37th street, E. R., to remove the wreck from the water front at once.

April 8—Union Ferry Company, lessees of westerly half of Pier 2, E. R., notified that the eating stand thereon must be removed, complaint having been made against it.

EUGENE T. LYNCH,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for the two weeks ending April 18, 1874.

The Board adjusted the following rates of pay in the 23d and 24th wards, viz:

Blacksmiths \$3 00 per day.
Carpenters, \$3 00 per day.
Messengers, \$2 00 per day.
Horse and Wagon, \$3 00 per day.

A wire gauze urinal for six persons was ordered to be erected in the place of a brick urinal on Central Park, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000.

The Board received a deputation of citizens from the late village of West Farms, in reference to a bill now before the Legislature to authorize the construction of a bridge near the foot of Prospect street over the Bronx River, and in this relation adopted the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, The matter of the bill now pending before the Legislature, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Bronx river, at or near the foot of Prospect street, in the late village of West Farms, in the city of New York, having been presented to the Commissioners of this Board for their consideration, by a delegation of citizens of West Farms, and this Board having considered the expediency of carrying out such proposed improvement.

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves of the said proposed improvement, and considers it a public benefit, and has no opposition to offer to the passage of a proper bill providing for the construction of said bridge, under the control and direction of this Department.

The President was authorized to purchase a hooping-crane for the collection at the menagerie at a cost not exceeding \$30 00.

The President was authorized to suspend such portions of the force as are engaged on the various works of construction, until an additional appropriation is made by the Legislature for carrying on such work.

It was directed that proposals be obtained for the iron and granite work for the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in accordance with the revised plans.

The globes on the candalaria at the intersection of Broadway, Fifth avenue and 23d street, were directed to be removed and replaced by larger globes.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the following ordinances for the regulation, use and government of the muster-ground of Union Square be, and they are hereby, adopted, and that the Secretary is hereby directed to cause the immediate publication of the same, for ten days, in the CITY RECORD, and to enter the same at length in the minutes.

Ordinances.

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do ordain as follows:

1—No person or persons shall occupy the muster ground or any part of the lodge in Union Square for the purpose of holding any public meeting, review or parade, or other like purposes unless previously licensed so to do by the President of the Department of Public Parks.

2—No person shall climb upon the flag-staffs, iron-works, railings, walls, platforms or buildings in Union Square, or in any way injure or deface the same or any of the appurtenances thereto.

Amount deposited with the Chamberlain \$347 34
Pay rolls and bills sent to the Comptroller for payment.

Pay rolls	\$43,422 75
Construction	8,164 58
Maintenance	3,463 17
Museum of Art Building	217 80
Maintenance 23d and 24th wards	343 35
Maintenance Bridges	118 50
Supply of gas	1,621 00

Total \$57,351 15
Wm. IRWIN, Secretary, D. P. P.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, April 21, 1874.

The Board of Health met this day.

Orders.

498 orders for the abatement of nuisances.

Suits for Penalties.

The attorney was directed to commence suits for non-compliance with the orders of the Board in 75 cases, and for violations of the Code in 7 cases.

Reports Received.

From the Sanitary Superintendent:
Weekly report on operations of the Sanitary Bureau.

Weekly report on contagious diseases.
Weekly report on slaughter houses.
Weekly report of operations of at dock for reception of offal, etc.

Report on application for permits.
Report on street pavements, etc.
Report on want of drainage in Elton avenue.
Report on public school No. 21.
Report on condition of premises No. 510 and 518 E. 18th street.

Report on dangerous condition of building No. 133 7th avenue.
Report on cancellation of orders.
Report on suspension of orders.
Report on enforcement of orders.
Report on extension of orders.
Report on application for leave of absence.
Report on Reception Hospital at Bellevue.

From the Register of Records:
Weekly mortality report.
Weekly letter on mortality.

Communications from City Departments.

From the Police Department:
Weekly report of the Sanitary Company of Police.
List of owners of goats running at large.
Report of arrests for violations of the Sanitary Code.

From the Department of Parks:
On drainage in the upper wards of the city.

