

Table listing names and salaries for various roles, including Maier Florisheim, John J. Silcock, Morris Ellinger, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Central Office Stables, including M. M. Marshall, Superintendent, Patrick Martin, Driver of sick, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for District Physicians, including Geo. R. Phillips, medical inspector, James R. Healey, examining physician, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Bellevue Hospital, including Thos. S. Brennan, warden of Park and Ninety-ninth street hospitals, D. W. Norris, clerk, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Ambulance Corps, including F. A. Mitchel, surgeon board, W. Lane, driver, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Small Fox Hospital and Steamer, including W. R. Oakes, physician board, Uriah Maroon, captain, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth Street, including J. M. Delgado, house surgeon, W. Campbell, senior assistant surgeon, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for General Drug Department, including John Frey, superintendent general drug department, Elias Rice, first assistant general drug department, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Printing Office, including Henry Stilwell, Foreman, Thomas A. Glover, Compositor, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Steamer Bellevue, including Stephen Erwin, Captain, Allison Briggs, Pilot, Charles Palmer, Engineer, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Steamer Minnahannonck, including David Bird, Pilot, Samuel Monnell, Mate, Leonard C. Stewart, Engineer, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Ferry House, Twenty-sixth Street, including John Brewer, dock and weighmaster, John Murphy, night watchman, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Small-Fox and Fever Hospital, including John H. McKinney, house physician, Richard Buckley, steward, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Charity Hospital, including A. E. Macdonald, chief of staff, Wm. Joralemon, steward, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for N. Y. Penitentiary, B. I., including Joseph L. Liscomb, warden, James T. Counhoven, first deputy warden, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Epileptic and Paralytic Hospital, including E. Van Wyck, Ass't Physician Board, S. Hemmingway, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Wards Island Improvement, including Elijah T. Simpson, Superintendent, John H. Steele, Stableman, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Inebriate Asylum Wards Island, including James L. Adams, Superintendent, Elias W. Mejer, Clerk, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, including Edward Burke, warden, T. H. Kellogg, resident physician, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Almshouse, including Marshall Vought, Warden, Father Duranquet, Chaplain, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Incurable Hospital, B. I., including John Hult, Orderly, Wm. Humphries, Night Watch, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Blind Asylum, B. I., including Patrick Matthews, Orderly, Wm. Cummings, Catharine Maples, Nurse, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Store Department, R. I., including John E. Flagler, general storekeeper, Asst. storekeeper, vacancy to be filled, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Garden Bureau, including P. S. Arthur, gardener, Michael Halpin, gardener, Thomas Campbell, gardener, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Gas Works, including Ainsley Scarlet, gas maker.

Table listing names and salaries for Stable Bureau, including Joseph Cummings, stable keeper, and Island Improvement, including Owen Glennon, garden.

Table listing names and salaries for Bakery, B. I., including Alfred Chancellor, superintendent, John Melville, fireman.

Table listing names and salaries for Work House, B. I., including Joseph Keen, Superintendent, Henry Y. Foster, Clerk, Patrick Golden, engineer, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Lunatic Asylum, B. I., including Ralph L. Parsons, resident physician, Anthony Allaire, warden, Fred W. Falkington, clerk, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Randall's Island Hospital and Idiot School, including John Walker, superintendent, F. S. Dunster, resident physician, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Randall's Island Nurseries, including William H. Stephens, Warden, David M. Barnes, clerk, John M. Reeves, drill master, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Convalescent Hospital, including Armand Duffoo, resident physician, vacancy to be filled, assistant physician board, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for Industrial School, B. I., including Lawrence Dunphy, warden, Jane Batterman, teacher, Michael McLaughlin, keeper, etc.

Table listing names and salaries for School Ship "Mercury", including Pierre Giraud, captain, Frank F. Gregory, executive officer, Wm. F. Pratt, second executive officer, etc.

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Table listing various city departments and their estimated costs for 1874, including Police, Fire, and various public works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The following communication, transmitting estimate for 1874, was received from the District Attorney's office.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, September 24, 1873.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to transmit herewith a duplicate of the departmental estimate of this office for the year 1874.

