

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MORTALITY.

REPORTED MORTALITY (week ending Dec. 27th,) AND THE ACTUAL MORTALITY (each day in the week, ending at noon, Dec. 20th, 1873,) WITH AN ENUMERATION OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH.

Table with columns for Annual Deaths, Average Deaths, Total actual Mortality, and CAUSES OF DEATH. Includes sub-tables for Deaths by Age and Sex.

Reports referred to other Departments for the necessary action. To the Department of Public Works: On leak in croton pipe.

Bills Audited. Francis Swift, for removing night soil for week ending Dec. 26, 1873. \$644 62

Permits Granted. To slaughter cattle at 641 W. 46th street. To keep geese at 316 E. Houston street.

Communications Received. From his Honor the Mayor: In respect to report for 2 months ending Dec. 31.

That the pay-rolls of this Department for the month of December, 1873, when approved by the chairman of the Finance Committee, shall be duly certified by the President and Secretary and forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

That Dr. John E. Comfort, of Morrisania, is appointed an Assistant Sanitary Inspector in this Department, to take effect on the 1st of January, 1874.

That Dr. Charles F. Rodenstein, of West Farms, is appointed an Assistant Sanitary Inspector in this Department, to take effect on the 1st of January, 1874.

That the salaries of the following named officers and clerks be fixed at the rates named in the Estimate of this Department for the year 1874, as follows:

Dr. W. De F. Day, Sanitary Superintendent, &c. \$6,000. E. Griswold, Chief Clerk to Supt. 2,200

That the salaries of Charles Buckingham and Henry G. Wheelock, clerks in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, be fixed at \$1,800 per annum, on account of the additional service required of said clerks.

Permits have been issued to the consignees of 25 vessels to discharge cargoes, on vouchers from the Health Officer of the Port.

57 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 December 27, 1873:

151 loads of night soil were removed by 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 Dec. 27, 1873, was:

By order of the Board. EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, December 30, 1873.

To the Secretary of the Board of Health: SIR:—In the week that ended on Saturday, the 27th inst., there were 472 deaths reported in this city, against 466 reported in the previous week, and against 583 reported in the corresponding week in 1872.

No deaths from small-pox or typhus, and only 3 from typhoid fever, 4 from measles, and 4 from whooping cough were reported last week. But the fatal prevalence of diphtheria, scarlatina and membranous croup, by which three diseases 86 children died last week, gives importance to all the timely and well known precautions against these maladies.

14 occurred during the last six months. There were 1,146 deaths caused by violence, 4,695 persons died in the hospitals and other public institutions, and the coroner made returns upon 2,522 inquests, exclusive of still-births. Large as the total mortality in this city has been in these past 52 weeks, it is 4,000 less than that of the previous year.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT. The Board of Police met on the 27th day of December, 1873. All the Commissioners present. Leaves of Absence Granted.

Parades allowed. German Waiters Society, Dec. 28—Funeral. Saloonmen's Protective Union, Dec. 28—Funeral.

Bills Ordered Paid. Comes, Lawrence & Co. \$2 70. " " " " 44 50. " " " " 9 00. " " " " 105 00.

Promotion. Patrolman John Britton 25th precinct, appointed roundsman. Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be directed to procure the Session laws of 1872 and 1873, for the law library of the Central Department.

Transfers Ordered. Sergeant Henry Miner, from 6th to 26th precinct. Sergeant James F. Thatcher, from 26th to 6th precinct.

Street Cleaning. Resolved, That Inspector Thorne be directed to dispose of street cleaning materials at Hunter's Point, if he can obtain leave from parties interested.

The Board of Police met on the 29th day of December, 1873. Present—all the Commissioners. Leaves of Absence Granted. Sergeant Cornelius Weston, Fifth precinct, one-half day.