Bills Audited.

Francis Swift, removing night soil for week ending April 11, 1874.....\$634 62
Francis Swift, removing offal, &c., for week ending April 11, 1874.....288 46
George Boucsein.....400 11
John Conway.....18 00
N. Y. Gaslight Co.....11 27
A. Liantard.....59 00
Robert Danfield.....30 00

Permits Granted.

To slaughter cattle at southeast corner 167th street and 3d avenue.
To slaughter cattle at west side Washington avenue, 3 houses north of 164th street.
To keep chickens at 148 Attorney street.
To keep 8 chickens at 122 Ridge street.
To maintain a shooting gallery at 63d street and 1st avenue.

Permits Denied.

To keep 6 chickens at 29½ Division street.
To keep 2 chickens at 251 Stanton street.

Communications Received.

From Samuel H. Hall:
In respect to "The Sailors' Home."
From H. C. Waelin:
On relief from order on premises No. 255 William street.
From A. Du Berceau, M. D.:
Application for appointment.

Reports Referred to Other Departments for the Necessary Action.

To the Department of Public Works:
On condition of certain street pavements, etc., as follows:
Street pavement in Roosevelt street between New Bowery and New Bowery.
Street pavement at southwest corner 7th avenue and 19th street.
Street pavement in Duane street, between Rose and William streets.
Street pavement in New Chambers street, between William and Pearl streets.
Street pavement in Frankfort street.
Street pavement at southeast corner Greene and Bleecker streets.
Street pavement in Oak street, New Chambers to Oliver streets.
Street pavement in Madison street, between New Bowery and New Chambers streets.
Street pavement in Vandewater street.
Street pavement opposite 234 W. 36th street.
Street crossing at southeast corner Nassau and Spruce streets.
Vacant lots between Boulevard and 10th avenue, and 107th and 108th streets.
Sewer opposite 133 and 135 E. 43d street.

To the Department of Public Instruction:
On condition of public school building No. 21.

To the Department of Parks:
On want of drainage in Elton avenue, between 161st and 162d streets.

To the Police Department:
On filthy condition of premises, No. 510 to 518 E. 18th street.

To the Department of Buildings:
On dangerous condition of building No. 133 7th avenue.

To Commissioners of Charities and Correction:
On Reception Hospital, Bellevue.

Resolutions.

That a copy of the report of the Assistant Sanitary Inspector Hamilton, on the dangerous condition of building No. 133 7th avenue, be forwarded to the Department of Buildings, with the request that this Board be informed of the action taken.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MORTALITY.

REPORTED MORTALITY (week ending April 18, 1874,) AND THE ACTUAL MORTALITY (each day in the week, ending at noon, April 11, 1874,) WITH AN ENUMERATION OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH.

