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LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

In the matter of lighting the city with gas, the Departments of Works and of Parks have jurisdiction, the former over public places, and the latter over public parks.

The distinction between parks and places is defined in the dictionaries, and there exists a general popular appreciation of the difference between the two; but the practical application of either the technical or the popular definition is with regard to some of the reserved grounds of the city difficult if not impossible. The statutes not having defined the sense in which the two terms are therein used, it is necessary that in a spirit of accommodation and compromise the two departments should co-operate or arrange each with the other for the proper lighting of those parks or places to which both terms may be applied.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 30, 1873.

The Honorable the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks:

GENTLEMEN:—The seventy-third section of the Charter of 1873 authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works, in conjunction with the Mayor and Comptroller, to contract for lighting the streets, avenues, and places of the city with gas. A communication from your Department requests my opinion as to whether this section confers jurisdiction, and if so, to what extent, upon the Commissioner of Public Works with regard to the lighting of the public parks; and I am also requested to define the legal meaning of the word "places."

The eighty-third section of the Charter of 1873 provides that "The Department of Public Parks shall control and manage all public parks and streets adjoining the same above Fifty-ninth street and public places which are the realty of the City of New York." In that provision, as in numerous others, a distinction appears to be made between parks and places, while in some acts the words "public squares, parks and places," are all used conjointly.

By an examination of the phraseology of the seventy-third section of the Charter above quoted, giving to the Commissioner of Public Works, with the Mayor and Comptroller, authority to contract for lighting the streets, avenues and places of the city with gas, it would seem that the Legislatare did not intend to include the parks; for it appears upon comparing this section with Section 83 that a distinction between the two words was contemplated.

A "park" is defined as follows: By Webster—a piece of ground within a city or town enclosed and kept for ornament and recreation, as Hyde Park; by Worcester—a piece of ground enclosed for public recreation or amusement, as Hyde Park, Regent's Park, Victoria Park, in London; by Johnson—a piece of ground enclosed; by Richardson, by Walker, and by Bailey—an enclosure kept for pleasure. The idea of an enclosure or something secured for purposes of recreation appears in the derivatives of the word as well as in most of the definitions.

A "place" is defined as follows: By Webster—a broad way in a city; an open place; an area; a courtyard; by Worcester—a public square in a city; by Walker—room, way, ground; by Bailey—space or room. The other and older dictionaries do not contain the word in its more modern sense as connected with any portion of a city. The derivatives of the word "place" used in the sense we are now considering, mean open, in manifest contrast with the idea of security by enclosure connected with the word "park." It is of course clear that the Central Park, enclosed, restricted in use to day time, laid out with both walks and drives, containing objects of interest, extensive lawns and rambles, with live animals running free as well as confined for exhibition, is a park within the meaning of the word as defined and understood in European lexicons and other works. The distinction between the Central Park and any other public reservation within the city and county of New York is broad and manifest. If the law had said "the park" in the singular and "the public places" in the plural, it would have broadly separated the former from the latter, as indeed the distinctive character of the first is obvious when compared with any of the squares, grounds, or public places in the city; but as the language refers to the public parks in the plural, we must include under the term such squares as are of considerable size, certainly those which are enclosed and resorted to for purposes of rest, recreation, or exercise. If we adhere too closely to the distinctions in the dictionaries, we find ourselves obliged to define Union and Madison squares, since the fences enclosing them were taken down, as places, while such enclosures as Stuyvesant and Grammercy squares, being securely fenced in, would be called parks. I think the safest rule is to include under the word parks all those grounds in the city, whether enclosed or not, which are reserved to the cultivation of trees and are sufficiently large to be something beyond a mere passageway; as, for instance, the Battery, the City Hall Park, Washington Square, Union Square, Thompkins Square, Madison Square, and other similar grounds; while under the term place, we must include such spaces as are formed at Printing-house square, Abington square, and such junctions of streets as are seen in Broadway and Fifth avenue on the west side of Madison Square, at the junction of Sixth and Seventh avenues respectively, and of Broadway, and again such spaces as are seen at the junction of the Bowery and Chatham street, and all other spaces, whether called squares or not, permanently exempted from the erection of buildings, and yet not upon the one hand enclosed for ornament, nor upon the other hand shaded, cultivated, and kept for such rest and recreation as are sought in a park. It is true that it will sometimes be difficult to say whether a reservation is a park or a place; but I think I have sufficiently indicated the popular distinction, and I think that the legal distinction is substantially the same.

Coming, however, to practical considerations I think it wise and do so advise that the Departments of Publlc Parks and of Public Works respectively meet each other in a liberal, accommodating spirit, with no great regard for technical definitions, to the end that the streets, the places, and the parks may all be properly lighted. The law has left us without clearly distinguishing between the terms used in the several enactments. It is convenient, and I have no doubt quite legal, for the contracts made by the Commissioner of Public Works to include the lighting of such squares and places as may already be supplied with mains of gas laid by the several companies with which those contracts may be made. There is no doubt that the Central Park is in this respect under the exclusive control of the Park Commissioners. With regard to reservations south of the Central Park, it is impossible not to admit that while there are places clearly within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works, there are squares which may be called either parks or places or both. I recommend that the Departments of Parks and of Works, perceiving the impossibility of drawing a line in every case, which shall not be merely arbitrary, should so co-operate as to secure light without too strictly insisting upon absolute definitions which the statutes themselves have not vouchsafed to us.

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

The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks were empowered by statute to let buildings and adjacent grounds within the Central Park until required for the regulation thereof, whereupon such buildings should be removed unless used for the purposes of the park.