Your obedient servant, BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the provision of section 112, of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, I respectfully submit the accompanying estimate of the amount required for this office during the year 1874.

Schedule "A" contains an estimate of sums to be appropriated for salaries.

Schedule "B" contains an estimate of sums to be appropriated for contingent expenses.

Schedule "C" shows the present status of the office, names of employees, salaries as fixed for the current year.

The total appropriation asked for is \$87,300. The vast increase in the business transacted in this office renders it necessary that a larger appropriation should be made than heretofore.

There are no sinecures, the work is fully twice as laborious as in the administration of any of my predecessors, and the present salaries of the clerks in my office are utterly inadequate.

I therefore ask for a slight addition to their salaries.

I have also asked for an appropriation for the payment of a stenographer, who will save the work of several clerks, and very greatly assist me in the speedy preparation and transaction of business.

My own salary and that of my assistants is fixed by statute, all others are regulated by myself.

Respecting the estimate for contingencies, Schedule "B"—The experience of the present year has shown that fully \$7,500 will be required for the payment of medical and other experts in important cases;—The employment of experts is of late years often absolutely necessary to the detection of guilt, and the successful prosecution of crime, and there are at this time more cases pending in which expert testimony is required than ever before.

I am especially solicitous upon this point, as the extreme tardiness with which the just claims of eminent experts have been passed or paid, makes it each day more difficult to obtain such services at a reasonable rate.

I have also included an estimate for stationery, printing blanks, and law books, in Schedule "B."

The printing of cases and points on appeal, indictments, notices and blanks of every description, which must be done with the utmost care, renders it proper that this office should control such an appropriation, especially since in some instances it has been found almost impossible to obtain what is required from some of the designated printers or stationers within any reasonable time.

The Criminal Law library of this office, which is one of the best in this city, is absolutely necessary for successfully conducting business, and is useful to the Courts, and the bar as well.

It was made quite complete during the Spring, and should be furnished with all the necessary current reports and digests as fast as they are issued.

For traveling expenses, postage and telegrams, I have asked an appropriation of one thousand dollars.

This item covers only the expenses of myself and my subordinates.

The large correspondence of this office, by telegraph and by mail, the necessity of attendance at points distant from the office, such as coroner's inquests, examinations before magistrates, &c., upon short notice; argument of motions before judges in other counties, and attendance upon the Court of Appeals at Albany, renders such an appropriation necessary.

For expenses in procuring the arrest or extradition of prisoners and fugitives from justice, in this and other States, of procuring evidence, of bringing witnesses from other States, &c., I have asked an appropriation of \$2,500.

These items require no explanation; the appropriation is necessary; the amount asked is as small as I feel justified in asking, in view of the experience of the present year.

In making these estimates, I have considered the present financial condition of the city and county, and have endeavored to state the lowest amounts with which public business can be satisfactorily transacted.

If less amounts be appropriated, it does not concern me personally, more than any other taxpayer citizen, but I am satisfied that whether appropriated or not, those amounts will, if necessary, be expended, and will be paid by the county; the only question being whether a sufficient amount shall be raised this year by taxation to meet them, or whether they shall appear next year in the county accounts, as unsettled liabilities, to be added to the permanent debt of the county.

Having given to your Board my best judgment in the matter, further responsibility rests upon you alone. I need hardly say that if the Board contemplates a reduction of any amount asked for, or desires any further explanation, I shall be happy to appear in person before you, and shall feel greatly disappointed if this Board, like the last, shall, without hearing, and without notice, make such insufficient provision as to impair the usefulness of this office.

With reference to that, it is perhaps proper to say, that an additional appropriation of \$5,500 is necessary to meet the salaries of the present year.

Yours respectfully, BENJ. K. PHELPS, District Attorney.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24, 1873. SCHEDULE "A."

Table titled 'Estimate of Salaries required for the year 1874' listing various roles like District Attorney, assistants, clerks, etc.

SCHEDULE "B." \$73,800

Estimate of Amounts required for Expenses other than Salaries, for the year 1874:

Table listing various expenses such as Expert witnesses, Stationery, printing, blanks, law books, etc.