E. HARRIS, M. D., Registrar.

Annual Death-rate per 1,000 during week Population estimated at 1,000,000.....	Deaths in corresponding week 1873.....	Average Deaths in corresponding week for the past 5 years.....	Actual number of Deaths each day.							Total actual Mortality during the week ending April 11.....	Total Deaths from all Causes.....
			April 11.....	April 10.....	April 9.....	April 8.....	April 7.....	April 6.....	April 5.....		
29.15	329	540.8	583	83	77	88	69	94	91	81	585
6.45	123	138.0	129	20	20	20	12	23	21	13	142
6.90	139	124.8	138	22	18	23	18	18	22	17	130
12.75	216	22.48	255	32	34	34	31	48	35	41	251
1.60	28	33.0	32	4	3	6	4	3	7	5	33
1.45	23	20.2	29	5	2	5	4	2	6	5	29
.30	11	13.6	6	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	5
.25	5	7.4	5	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	8
1.00	18	21.0	20	5	2	2	3	4	4	—	21
1.25	22	9.4	25	3	8	3	2	3	3	3	32
.95	13	10.0	19	4	4	5	2	—	3	1	21
.50	3	10.2	10	2	2	—	—	2	3	1	10
—	—	0.8	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
.20	3	5.0	4	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	4
.45	13	10.6	9	2	2	2	1	—	2	—	14
.65	25	17.8	13	—	—	2	1	5	3	2	10
.65	32	21.2	13	—	—	2	1	5	3	2	10
.15	5	5.6	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	6
.60	8	6.0	12	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	11
4.75	92	82.0	95	16	13	12	13	11	16	14	86
1.45	20	22.6	29	3	3	3	4	7	3	6	22
4.45	58	53.4	89	9	10	12	10	20	18	10	77
1.50	9	15.4	30	6	5	3	5	6	2	3	37
.45	8	11.2	9	1	1	2	1	2	2	—	10
.70	25	20.0	14	2	1	6	2	2	1	—	16
.40	13	21.6	8	2	1	1	1	—	1	2	7
.40	16	19.6	8	1	—	2	—	3	1	1	13
2.65	62	71.0	53	9	7	6	6	8	7	10	43
.30	29	20.8	6	—	—	1	3	—	—	2	17
.30	3	2.4	6	—	1	2	2	—	—	1	2
.05	2	2.6	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
5.45	83	102.8	109	14	11	16	17	17	15	19	100
2.85	29	29.8	57	10	7	6	5	12	8	9	42
6.15	127	138.0	123	7	14	27	14	24	19	18	121
8.85	176	185.8	177	17	27	35	17	29	26	26	181
11.30	227	237.4	226	29	31	43	21	35	36	31	241

That a copy of the report of the Sanitary Superintendent, upon the Reception Hospital at Bellevue, be forwarded to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, with the respectful request that the evil stated therein be remedied.
That the Attorney and Sanitary Superintendent be directed to prepare and present to the Board at its next meeting an ordinance on cattle driving.
That the case of Dr. Uhling be referred to the attorney for consideration and report.

Leave of Absence.

To C. Y. Hammond granted.
SANITARY BUREAU.

The following is a record of the work performed in the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending April 18, 1874:

The total number of inspections made by the sanitary and assistant sanitary inspectors was 2506, as follows, viz.:

Public buildings.....	5
Tenement houses.....	1158
Private dwellings.....	295
Other dwellings.....	163
Manufactories and workshops.....	25
Stores and warehouses.....	47
Stables.....	67
Slaughter houses.....	57
Manure dumps.....	3
Dumping grounds.....	3
Breweries.....	2
Gut-cleaning establishments.....	2
Fat-rendering establishments.....	10
Public sewers and drains.....	3

Sunken and vacant lots..... 42
Yards, courts and areas..... 94
Cellars and basements..... 75
Waste pipes and drains..... 130
Privies and water closets..... 164
Streets, sidewalks and gutters..... 93
Dangerous stairways..... 15
Cisterns and cesspools..... 6
Other nuisances..... 24

Together with 23 visits of the sanitary inspectors to cases of contagious diseases.

The number of reports thereon received from the inspectors was 849.

During the past week 70 complaints were received from citizens, and referred to the sanitary and assistant sanitary inspectors for investigation and report.

The disinfecting corps have visited 65 premises where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 64 houses, 64 privy sinks, together with clothing, bedding, &c.
18 cases of small-pox were removed to the hospital by the ambulance corps.

Permits were granted to consignees of 85 vessels to discharge cargoes on vouchers from the health officer of this Port.

180 permits have been granted to scavengers to empty, clean and disinfect privy sinks.

The following number of cases of contagious diseases were reported for the week ending April 18, 1874: scarlet fever, 56; cerebro spinal meningitis, —; measles, 58; diphtheria, 63; small-pox, 19.
539 loads of night soil were removed by the

night scavengers from the privy vaults of the city.

The amount of meat and fish condemned by the officers as unfit for human food during the week ending April 18, 1874, as follows:

Cattle, carcasses.....	3
Calves (bobs).....	208
Calves, carcasses.....	9
Sheep, carcasses.....	40
Beef, pounds.....	75
Veal.....	40
Mutton, pounds.....	55
Poultry, pounds.....	111

Bureau of Vital Statistics.