Whether such power to let extends to buildings in any other park; *Quere?*

The Commissioners must pay to the Chamberlain the entire rents received, without deduction for money expended by them for repairs; and money so expended can be paid only through the Finance Department out of the appropriation for the parks of the city.

It is, however, competent for the Commissioners to negotiate leases providing that the tenants shall themselves make repairs with a corresponding deduction in the amount of the rents; and in this case the legal obligations of the Commissioners will of course be performed by paying the Chamberlain the rents received, modified in amount by the stipulation of the tenants to themseives make the necessary repairs.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 30, 1873.

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks:

GENTLEMEN:—You state that in pursuance of certain provisions of the charter of 1873, you have been accustomed to pay to the Chamberlain of the City of New York, the proceeds of all sales made by you, and also all money received for rent of buildings under your jurisdiction. You ask to be advised, *First*, Whether your Department has the right to allow tenants to make repairs on buildings leased by you, and to deduct the amount expended from the rent, paying the balance actually received; or should the repairs be made by the Department of Public Parks, and the bills therefor be paid by the Finance Department out of the money appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the maintenance of parks; and, *Second*, Has your Department the right to lease any of the property upon condition that the tenant shall make the repairs, and in consideration thereof correspondingly reduce the rental value of the premises.

Under the provisions of the seventh section of chapter 771 of the Laws of 1857, entitled "An act for the regulation and government of the Central Park in the City of New York," the Commissioners were empowered to let from year to year any of the buildings and the grounds adjacent thereto belonging to the City of New York then lying within the Central Park, until the same should be required for the laying out and the regulation thereof, whereupon the buildings should be removed, except such as might be used for the purposes of the park. By the amended charter of 1870, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks were invested with the government of all the parks in the city, and all acts conferring powers and devolving duties upon the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park were transferred and conferred upon the Department of Public Parks by the present charter of 1873. All these powers and duties are conferred and imposed upon the present Department of Parks.

It may, perhaps, be unnecessary, in answering the questions proposed by the Commissioners, to consider whether they are strictly entitled, under existing laws, to lease houses or buildings belonging to the City of New York, within any park constructed by the city authorities since the Central Park was laid out. The act of 1857, to which I have referred, simply gave the Central Park Commissioners authority to lease buildings on the lands taken for the Central Park. But under the charter of 1870, and under the present charter of 1873, the Park Commissioners, apparently relying upon the statutes vesting in them the powers of the Commissioners of the Central Park, have practically assumed that they possessed the same authority to lease buildings in any of the parks now under their control that the Central Park Commissioners exercised to lease buildings in the Central Park, and upon this theory have leased, to numerous tenants, houses on the lands taken for other parks.

I have made a thorough examination of all the statutes bearing upon this subject passed since the Commission of the Central Park was first established in 1857. I find no explicit authority anywhere given to the Commissioners of the Central Park, nor to the present Commissioners of Public Parks, to lease any buildings outside of the land originally taken for the Central Park itself; and I am inclined to think that the power to make such leases of buildings on lands taken for other parks is now vested in the Commissioners of tne Sinking Fund by section 102 of the present charter of 1873. If this be so, all leases which the Commissioners of Parks have made of buildings not included in the Central Park are illegal, should at once be cancelled, and new ones made by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. The new leases might contain all the necessary clauses relative to repairs, and the Park Commissioners would thus be relieved of further trouble in the matter. Assuming, however, on the other hand, that the present Park Commissioners are invested by the charter with a general power to make leases, I answer your question as follows:

First. By the terms of the present charter you are required to pay to the Chamberlain all the money received by you upon either leases or sales of public property, and unless the leases specifically contain conditions for the repairing of the buildings and for a deduction from the rents of the amounts thus expended upon repairs, the Commissioners have no right to make such deductions from the rents received by them; but all necessary repairs upon such buildings should be made by you, and the money expended therefor must be taken out of the fund appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the maintenance of the public parks, and the full amounts of all the rents received by you must in every case be paid to the Chamberlain without diminution.

Second. I see no reason, if you have the power to make leases at all, why you cannot, if you consider it for the public good, and if the necessary arrangement can be entered into with the present tenants, cancel existing leases containing no clauses relative to deducting from the rent the amount paid for repairs, and then execute new leases containing such conditions, in which event the amounts for rents received, reduced by the value of the repairs, could be paid to the Chamberlain.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 1874.
No. 301 Mott street.

The Board of Health met this day.

Orders.

189 orders for the abatement of nuisances were made.

Suits for Penalties.

The attorney was directed to commence suits for non-compliance with the orders of the Board in 47 cases.

Reports Received.

From the Sanitary Superintendent:
Weekly report of the operations of the Sanitary Bureau.
Weekly report on contagious diseases.
Weekly report on slaughter houses.
Weekly report on the operations of the offal dock and manure dumps.
On applications for permits.
On condition of streets in 1st, 3d and 5th wards.
On condition of streets in 11th ward.
On cancellation of orders.
On suspension of certain orders.
On condition of premises 391 W. 12th st.
On street pavement southwest corner 19th street and 7th avenue.
On drainage of certain parcels of lands.
From the Register of Records:
Weekly letter on mortality.
Weekly mortuary report.
From the Attorney:
Monthly report.
Complaint on storage of kerosene.

Communication from City Departments.

From the Police Department:
Weekly report of the Captain of the Sanitary Company of Police.

Communications Received.

From A. Disbecker in respect to section 111, chapter 335, laws of 1873.
Application of Robt. Danfield, Jr., for appointment.
From Allott Lodge.
From W. H. Littlepage for re-appointment.
From B. F. Tucker in respect to kerosene safety powder, with sample.