SCHEDULE "C."

Statement of the present salaries of District Attorney and subordinates:

Table listing names and salaries of District Attorney and subordinates like Benjamin K. Rollins, Daniel G. Phelps, etc.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The following estimate for 1874, was received from the Department of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Commissioners Office, Room 19, City Hall, New York, September 30th, 1873.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with Section 112 of the Charter, I have the honor to transmit herewith a duplicate of the departmental estimate of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City of New York, under the charge of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1874, together with a statement of the salaries of each of its officers, clerks, employes and subordinates:

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATE—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Table titled 'DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATE—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS' listing various park-related expenses like Aqueduct repairs, Boulevard roads, etc.

Owing to the rapid extension of the macadamized roadways an increase is necessary in the appropriation for "Maintenance of Boulevard, Roads and Avenues," from \$50,000, as estimated for the current year, to \$75,000 for the year 1874.

The area of roadways under maintenance at the beginning of the present year was less than 400,000 square yards, and at this date it already exceeds 500,000 square yards, and is being continually added to by the completion of works in progress.

The sum of \$2,000 is required for flagging sidewalks and fencing vacant lots in front of city property.

This year's experience has shown that a larger appropriation for removing obstructions in public thoroughfares is required, and the sum of \$2,500 is asked for that purpose.

Many of the street signs on the public lamps have been broken or obliterated, and new lamps erected in the upper part of the city require such signs; the house numbers on many of the up-town streets are to be established, and monuments, showing grades and boundaries, are to be reset.

An appropriation of \$2,500 is required to provide for these works.

The estimate for repairing and cleaning wells and pumps is increased to \$2,500.

The estimates on all the other accounts are either the same as those for 1873, or at a reduced rate.

The extraordinary reduction made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the appropriation for salaries for the current year has compelled me to reduce the force of employees below the number required for an efficient administration of this Department. It is to be hoped, therefore, that no reduction will be made on the estimate of \$175,000 for that purpose, which is \$15,000 less than the estimate for 1873, and \$50,000 less than the appropriation for 1872.

The aggregate amount required for the year 1874 is \$1,649,500. For the purpose of comparison I will state that the expenditures on taxation for the year 1871 were \$3,175,192.79; for the year 1872 they were \$1,862,399.79; and the estimate for 1873 was \$1,669,500.

Very respectfully, GEO. M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works.

List of Officers, Clerks, &c., in the Department of Public Works.

Table titled 'EMPLOYMENT. SALARY.' listing various roles and their salaries in the Department of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The following communication with accompanying estimate for 1874 was received from the Department of Public Parks.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, (EAST). September 29th, 1873.

Hon. Samuel B. H. Vance, President Board of Aldermen:

SIR—I herewith transmit to the Board of Aldermen a duplicate of the estimates of this Department for the year 1874, as required by Section 112, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

I remain Yours respectfully, S. H. WALES, President Dept. Public Parks.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK, Sept. 27, 1873.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

In compliance with section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Department of Public Parks herewith furnishes a departmental estimate of expenditures, with the objects thereof in detail, required for the year 1874, including a statement of each of the salaries of their officers, clerks, employes, and subordinates.

These estimates are based chiefly on the experience of the year 1872, and the first seven months of the current year.

The Board has considered the fact that in the year 1872 it was found that in order to meet the public requirements it would be necessary to overrun the apportionment of that year, and in order that the anticipated deficiency might be kept as small as practicable, the parks in the latter part of the year were ill kept. The same

state of affairs recurs at the present time, it being again necessary for the Department to place such a limit upon expenditures in certain directions, as will result in permanent injury to the property under its charge.

The items in the present estimate which make the whole larger than the actual expenditures of 1872 and 1873 are chiefly the following:

ICE.—The estimates for ice is larger in view of the liability of the occurrence of unusual difficulties in keeping the ice clean for skating, owing to frequent and heavy snowfalls and other contingencies.

The expenditure in the winter of 1872-'73 was \$27,723.