During the week ending April 18, 1874, there were issued from this Bureau 585 burial permits for city deaths, 24 for bodies in transit, and 52 for the interment of still-born infants. There were recorded 585 deaths, 186 marriages, 406 births, 52 still-births, 24 applications for transit permits, and 134 returns from Coroners. There were 31 searches of the registers of births, marriages, and deaths, and 9 transcripts of birth record, 6 of marriage and 31 of death were issued from this Bureau. Nine cases of death were referred to Coroners.

By order of the Board.

EMMONS CLARK,
Secretary.HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK.

Bureau of Vital Statistics, April 21, 1874.

To the Secretary of the Board of Health:

SIR: In the week that ended on the 18th inst., 585 deaths were reported in this city, against 580 reported, and 583 which actually occurred, during the preceding weeks. There was an increase of mortality from puerperal diseases, which should be made known to all practitioners of obstetrics, for in this city no experienced physician can reasonably doubt that the puerperal fever-infection is the most preventable of causes of that disease. There was an increase of mortality from diphtheria and membranous croup, and a marked decrease from pulmonary diseases. The 4th, 6th, 8th, 11th and 12th wards have the highest death-rate, and the 9th, 10th, 16th, 22d and 23d, are next in order of excess. The classes of persons who have suffered excessive mortality in these districts were fully represented in the classes of patients that died in unusual numbers last week in the charitable institutions in other wards.

The death-rate in this city the last two weeks was equal to 29.15 per 1,000 annually, and was in excess of the mean for the past 5 years. The rate in London, the last week of March, was 23 per 1,000; and in 21 chief cities of Great Britain it was 25; Glasgow reported 30 per 1,000; Dublin, 28; and Liverpool, 27 per 1,000. Paris, during the week ending March 27, reported a death-rate of 25 per 1,000; Berlin, 33; Breslau, 33; and Munich, 45 per 1,000 yearly, 12 deaths that week being from cholera, which still lingers in that city.

Respectfully submitted,
ELISHA HARRIS, M. D.
Registrar of Vital Statistics.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
CHARITIES AND
CORRECTION.DAILY MEETINGS APRIL 6 TO APRIL 11, 1874.
AT 9 O'CLOCK, A.M.

Present — Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen, Stern.

The following communications were received:
From Almshouse, Workhouse, Charity, Small-pox, Fever, Bellevue, Reception, Convalescent Hospitals, Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's and Ward's Island Inebriate Asylum and Soldiers' Retreat. Reporting daily census of these institutions. Ordered on file.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's and Ward's Island—Transmitting history of patients admitted. Referred to Examining Clerk.

From Almshouse—Amount of labor performed by mechanics (inmates) for week ending April 4, 1874. Ordered on file.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's and Ward's Island—Daily report of inmates and how employed during week ending April 4, 1874. Ordered on file.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending April 4, 1874. Ordered on file.

From N. Y. City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island—Comparative consumption of coal during March, 1873, and March, 1874. Ordered on file.

From N. Y. City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island. Resignation of William Doelle, attendant. Accepted.

From Free Labor Bureau—Reporting Officer Theodore F. Hime, relieved from duty. Order, that application be made to Police Department that he be restored to duty.

From N. Y. City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island—Number of visitors during week ending April 4, 1874. Ordered on file.

From Almshouse—Resignation of Henry Smith, cook. Accepted. Recommending Jas. Doyle for the position. Appointed.

From Penitentiary—R. McKown, reporting for duty as keeper in place of Thomas Butler, discharged. Ordered on file.

From Penitentiary—Reporting August George Nollen a prisoner. Police Department notified.

From Workhouse—List of deaths of inmates during March, 1874. Ordered on file.

From F. H. Hamilton, M. D., Surgeon-in-Chief—Reporting all officers of Medical Staff on duty at Reception Hospitals, Park and Ninety-ninth street. Ordered on file.

General Term, room 17; Special Term, room 15; Chambers, room 18; 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Clerk's Office, room

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

At Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a. m.

JUSTICE'S (OR DISTRICT) COURTS.