Bills Audited.

Francis Swift, removing night soil for week ending Jan. 2, 1874	$634 62
Francis Swift, removing offal, &c., for week ending Jan. 2, 1874	288 46

Wm. Francis & Co.	38	24
Joshua Dyson	143	84
John Conway	12	00
Geo. S. Hastings	80	00

Permits Granted.

To occupy cellar 86 and 88 Bayard street.

Permits Denied.

To dump ashes on street at 633 East 15th street.

To keep eight cows at 128th street, between 6th and 7th avenues.

To occupy basement 44 Oak street.

Reports Referred to Other Departments for the Necessary Action.

To the Police Department:

On condition of the streets of the 1st, 3d and 5th wards.

On condition of the streets in 11th ward.

To the Fire Department:

On dangerous condition of 439 East 71st street.

To the Department of Public Works:

On condition of street pavement southwest corner 19th street and 7th avenue.

To the Departmeut of Buildings:

On condition of premises No. 391 West 12th street.

Resolutions.

That a copy of the certificate of the Sanitary Superintendent in regard to the plots or parcels of land lying between and bounded by Kingsbridge road and Hudson River railroad, south of Inwood street, within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York, be placed on file in this Department, and that said certificate be forwarded to the Department of Public Works, that the said Department be respectfully requested and directed to cause the said plots or parcels of lands to be drained by other means than by sewers, and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 566, Laws of 1871.

That a copy of the certificate of the Sanitary Superintendent in regard to the plots or parcels of land lying south of Inwood street, between Kingsbridge road and Hudson River within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York, be placed on file in this Department, and that said certificate be forwarded to the Department of Public Works, and that the said Department be respectfully requested and directed to cause the said plots or parcels of land to be drained by other means than by sewers, and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 566, Laws of 1871.

Whereas, By the annexation of a large extent of unoccupied territory to the City of New York, which would be available for the residence of the families of laboring men and citizens employed in that city, provided existing railroad companies would so reduce their fares for these classes as to afford cheap and rapid transit morning and evening, therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, the enactment of a law requiring all railroad companies which enter New York City to run cheap morning and evening trains for the benefit of the laboring classes, to a distance of not less than fifteen miles from their several depots would be an important Sanitary measure as it would contribute greatly to the relief of the overcrowded tenement of the poor.

Sanitary Bureau.

The following is a record of the work performed in the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending Jan. 3, 1874:—

The total number of inspections made by the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors was 1,365, as follows: 1 public building; 686 tenement houses; 122 private dwellings; 132 other dwellings; 2 unhabitable and dangerous buildings; 13 manufactories and workshops; 19 stores and warehouses; 55 stables; 1 market; 54 slaughter houses; 2 breweries; 5 gut and head cleaning establishments; 7 fat rendering; 2 brewery, 1 public sewer and drain; 14 sunken and vacant lots; 27 yards, courts and areas; 55 cellars and basements, 29 waste pipes and drains; 51 privies and water closets; 51 streets gutters and sidewalks, 9 dangerous stairways, 4 manure dumps, 17 other nuisances; 5 visits of the Sanitary Inspectors to cases of contagious disease.

The number of reports received thereon from the sanitary and assistant sanitary inspectors was 349.

During the past week 39 complaints have been received from citizens and referred to the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors for investigation and report.

The Disinfecting Corps have visited 55 premises where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 54 houses, 54 privy sinks, together with clothing, bedding, &c.

Four case of small pox were removed to the hospital by the Ambulance Corps.

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

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 January 3, 1874: Typhoid fever, 5; scarlet fever, 83; measles, 17; diphtheria, 74; and small pox, 3.

122 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 Jan. 3, 1874, was: Cattle, 1 carcass; sheep, 12 carcasses; hogs, 6 carcasses; veal, 8 carcasses; veal (bob), 13 carcasses; beef, 411 pounds; veal (cut), 210 pounds, and 200 pounds of poultry.

Bureau of Vital Statistics.

During the week ending Jan. 3, 1874, there were issued from this Bureau 548 burial permits for city deaths, 22 for bodies in transitu, and 41 for the interment of still-born infants. There were recorded 548 deaths, 149 marriages, 448 births, 41 still-births, 22 applications for transit permits, and 50 returns from coroners. There were 21 searches of the registers of births, marriages and deaths, and 2 transcripts of birth record, 1 of marriage, and 15 of death, were issued from this Bureau; 1 case of death was referred to coroners.

By order of the Board.

EMMONS CLARK,
Secretary.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MORTALITY.

REPORTED MORTALITY (week ending Jan. 3, 1874,) AND THE ACTUAL MORTALITY (each day in the week, ending at noon, Dec. 27th, 1873,) WITH AN ENUMERATION OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH.