MASONRY.—The estimate for masonry is larger in view of the fact that all the structures of masonry, more especially the arches which sustain heavy weights, require extraordinary and immediate repairs.

PARK KEEPERS.—The amount estimated for park keepers is larger than the recent expenditure would indicate to be needed, because the present force is considered to have been too small to prevent such misuse of the Parks as must damage them permanently. An addition is proposed of twenty-five men.

CONTINGENCIES.—The allowance for contingencies is equal to 5 per cent of the amount of proposed expenditure, and takes the place of the amounts heretofore received for rents, licenses, &c., which have been transferred from the control of the Department to the general fund of the City Treasury.

LIGHTING PARKS.—The Department has not heretofore paid for lighting the City Parks, which will in 1874 be a charge upon it of the amount estimated.

SEA WALL AT THE BATTERY.—This wall was laid previously to 1871. The filling back of it has been undermined, and the walks are dangerous. It is essential that repairs be made before the injuries become more extensive.

CITY HALL PAVEMENT.—The bituminous concrete pavement at the City Hall is in a very bad condition, and extensive repairs have for a long time been called for; it will need to be entirely relaid.

By order of the Board,

S. H. WALES, President.

ESTIMATE of expenditures required for the Department of Public Parks for the year 1874:

Table listing various park-related expenditures like Necessary care and repairs of Central Park, Music in Central Park, etc.

Total estimates, \$677,000. For the celebration of Independence Day by special appropriation in previous years, \$10,000.

By order of the Board,

S. H. WALES, President.

APPENDIX showing details of the amount required for the necessary care and repairs of the Central Park:

Table listing detailed park expenses like For Roads, Walks, Plantations and garden work, etc.

Total for Central Park, \$297,500

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. LIST OF OFFICERS, CLERKS, EMPLOYES AND SUBORDINATES, WITH THEIR SALARIES, SEPTEMBER 1, 1873.

Table listing names and salaries of various officers, clerks, and employees in the Department of Public Parks as of September 1, 1873.

Table listing various city employees and their salaries. Columns include names, positions, and amounts. Includes names like John Gleason, Cortland E. Palmer, Warren L. Salmon, etc.

REPORT: That, upon an investigation of the subject so referred, your Committee have learned that the side or third track laid down by said company, from Thirty-third to Twenty-sixth street, on the west side of the carriage-way of the Fourth avenue, is now entirely useless, and has been so since the occupation of the Central Depot at Forty-second street, by the New Haven and Harlem Railroad Companies, and the abandonment of the depots of the above named companies located on Fourth avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets.

time to come, their jurisdiction over the streets and avenues in this city.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend for your adoption the resolutions which were so referred to them, and which are herewith accompanying.

Resolved, That the New York and Harlem Railroad Company be, and is hereby directed to remove the side-track on the Fourth avenue, between Thirty-third and Twenty-sixth street, together with the switches connected therewith, and to restore the carriage way of said Fourth avenue, so as to conform to the other paved portions thereof; also to remove the switches and turn-outs that connected the tracks in the Fourth avenue, with the depots of the New York and Harlem and New York and New Haven Railroad Companies, on the west side of said Fourth avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh street, and to set the curb and gutter stones and flag the sidewalks, so as to conform to other portions of said Fourth avenue; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and he is hereby directed immediately to serve a copy of these resolutions upon the President, Superintendent or Engineer of the said New York and Harlem Railroad Company, at the same time notifying such officer that the provisions of said resolutions must be complied with, within a period of thirty days from the date of such notification; and in the event of neglect or refusal on the part of said company so to comply with such directions, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby further directed to remove such track, switches and turn-outs, and restore the carriage way of Fourth avenue and the sidewalk thereof, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, and to sue for and recover from the said railroad company the cost thereof; and in addition, such neglect or refusal shall subject the said railroad company to a fine of one hundred dollars per day for every day such obstructions to the free use of said Fourth avenue or any part thereof shall continue after the expiration of the 30 days mentioned in such notification, to be sued for and recovered in the manner now provided by law for the recovery of penalties for violation of the ordinances of the Common Council, upon the complaint of the said Commissioner of Public Works, or any owner or occupant of property on the Fourth avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Thirty-fourth streets, or any citizen inconvenienced or injured by the neglect or refusal of the said New York and Harlem Railroad Company to comply with the provisions of these resolutions.