First District—1st, 2d, 3d and 5th Wards, south-west corner of Centre and Chambers sts., 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Second District—4th, 6th and 14th Wards, No. 514 Pearl street, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Third District—8th, 9th and 15th Wards, No. 12 Greenwich avenue, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Fourth District—10th and 17th Wards, No. 163 East Houston street, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Fifth District—7th, 11th and 13th Wards, No. 154 Clinton street, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Sixth District—
Seventh District—19th and 22d Wards, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington aves., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Eighth District—16th and 20th Wards, south-west corner 22d street and 7th ave., 9 1/2 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Ninth District—12th Ward, No. 2374 Fourth avenue, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Tenth District—23d and 24th Wards, N. E. corner of Third avenue and Southern Boulevard, Harlem Bridge, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

POLICE COURTS.

First District—14th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and portion of Sanitary Precinct, Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Second District—8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 33d, 38th and 39th Precincts, Greenwich ave., corner of 10th street, 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Third District—7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th, 18th and portion of Sanitary Precinct, No. 69 Essex street, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Fourth District—19th, 21st, 22d, 23d and 19th Sub-station, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Fifth District—12th Ward, No. 2374 Fourth avenue, (Harlem), 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the Opening and Extending of Desbrosses Street in an Easterly direction from its present termination at Hudson Street, to Varick Street in the City of New York.

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:

I.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment in the above entitled matter, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned Commissioners, at our office, No. 150 Broadway (Room 10), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of May, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 26th day of May, 1874, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 2 o'clock.

II.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also 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 and County of New York, there to remain until the 6th day of June, 1874.

III.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate in said City and bounded by and included and contained within the centre lines of the following named streets, that is to say: Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the centre line of Hudson street with the centre line of Vestry street, and running thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the centre line of West street; thence northerly along the centre line of West street to the centre line of Watts street; thence easterly along the centre line of Watts street to a point where if said Watts street were extended would intersect the centre line of Sullivan street; thence northerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Broome street; thence easterly along the centre line of Broome street to the centre line of Broadway; thence southerly along the centre line of Broadway to a point distant two hundred and forty-five feet, or thereabouts, southerly from the southerly line or side of Grand street; thence westerly along a line drawn parallel or nearly so with Grand street to the centre line of Sullivan street; thence southerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Canal street; thence northerly along the centre line of Canal street to the centre line of Vestry street; and thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the point or place of beginning.

IV.—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 22d day of June, 1874, 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, April 20th, 1874.

EUGENE H. POMEROY,
CLINTON G. COLGATE,
L. L. LAMBERT,

Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
New York, April 9, 1874.

THE COMMISSIONERS DESIRE TO CAUTION the Tax Payers of New York against the imposition practiced by persons pretending to be connected with this Department, who offer to obtain reductions in the assessed value of Real or Personal Estate.

Any pretence of ability on the part of such persons to effect a reduction is fraudulent.

The Books of the Department are open to the public, and will remain so until the 30th inst., and all representations made to the Commissioners, for which purpose blanks are in readiness, receive the most careful attention.

There is no other method of having complaints attended to or errors rectified.

JOHN WHEELER,
GEO. H. ANDREWS,
SEVERN D. MOULTON,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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

THE STATED SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF Aldermen will be held on Thursday of each week, at 3 1/2 o'clock, P. M., in the chamber of the Board, room No. 15, City Hall.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR \$3,899,494 86.

NEW YORK COUNTY BONDS FOR THE STATE SINKING FUND DEFICIENCY.

Authorized by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, Chapter 147, passed April 10, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the Comptroller's Office until Thursday, April 23, 1874, at 2 o'clock, P. M., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of \$3,899,494 86 of "NEW YORK COUNTY BONDS FOR THE STATE SINKING FUND DEFICIENCY," as authorized by section 2 of Chapter 147 of the Laws of 1874.

Said Bonds will bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable on the first day of May and November in each year, and the principal will be made payable as follows:

May 1, 1877	\$380,949 48
" 1878	380,949 48
" 1879	380,949 48
" 1880	380,949 48
" 1881	380,949 48
" 1882	380,949 48
" 1883	380,949 48
" 1884	380,949 48
" 1885	380,949 48
" 1886	380,949 48
Total	\$3,899,494 86

The proposals will state the amount of Bonds and what years of redemption are desired, and also the price per one hundred dollars thereof for each issue proposed for; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premiums thereon.