Annual Death-rate per 1,000 during week (Population estimated at 1,000,000.)	Deaths in corresponding week, 1872	Average Deaths in corresponding week for the past 5 years	Total actual Mortality during the Week ending Dec. 27.	Actual number of Deaths each day. Dec. 27	Dec. 26	Dec. 25	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	CAUSES OF DEATH.	Deaths Reported during the week ending January 3.
26.57	501	468.6	511	81	78	61	79	77	72	63	Total Deaths from all Causes.	548
7.33	114	113.4	141	25	15	12	33	18	19	19	Total Zymotic Diseases.	164
5.88	113	112.8	113	12	20	16	16	17	16	16	Total Constitutional Diseases.	107
10.82	199	195.0	208	40	30	29	25	33	29	22	Total Local Diseases.	222
1.66	46	31.6	32	4	10	1	4	7	3	3	Total Developmental Diseases.	36
.88	29	15.8	17	—	3	3	1	2	5	3	Deaths by Violence.	19
—	7	8.4	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Small Pox.	0
.31	4	6.6	6	2	—	—	1	1	1	1	Measles.	8
2.03	24	23.8	39	8	6	2	9	3	4	7	Scarlatina.	46
1.82	9	8.0	35	3	2	5	8	7	7	3	Diphtheria.	46
1.09	18	14.2	21	4	2	—	7	3	2	3	Memb. Croup.	19
.26	3	4.4	5	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	Whooping Cough.	5
.05	—	1.0	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	Typhus Fever.	0
.16	6	7.8	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	Typhoid Fever.	4
.31	13	13.4	6	—	—	1	2	—	2	1	All ages. (Diarrhœal Diseases.)	7
.21	7	9.0	4	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	Under 5 years. (Diarrhœal Diseases.)	6
.05	7	7.4	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	Alcoholism.	2
.42	7	5.8	8	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	Cancer.	10
4.32	78	81.2	83	10	16	11	11	13	11	11	Phthisis Pulmonalis.	73
.47	9	9.6	9	—	1	2	1	1	2	2	Marasmus—Tabes Mesenterica and Scrofula.	3
.47	12	10.8	9	—	—	1	3	3	2	—	Hydrocephalus and Tubercular Meningitis.	13
.62	14	15.2	12	2	—	2	—	1	2	5	Convulsions.	12
.36	8	13.6	7	2	1	2	1	—	1	—	Encephalitis and Meningitis.	12
1.98	46	49.6	38	6	5	6	5	5	6	5	All Diseases of Nervous System.	46
1.09	21	18.6	21	3	3	4	3	4	—	4	Heart Diseases.	22
2.76	44	46.6	53	10	6	7	6	8	10	6	Pneumonia.	50
1.77	29	23.4	34	5	5	3	5	10	5	1	Bronchitis.	24
1.09	25	19.0	21	5	4	2	—	3	6	1	Bright's Disease and Nephritis.	31
.05	3	1.6	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	Deaths by Suicide.	2
—	—	0.8	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Deaths by Drowning.	1
.21	13	7.4	4	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	Puerperal Diseases.	5
4.06	86	78.6	78	10	15	7	19	9	10	8	Deaths in Institutions.	74
1.51	34	30.0	29	3	5	2	6	6	5	2	All Deaths of Persons 70 years old or more.	29
5.82	116	106.6	112	17	16	13	17	21	15	13	Under 1 year. (Total Deaths in Children.)	118
8.63	153	146.2	166	24	21	18	26	29	26	22	Under 2 years. (Total Deaths in Children.)	165
11.91	200	194.0	229	38	39	24	38	39	34	27	Under 5 years. (Total Deaths in Children.)	241

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 1874.

The Sanitary Committee respectfully submit the following report upon methods of rendering the newly acquired territory of New York conducive to the distribution of the laboring population of the city over a large area, thereby relieving the over-crowding in the tenement house districts, and providing healthy houses for the dependent classes.

The addition to the superficial area of New York of an amount of available contiguous territory, equal to that originally composed within its limits, is one of the most important and significant sanitary measures of the last half century. Whatever may be the commercial, economical or other aspects of the question of such annexation, there can be no doubt that all these great interests which tend to promote the public health, and furnish the true basis of municipal prosperity, have been immeasurably enhanced. It brings under the jurisdiction of a single central authority neighboring communities, whose mutual relations with the metropolis are so intimate that they are practically a single people so far as regards prevention of disease and protection from contagion. Not less important is the fact that territory hereafter to be occupied by a dense population may now have those sanitary works performed which will render the soil healthful. London and Paris abroad, and Philadelphia and Boston at home, have wisely added contiguous territory and communities, and have thereby unmeasurably increased the general welfare of those cities and suburban districts.

Not only have new communities been added to the metropolis but there has been an immediate tendency of the laboring classes of the city to seek residences in the newly acquired territory. Philadelphia affords a striking example of this dispersion of her population over the contiguous territory incorporated within the city limits. The newly acquired lands are comparatively cheap and to this inducement for each family to possess its own homestead, is added an immense system of railways—thus affording cheap if not rapid transit. It is to this feature of the addition to the City of New York of territory equal in superficial area to the original island that the Committee desires to call attention. It is idle to expect any diminution of the enormous and annually increasing pressure upon the tenement houses of the city except by some such exodus of the laboring masses as annexation has provided. Commerce has not only driven the the poor from the first, second, third and fifth wards, but is steadily encroaching upon those wards now densely populated, viz: the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Meantime the price of real estate in the more northern wards has so increased as to render it doubtful if laborers can ever secure possession of houses on unoccupied lands, and equally doubtful if landlords will consent to construct houses for their accommodation. This condition arises from the peculiar conformation of the island, which gives us a city without suburbs, except in Westchester. The result of this encroachment of the commercial district on the south and the high priced lands on the north, is that the poor are yearly being driven into closer quarters, especially in the 11th, 13th, 14th and 17th wards. In the 11th ward the population to the square acre is 328, which exceeds the most populous district of London, the Strand, which has 307 persons to the square acre. The excess of this over crowding will appear when we state that the ablest English writers fix the maximum density for health at 80 persons to the acre, while the highest French authority allows allows 100 persons to the acre. The effect of this excessive crowding in badly constructed dwellings upon the death rate is exhibited in the fact that this half of the population of New York yields 75 per cent. of its total annual sickness and mortality. Sickness and death are, however, but a fraction of the sum total of damage which over-crowding and defective house accomodations do to the poor. They are compelled to live in such familiar contact, such daily and nightly exposure of sexes, and such utter disregard of the common decencies of rational beings, that vice and immorality, in its most revolting forms, pervade the very atmosphere of their homes. Of the various methods of relief to the gigantic evils of the tenement house system, of accommodating the poor with domicils in the city, there is none so wise and so judicious as that which aims to provide homes for the laboring classes in the country. There will undoubtedly be a strong tendency among this class to seek residences in the new districts, and it becomes a matter of vital importance to the public health, and to the social welfare of these people, that every facility be given them to acquire permanent homes on these unoccupied lands. It is believed that there are thousands of honest laboring men, crowded with their families into dark and noisome apartments, totally deprived of all the conditions of home life, who would, with the opening spring, seek homes in Westchester if they would not thereby be deprived of their customary employment.