O. P. C. BILLINGS, OSWALD OTTENBORFER, Committee on Railroads.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 170. The Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution, in favor of permitting the New York and New Haven Railroad Company to relay a railroad track in Franklin street, between Centre and Elm streets, on condition that said Company pay for the privilege, granted the sum of one thousand dollars per annum; and also, provided said Company shall stipulate to restore the street to its present condition in the event of said rails being taken up by order of the Common Council, or otherwise, respectfully

REPORT: That, after having carefully considered the subject, they are of the opinion that it will be advantageous to the city, if such a contract can be made, and they recommend that if the aforesaid Company desire to enter into any such agreement, that the Comptroller be authorized to make a contract as provided for in the accompanying resolution, and that the Company be permitted to lay the track as desired.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the New York and New Haven Railroad Company to relay a railroad track in Franklin street, on the northerly side, between Centre and Elm streets, commencing at Centre street and running westerly to easterly side of entrance to the City Prison, near Elm street, sufficiently long to hold three or four cars, provided said railroad company shall pay for the privilege hereby granted the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, in regular quarterly payments; the said quarterly payments to be made regularly to the Comptroller, who shall deposit the same to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the Debt of the City; provided, also, that the said railroad company shall enter into a stipulation with the said Comptroller or the Commissioner of Public Works to restore the said street to its present condition, in the event of the said rails being taken up, either by order of the Common Council, or voluntarily by the said company; the permission hereby given to continue only while such quarterly payments shall be regularly made, or until the further order of the Common Council.

JOHN J. MORRIS, OSWALD OTTENBORFER, PETER KEHR, Committee on Finance.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 156. The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen to whom was referred the annexed resolution for laying gas-mains, etc., in Forty-fifth street between First and Second avenues,

REPORT: That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, and street-lamps lighted, in Forty-fifth street, between First and Second avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

GEORGE KOCH, JOHN J. MORRIS, Committee on Public Works.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of permitting Peter Rathjen to erect a watering trough in front of No. 28 Varick street, at his own expense, respectfully

REPORT: That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed permission should be given. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Peter Rathjen, to erect a watering trough in front of Number 28 Varick street, at his own expense and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

GEORGE KOCH, JOHN J. MORRIS, Committee on Public Works.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Kehr called up

G. O. 137,

being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That Twenty-fourth street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North River, be paved with Belgian or granite-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Ly-saght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Otten-dorfer and Reilly—13.

G. O. 150.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for fencing in the vacant lots on the west side of the Boulevard, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first street, and on the north side of Sixtieth street 125 feet west of the Boulevard, and on the south side of Sixty-first street, 100 feet west of the Boulevard, respectfully

REPORT: That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the west side of the Boulevard, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first street, and on the north side of Sixtieth street, 125 feet west of the Boulevard, and on the south side of Sixty-first street, 100 feet west of the Boulevard, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

GEORGE KOCH, JOHN J. MORRIS, Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

Alderman Cooper called up

G. O. 21,

being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That the sidewalk on south side of Forty-ninth street, between the Eighth and Ninth avenues, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Ly-saght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Otten-dorfer and Reilly—13.

Alderman Koch called up

G. O. 45,

being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street lamps lighted on Eighty-fifth street, between Avenue A and First avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Ly-saght, Monheimer, McCafferty, Morris, Otten-dorfer and Reilly—13.

Alderman Koch called up

G. O. 131,

being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That East Sixtieth street, between First avenue and the East River be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Ly-saght, Monheimer, McCafferty, Morris, Otten-dorfer and Reilly—13.

Alderman Kehr called up

G. O. 39,

being a resolution as follows: Resolved, That Eighty-second street, from Madison to First avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Ly-saght, Monheimer, McCafferty, Morris, Otten-dorfer and Reilly—13.

S. H. WALES, President.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The following estimate for 1874 was received from the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, City Hall Park, Chambers street, NEW YORK, Sept. 29th, 1873.