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each proposal should be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for New York County Bonds," and enclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Comptroller. The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all of bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the County require it.

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
April 14, 1874.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 15th, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED APRIL 9, 1874.

Underground drains between 73d and 81st streets, and between 1st and 5th avenues.

Alteration of sewer in Thomas street, between Church street and West Broadway.

Sewer in Elm street, between Grand and Broome streets.

Sewer in Little West 12th street, between Tenth avenue and Hudson river.

Sewer in 110th street, between 5th and 8th avenues.

Sewer in 5th avenue, between 40th and 41st streets.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, 120th street, from 3d to 6th avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 15th day of June next, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.

BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, March 23, 1874.

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

DATE OF CONFIRMATION,
February 10, 1874.

Opening and extending of
LEXINGTON AVENUE,
from 102d street to the Harlem river.

The limits embraced by said assessment includes all the lots and houses, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land embraced within the following boundaries:
59th street to Harlem river, and from 3d avenue to 4th avenue.

All payments made at this office within sixty days from this date are by law exempted from the charge for interest at seven per cent., which runs from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

ANDREW W. LEGGAT,
Acting Collector.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 10, 1874.

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

Confirmed March 26, 1874—

First avenue—Paving from Thirty-sixth to Sixty-first streets.

One hundred and seventeenth street—Paving from Fourth avenue to Harlem river.

Underground Drains between Seventy-first and Seventy-fourth streets, and between Ninth avenue and Boulevard.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 10th day of June next, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City and County of New York, due May 1st, 1874, will be paid on that day, by the Chamberlain, at his office in the New Court House.

The Transfer Books will be closed from March 24th to May 1st, 1874.

AND H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
Comptroller's Office, March 16th, 1874.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 21, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED APRIL 16, 1874.

Sewer in 10th avenue, between Lawrence and 130th streets.

The limits embraced by said assessments includes the following blocks and ward numbers, viz:

Block 1170, ward numbers 36 to 40, both inclusive.

Block 1171, ward numbers 33 to 37, both inclusive.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before the 20th day of June next, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, March 31, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.

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

Confirmed March 19, 1874—56th st., paving, from Lexington to 4th aves.

" 48th st., paving, from 9th to 10th aves.

" Gansevoort st., regulating, etc., from West st. to North river.

" 82d st., regulating, &c., from 4th to 5th aves.

" 105th st., regulating, &c., from 3d ave. to Harlem river.

" 145th st., regulating, &c., 7th ave. to Boulevard.

" 61st st., curb, gutter, &c., from 9th to 10th aves.

" Monroe st., flagging w. s., from No. 311 to Corlears st.

" Corlears st., flagging w. s., from No. 1 to Monroe st.

" Front st., flagging n. s. from Montgomery to Gouverneur st.

" 14th st., flagging, No. 331 to No. 347 bet. 1st and 2d aves.

" 51st st., flagging, from 1st to 2d aves.

" 52d st., flagging, n. s., from 5th ave. to 175 feet west.

" 54th st., flagging, s. s., from 6th to 7th aves.

" 54th st., flagging, n. s., from 2d ave. about 125 ft. east.

" 57th st., flagging, n. s., 9th ave. to about 250 ft. east.

" 57th st., flagging, from 9th to 10th aves.

" 57th st., flagging, from 1st to 2d aves.

" 51st st., sewer, from 6th to 7th aves.

" 65th st. and Lexington ave., basin, n. w. corner.

" Peck slip and Water st., basin, n. e. corner.

" Tompkins and Stanton sts., basin, s. w. corner.

" 53d st., fencing vacant lots, n. s., bet. 3d and 6th aves.

" 57th st., fencing vacant lots, n. s., bet. 9th ave. to 250 ft. east.

" 61st st., fencing vacant lots, n. s., 2d to 3d aves.

" 6th ave., sewer, from 125th to 126th sts.