The great obstacle which presents itself to the laborer who desires a residence in the suburbs of a city is the want of cheap and rapid transit. He must live in such relations to his place of business as to lose no time, and thus he is compelled either to live in the city, or, if he takes up his residence in the country, he must depend upon railroads for conveyance, in which case his earnings are so largely consumed in fares to as to forbid the undertaking. The feasibility of the suburban residence of a laborer employed in the city depends, therefore, simply upon the question of cheap transit on railroads. The British Parliament long since settled this question in favor of the laboring classes of London by requiring all railroads entering that city to run cheap trains at certain hours of the day. The result has been gratifying as to the movement of the poor out of the city, for these trains are largely and increasingly patronized by that class. The Legislature of Massachusetts has, with characteristic intelligence, enacted a law requiring all railroads entering Boston to run cheap morning and evening trains.* The newly acquired territory of this city is very accessible by existing railroads. There are no less than three different lines now in operation traversing the district in various directions, and a fourth is already constructed. If these roads all run cheap morning and evening trains, for a distance of 15 miles, we believe thousands of poor but honest laborers would avail themselves of the opportunity to secure homes for their families in the country. As a slight return for the privileges which these railroad corporations enjoy within this city, especially in the monopoly of large areas of valuable land, they should be compelled to provide cheap trains for laborers who seek homes beyond the built-up portions of the city.

As the Legislature is about to meet the Committee, are of the opinion that this Board should petition that Body to enact a law having the provisions of the law of Massachusetts. We recommend that the following preamble and resolution be adopted, and that copies signed by the President and Secretary of this Board, be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly:

Whereas, By the annexation of a large extent of unoccupied territory to the City of New York, which would be available for the residence of the families of laboring men and citizens employed in that city, provided existing railroad companies would so reduce their fares for those classes as to afford cheap and rapid transit morning and evening; therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, the enactment of a law requiring all railroad companies which enter New York City to run cheap morning and evening trains for the benefit of the laboring classes, to a distance of not less than 15 miles from their several depots, would be an important sanitary measure, as it would contribute greatly to the relief of the over-crowded tenements of the poor.

Respectfully submitted,
STEPHEN SMITH, M.D.,
Chairman.

* Every railroad corporation, or party owning or controlling a railroad running out from Boston, shall furnish each day a morning train In and an evening train Out, or suitable cars attached to other trains and reaching and leaving Boston about 6 o'clock in the forenoon and afternoon, or at such hours as may be fixed by the Railroad Commissioners, for distances not exceeding 15 miles, and for such trains they shall furnish yearly season tickets at a rate not exceeding $3 per mile per year, good once a day for six days in the week, and quarterly tickets not exceeding one dollar per quarter per mile; provided that the number of persons making application shall not be less than 200. (Approved May 6, 1872.)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Appointments.

Jan. 2, 1874, Joseph Rose, John H. Thornton, Jan. 3, Michael O'Neill, messengers in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments.

Jan. 3, Edward Hughes, cartman at West Washington market.

Jan. 3, Andrew Warring, sweeper at Centre market.

Removal.

Jan. 5, Patrick Maher, sweeper at Centre market.

Designation of Salary.

Thomas McGrane, messenger in Auditing Bureau, three dollars per diem.

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

The Board of CITY RECORD met in the Mayor's office, Saturday, January 3d, 1874.

Present:—The Mayor and Commissioner of Public Works.

On motion the reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

The following bill was presented, and on motion of Commissioner Van Nort the same was approved and referred to the chairman of the Board for certification and requisition upon the Comptroller for payment:

P. W. Rhodes, Printing, &c., City Record, for December 1873..... $1426 70

The report of the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD for the month of December 1873, was on motion received and ordered on file.

Adjourned.

D. S. WENDELL,
Secretary.

MAYOR'S MARSHAL.

Licenses granted and amount received for licenses and fines by Marsha H. R. Conklin, for the five days ending January 3, 1874.

Licenses granted..... 110
Amount received..... $208 75

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending December 13, 1873:

Deposits in the Treasury on account of the Sinking Fund	$24,134 96
On account of the County Treasury	753,823 16
" " City "	114,820 98
	$892,779 10
Warrants registered for payment on account of appropriations	$330,289 73
On account of Trust Funds	439,143 76
	$769,433 49
Stock and Bonds issued:	
7 per cent Bonds	$270,700 00
7 " " Stocks	346,000 00
	$616,700 00

MARKET PERMITS.