In compliance with section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Board of Commissioners herewith transmit their departmental estimate of the expenditure required for the administration and conduct of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of the City and County of New York, for the year 1874.

JOHN WHEELER, GEO. H. ANDREWS, S. D. MOULTON, Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments.

To the Hon. Board of Aldermen: DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR 1874.

Table showing departmental estimate for 1874. Includes Commissioner, Secretaries, Surveyors, Clerks, Messengers, Stationery, Contingencies, and Assessors.

Table showing estimate for Board of Assessors. Includes Assessors, Secretary, Clerks, and Contingencies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The following communication was received from the Comptroller:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Sept. 27, 1873.

To Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in chapter 753, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Legislative Department, from January 1 to December 31, 1873, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation:

Table showing weekly statement of appropriations. Columns include Title of Appropriations, Amt of Appropriations, and Payments.

Which was ordered on file.

REPORTS RESUMED. G. O. 171.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the accompanying resolutions, directing the New York and Harlem Railroad Company to remove the side or third track, in the Fourth avenue, between Thirty-third and Twenty-sixth streets, and the switches and turn-outs connected therewith, and with the main tracks between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, across the sidewalk at Fourth avenue, and also to have said sidewalk flagged and the curb and gutter stones set, etc., respectfully

The condition of the sidewalk of the Fourth avenue between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, is such, also, as to require the immediate attention of the city authorities. It has never been flagged, nor have the curb and gutter stones been set, except in front of the two old depots, one at the corner of Twenty-sixth and one at the corner of Twenty-seventh street, leaving a space between the centre of the block of about 150 feet, that is paved with large blocks of stone, the gutter being covered with an iron grating, now partly worn out, and in one place removed, both the gutter and the sidewalk being crossed in several places by the rails of the unused switches and turn-outs, in such a manner as to present a very uneven surface for pedestrians, and the grating over the gutter being partly displaced or removed, renders the use of the street positively dangerous for vehicle travel.

Your committee have been unable to discover any permission so to use the street and sidewalk in this manner except the general permit contained in the original grant, to lay down the necessary switches and turn-outs, for the transaction of the business of the Harlem Railroad Company; but, as before stated, these depots having been abandoned since the occupation of the Grand Central Depot, it cannot now be claimed that they are necessary for the transaction of the business of the company.

The switches and turnouts should at once be removed entirely, the curb and gutter stones should be set, the sidewalk should be flagged full width, and the carriage-way of the avenue should be repaved, or at least that portion of it from which the rails are to be removed, in order to restore the street to a proper condition for use by the public. This is clearly the duty of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, who for many years have had the almost exclusive use of the street and sidewalk, without paying an equivalent therefor, and who, now that its uses for railroad purposes is no longer required by that company, have abandoned it and left it in such a condition as to be a serious inconvenience to the public, positively dangerous to vehicle travel, and detrimental to the owners of property and occupants of stores and dwellings in the vicinity.

Your Committee are decidedly of the opinion that it is incumbent upon the city authorities, in the interest of the people of this city, to exercise the full power and authority vested in the corporation by recent State legislation, in guarding, preserving and maintaining their corporate rights and franchises, which, of late years, have, with seeming impunity, been usurped and turned to the uses and for the advantage of private individuals and corporations, and to such an extent that scarcely a vested corporate right has escaped their rapacity, and that, too, without any equivalent whatever being returned to our people. This is peculiarly the case in respect to the uses of our streets and highways, and have been effected as the natural result of the disabilities imposed upon the corporate authorities by special legislation at Albany which deprived them, or seemingly so, at least, of the power to prevent these unwarranted encroachments upon the rights of our people.

At the last session of the Legislature of this State, however, the power to regulate the uses of the streets, and many other corporate powers of the City Government were restored, as will be seen by reference to Section 17 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, sub-divisions 2 and 4 of which relate particularly to the use of the streets and sidewalks in this city.

It is high time the corporate authorities asserted the power thus vested in them, as well to promote the welfare of all our citizens as to maintain, unquestioned and unimpaired, for all