" Tompkins and Rivington sts., basin, s. w. corner.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 20th day of May next, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 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.

ANDREW W. LEGGAT,
Acting Collector.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the School Trustees of the Third Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Tuesday, May 5th, 1874, and until 4 o'clock, P. M., on said day, for fitting up the premises No. 67 Warren street, for school purposes.

Proposals will also be received, at the time and place above named, for the furniture required, including desks, seats, etc.

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

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, will be required from the successful bidder; proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

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

JOHN A. GILMOUR,
GEORGE ROSSITER,
FRANCIS F. FELLERS,
DAVID HOLLIS,
GEORGE WOLF,

Board of School Trustees, 3d Ward.

Dated New York, April 21, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the School Trustees of the Thirteenth Ward at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Monday, the 4th day of May, 1874, and until 4 o'clock, P. M., on said day, for the fitting up for School purposes, the premises No. 93 Attorney street.

Proposals will also be received at the time and place above named, for the Furniture required, including Desks, Seats, etc.

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

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, will be required from the successful bidders. Proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

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

FREDERICK GERMANN,
FRANCIS COAN,
FREDERIC HOLSTEN,
ANDREW L. CASE,
N. S. ROBERTS, M. D.,

Board of School Trustees 13th Ward.

Dated, New York, April 20, 1874.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
Commissioner's Office, 19 City Hall,
New York, April 14, 1874.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the title of the work, and the name of bidder endorsed thereon, (also the number of the work as in the advertisement,) will be received at this office until the 25th day of April, 1874, at 12 o'clock M., for the following works:

No. 1. Sewer in Mangin street, between Stanton and Houston streets.

No. 2. Sewer in Sheriff street, between Grand and Broome streets.

No. 3. Sewer in Cannon street, between Broome and Delancey streets.

No. 4. Sewers in Lewis street, between Sixth and Eighth streets.

No. 5. Sewer in Sixty-sixth street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue.

No. 6. Sewer in One hundred and twenty-third street, between Sixth avenue and Mount Morris square.

No. 7. Sewer in One hundred and thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

No. 8. Sewers in One hundred and fifty-second street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue, and in Tenth avenue, between One hundred and fifty-second and One hundred and fifty-fifth streets.

No. 9. Sewer in Madison avenue and New avenue east, between One hundred and twenty-first and One hundred and twenty-fifth streets, with branches.

No. 10. Underground drains between One hundred and seventy-third and One hundred and eighty-third streets, and between Kingsbridge Road and Harlem River.

No. 11. Underground drains on both sides of the lines of Inwood and Dyckman streets, between Harlem and Hudson Rivers.

No. 12. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging Tenth avenue, from Eighty-second to Ninety-third streets.

No. 13. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging Sixty-second street, from Tenth avenue to the Hudson river.

No. 14. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging Sixty-seventh street, from Fourth to Fifth avenues.

No. 15. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging Ninety-seventh street, from Fifth avenue to the Harlem river.

No. 16. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging Ninety-ninth street, from First to Third avenue.

No. 17. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging One hundred and second street, from Fifth avenue to Harlem river.

No. 18. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging One hundred and eleventh street, from Fourth to Fifth avenues.

No. 19. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging Worth street, from Baxter street to Chatham square.

No. 20. Curb, gutter and flagging Eleventh street, from Dry Dock street to East river.

No. 21. Flagging south side of Forty-ninth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenues.

No. 22. Flagging Fifty-eighth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenues.

No. 23. Flagging Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth to Fifty-ninth streets.

No. 24. Paving Fifty-fourth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenues, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 25. Paving Sixty-fifth street, from Third to Fifth avenues, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 26. Paving Eightieth street, from Fifth to Madison avenues, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 27. Paving Eighty-first street, between Second and Fourth avenues, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 28. Paving Eighty-fourth street, from avenue A to Third avenue, and from Fourth to Fifth avenues, with Belgian granite block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 29. Paving Eighty-fifth street, from Avenue A to Fifth avenue, with Belgian granite block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

Blank forms of Proposals, the Specifications and