MARKET.	NO. OF STAND.	FROM WHOM	TO WHOM.
Washington	310 311	William D. Gregory	Charles A. Lewis.
"	266	Mary Curley	James Healey.
"	166	Mary Devine	Chas. J. and Bernard Devine.
"	83½	Mary Totten	Chas. H. McArty.
"	286 287		William Bensel.
"	1	Thomas Barrett	Thomas and John Barrett.
West Washington	16		Jas. McCabe.
" "	15	Francis McMulken	Wm. G. Smith.
" "	16½	Wm. and Robt. P. Carroll	Wm. G. Smith.
" "	237	Shelto Freeborn	James Hemon.
Catherine	37 39 41	Francis Vogel	Adolf and August Vogel.

THE COMPTROLLER APPROVED OF THE SURETIES OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS.

WORK.	LOCATION.	CONTRACTOR.	SURETIES.
Underground Drains	62d and 69th sts and Hudson River.	A. Lutz	A. P. Arnold and Christopher Keyes.
Reg., Grading, &c.	24th st, 11th av. to Hudson River.	And. D. Campbell	P. Cunningham and Thos. O'Reilly.
" " "	Madison av, 124th st. to Harlem River	Frank Stollmeyer	David Babcock and Henry Stollmeyer.
100 tons pig lead	Department of Public Works	Schoonberg Smelting Co.	E. L. Snow and James M. Conner.

THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS WERE REGISTERED AND FILED.

DEPARTMENT.	CONTRACTOR.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.
Board of Educat'n	N. Jonathan	School furniture, School No. 2 Seventh Ward.
Legislative	James A. Flock	Printing, &c., documents Common Council.
Public Works	Dunham & Co	Pine and spruce piles.
"	M. Gavin	Regulating, &c., 60th street, 1st avenue to Avenue A.
"	Christopher Keyes	Paving 71st street, 8th avenue to Boulevard.
"	D. Crowley	Flagging 69th street, 3d to 4th avenue.
"	D. Crowley	Regulating, &c., 56th street, 3d avenue to East River.
"	D. Cotterell	Paving, &c., 68th street, 4th to 5th avenue.
"	Abm. Dowdney	Outlet sewer, Manhattan street.
"	Abm. Dowdney	Outlet sewer, 106th street, 5th avenue to Harlem River.

ORDERS OF COURT, ETC.

COURT.	PLAINTIFF OR RELATOR.	AMOUNT.	DESCRIPTION	ATTORNEY.
Supreme	Tuttle & Bailey Manuf'g Co	471 74	Order why mandamus should not issue for payment of claim, 1869.	
"	John Kennedy	104 00	Horse lost, 1870. Summons and complaint	H. Parsons.
"	John J. Fitzgerald	280 28	Why mandanus should not issue for payment of salary as court officer, 1871	Garvin, Fellows & Brooke.
"	John B. Fassitt	7,110 67	Notice of judgment	Tremaine & Tyler
"	John M. Tracy	13,555 60	Why mandamus should not issue for payment of claim for support of prisoners in County Jail, 1870	J. W. Little.
Superior	Edwin A. Davin	2,700 00	Why mandamus should not issue for payment of difference in salary, 1872 and 1873, as crier, Supreme Court	R. O'Gorman.
"	W. T. McGrath as assignee of Ingersoll, Watson & Co	322 50	Summons and complaint furnished, 1871	Johannes & Ward.
Common Pleas	W. T. Blake	3,501 24	Notice of judgment	Devlin, M. & Trull
"	"	401 09	"	
"	Edward Boyle	404 40	"	A. R. Lawrence.
"	Daniel Kenneay	479 40	"	"
"	James Salmur	175 35	"	"
"	Chas. A. Denike	602 24	"	"
"	Eliza Beaver	479 40	"	"
"	Wm. H. Michael	1,801 41	"	"
"	Edward Boyle	1,542 25	"	
"	Thomas Lembrecht	1,200 04	"	"
"	Emily Belch	176 87	"	"
"	Ellen Duntin	479 40	"	"
"	Bridget Sullivan	479 40	"	"
"	Bridget Martin	479 40	"	"
"	Ann Dundican	479 40	"	"
"	Bridget Hagan	479 40	"	"
"	Thomas McCultry	479 40	"	"
"	Catharine Dundican	479 40	"	"
"	James Ryan		Mandamus directing payment of salary as Deputy Clerk Special Sessions	W. F. McNamara

ORDERS TO VACATE ASSESSMENTS.

COURT.	PETITIONER.	WORK.	LOCATION.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme	Ellen Ward	Paving.	Franklin st., Elm to West Broadway	Devlin, M. & Trull.
"	Pedro Mintello	"	10th st., Broadway to University place	C. N. Roberts.
"	Harry P. Farrington	"	West st., Chambers to Watt st	Devlin, M. & Trull.
"	Edward Poiner	"	Broome st., Broadway to Centre st	"
"	Mary A. Campbell	"	Franklin st., West Broadway to West	"
"	St. Joseph Home	"	15th st., 7th ave, to 8th ave	"
"	Peter Halpin	"	7th ave., 14th st. to 23d st	"
"	Charles Alphonse	"	15th st., 7th to 8th ave	"
"	Robert O. Colt	"	10th st., Broadway to University place	Kaufman Simon.
"	George Hoffman	"	48th st., 5th to 6th ave	"
"	Bank State of N. Y	"	Exchange place, Broad to Hanover	J. Lawrence & Co.
"	John Ryan	"	46th st., 2d ave. to East river	Kaufman Simon.
"	Henry Harris	"	9th ave., 14th to 23d st	"
"	John Flumly	"	Ludlow st., Canal to Stanton	"
"	James M. Edgar	"	19th st., 6th ave. to 10th ave	Devlin, M. & Trull.
"	St. Joseph Home	"	15th st., 7th ave. to 10th ave	"
"	Peter Halpin	"	9th avenue, 14th st. to 23d st	"
"	C. T. Ward	"	Macdougal st., Spring to 8th st	E. M. Neville.
"	George Chesterman	"	Stuyvesant st., 2d to 3d av	"
"	Edward Schell	"	Bayard st., Bowery to Baxter	"
"	George W. Toumbly	"	Eldridge st., Division to Houston st	Kaufman Simon.
"	Thomas Glover	"	[illegible]yth st., Division to Houston st	E. M. Neville,
"	Charles L. Lange	"	Ludlow st., Canal to Stanton st	"
"	August Brennan	"	Willett st., Grand st. to Rividgton	Kaufman Simon.
"	Geraldine L. Hoyt	"	Delancey st., Bowery to East river	E. M. Neville.
"	George W. Toumbly	"	Delancey st., Bowery to East river	Kaufman Simon.
"	Annie A. Willett	"	Delancey st., Bowery to East river	E. M. Neville.
"	A. V. Stout	"	Broome st., Norfolk to East river	"
"	George Chesterman	"	9th st., 2d ave. to 3d ave	"
"	John Schremin	"	15th st., 1st ave. to East river	Kaufman Simon.
"	Bernard O'Rourke	"	15th st., 1st ave. to East river	E. M. Neville.
"	S. L. M. Barlow	"	21st st., 4th ave. to 5th ave	"
"	Eliza Gurney	"	28th st., Broadway to 8th ave	Kaufman Simon.
"	Jno. Curran & H. Raymond	"	33d st., 6th ave. to 10th ave	E. M. Neville.
"	Eliza Gurney	"	34th st. 9th ave. to 10th ave	Kaufman Simon.
"	William Moser	"	41st st., 4th ave. to Madison	"
"	Eugene S. Clarkson	"	38th st., Lexington ave. to East river	J. W. Wingate.
"	Mary E. Jones	"	15th st., 7th ave. to 8th ave	"
"	Joseph Stagg	"	46th st., 9th ave. to North river	H. A. Shipman.
"	Benj. A. See	"	15th st., 7th ave. to 8th ave	"
"	Henry Schmidt	"	15th st., 1st ave. to East river	"
"	Jacob Engel	"	16th st., 1st ave. to ave. B	"
"	Robt. McClay, ex'r	"	Broome st., Broadway to Hudson	"
"	Francis J. Dimmick	"	Forsyth st., Division to Houston	"
"	D. D. Timm	"	Eldridge st., Division to Houston	"
"	Trustee 18th M. Church	"	10th st., 6th ave. to 10th ave	"
"	Fanny McMonegal	"	Varick st., Franklin to Carmine	"
"	C. A. Butler	"	15th st., 7th ave. to 8th ave	"
"	Michael McDermott	"	46th st., 9th ave. to Hudson river	"
"	William Kelly	"	Broome st., Norfolk st. to East river	Kaufman Simon.
"	Joseph Lenox	"	52d st., 9th ave. to 11th ave	"
"	John A. Stevens	"	Broome st., Bowery to Norfolk	"
"	Dorathea Kammerer	"	Forsyth st., Houston to Division	"
"	Sarah A. Schosser	"	Broome st., Broadway to Hudson st	"
"	Jesse J. Davis	"	Ave C., Houston to 18th st	S. C. Mount.
"	Zimri West	"	Hudson st., Canal to Chambers st	"
"	Isabella D. Dick	"	Broome st., Norfolk to East river	"
"	John Taylor	"	Varick st., Franklin to Carmine	"
"	Wm. W. Winans	"	Bayard st., Baxter to Bowery	"
"	Patrick O'Reilly	"	54th st., 8th ave. to 9th ave	"
"	N. Y. Life Ins. Trust Co	"	29th st., 6th ave. to 10th ave	"
"	James Steele	"	Franklin, West Broadway to West	"
"	George G. Sickles	"	Hubert st., Hudson to West	"
"	Hanna McGruy	"	9th ave., 14th st. to 23d st	"
"	Alman W. Griswold	"	8th st., Broadway to 4th ave	"
"	Jno. Taylor	"	Dominick st., Hudson to Clark	"
"	Patrick H. Penner	"	40th st., 6th ave. to 9th ave	"
"	Julia M. Graham	"	Spring st., Broadway to Bowery	O. W. West.
"	Adam Weber and others	"	Ave. C, Houston to 18th st	"
"	Patrick Sheridan	"	16th st., 1st ave. to Ave. C	"

DEMANDS OF

NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
Williams & Co	$2,181 92	Stone, regulating and grading 126th st., 8th ave. to Lawrence st., against Wm. Guilfoyle.	
Michael Regan	926 00	Taking care rooms Board of Audit, 1868 and 1869; county janitor and night watchman County Bureau, June, 1871, to Nov. 1872.	
George S. Byrne	472 08	Extra services and int. under resolution Common Council, Dec. 15, 1868.	J. H. Dukes.
Archibald J. Fullerton	472 08	Extra services and int. under resolution Common Council, Dec. 15, 1868.	J. H. Dukes.
Patrick Barnum	1,283 04	Paid Collector of Assessment, sewer 79th to 86th street, Avenue A to 3d ave., Oct. 7, 1870.	Develin, M., & Trull.
B. H. Bixby		Claim for salary police justice, Sept. 1, 1871, to Nov. 4, 1873—less $1,666.66 paid.	
Edward Slattery		Requesting stoppage interest on 70 per cent., contract regulating and grading 8th ave., 59th to 77th st.	
George H. W. Neunder assignee of F. H. Lain	1,050 19	Claim as Civil Justice.	J. M. Smith.
J. De Wint Hook, executor of Jno. P. De Wint, dec'd		Claim for value of materials of building, Map. No. 52, Church street extension.	J. H. Hammersly.
Frederick A. Potts, assignee of John F. Burrell & Sons.		Claim for coal and wood, between May 1, 1869, and Dec. 1, 1871.	F. C. Bowman.

APPOINTMENTS.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 11, 1873.

In pursuance of the authority conferred by section 28 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, passed April 30, 1873, I hereby appoint the following named persons as officers and employes of the Finance Department, and do designate and approve of the salaries at the several amounts affixed to them respectively.

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller

In Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents:

Artemus S. Cady, Clerk of Arrears	$5,000
John O'Brien, assistant clerk	2,500
Ambrose G. Cassidy, "	2,500
Franklin H. Bangs "	2,000
Mathew Jordan, "	1,750
William W. Monk "	1,800
William H. Merrill, "	1,800
William O'Connell, "	2,000
Henry H. Carter, "	1,250
Albert Elsasser, "	1,500
Charles Smith, "	1,250
Morris J. Bennett, "	1,250
Benj. S. Valentine "	1,500
Charles Carroll, "	$3 00 per diem
Jonathan D. Harris, "	$1,200
Edward Higgins, "	1,200
James O'Reilly, messenger,	$3 00 per diem
Thomas McGettigan	3 00 "
James B. Byrne, book-binder (which sum is to include all materials used)	6 50 "

REMOVALS.

Peter Daly, assistant clerk, Bureau of Arrears.
John A. K. Duval, clerk, Bureau for Collection of Assessments.
Thomas Flynn, sweeper, Essex Market.

162 official letters and communications were transmitted.

AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Statement of the hours during which all public offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICES.	LOCATION.	HOURS.
Mayor's Office	No. 6, City Hall	10 a.m.—3 p.m
Mayor's Marshal	No. 5, City Hall	10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Permit Bureau	No. 1, City Hall	10 a.m.—2 p.m.
License Bureau	No. 1, City Hall	10 a.m.—2 p.m

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Cl'k of the Common Council and of B'd of Supervisors. } 7 & 8 City Hall. 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

Clerk of B'd of Assistant Aldermen. } 9 ½ City Hall. 9 A.M—4 P.M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Comptroller's Office, West end, New County Court House.

1—Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the City—

Ground floor, West end, New County Court House.

2—Bureau for the Collection of Taxes—

Brown-stone building, City Hall Park.

3—Bureau for the collection of arrear of taxes and Assessments and of water rents—

Ground floor, West end, New County Court House.

4—Auditing Bureau—

Main floor, west end, New County Court House.

5—Bureau of Licenses. } Ground floor, west end, New

6—Bureau of Markets— } County Court House.

7—Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury, in the City and for the payment of money n warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor—

(Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer.)

Main floor, west end, New County Court House

8—Bureau for the Collection of Assessments

Governor's room, City Hall (temporarily.)

LAW DEPARTMENT

Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau st., 9 a. m., 5 p.m

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 " 10 a.m., 4 p.m

Corporation Att'y, " " " 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes 265 Broadway, Room 13, 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, Room 52, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office, 300 Mulberry street, always open.

Com's Office, " " "

Supt's Office, " " "

Inspector's Office, " " "

Chief Clerk's Office, " " 8 a. m., p. m

Property Clerk, " " "

Bureau of S't Clean'g, " " "

Bureau of Elections, " " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioners' Office, 19 City Hall, 9 a. m., 4 p. m

Chief Clerk, 20 " " "

Contract Clerk 21 " " "

Engineer in charge of sewers, 21 City Hall, " "

Engineer in charge of Boulevards and avenues, 18 ½ City Hall, "

Bureau of repairs and supplies, 18 City Hall, " "

Bureau of Lamps and Gas, 13 City Hall, " "

Bureau of Imcumbrances, 13 City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Bureau of Street Improvements, 11 City Hall " "

Bureau of the Chief Engineer of the Croton aqueduct, 11 ½ City Hall, "

Bureau of Water Register, 10 City Hall, "

Bureau of Water Purveyor, 4 City Hall, "

Bureau of Streets and Roads, 13 City Hall, "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office, 66 Third av. 8 a. m., to 5 p. m.

Out Door Poor Dep't, 66 Third av., always open. Entrance on 11th Street.

Free Labor Bureau, 8 and 10 Clinton pl. 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, N. E. Corner, always open.

Reception Hospital, 99th street and 10th av. always open

Bellevue Hospital, foot of 26th street, E. R. " "

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Chief of Department, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Inspectors of Combustibles, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Fire Marshal, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office, 301 Mott St. 9 a. m. to 4 p. m

Sanitary Superintendent, 301 Mott St., always open.

Register of Records, 301 Mott St., for granting burial permits, on all days of the week except Sunday from 7 a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m., and on Sundays from a m to 5 o'clock p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 a. m. to 5 p m

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioners' Office, 346 and 348 Broadway corner Leonard St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Commissioners' Office, Brown Stone Building, City Hall Park, 32 Chambers St., 9 a. m. 4 p m., on Saturday 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Board of Assessors, " " "

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth av., a. m. to 4 p. m

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Commissioners Office, 299 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. P. M

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Office of the Board, cor Grand and Elm sts, 9 A. M. 5 P.

Supt. of Schools, " " 9 A. M. 5 P. M

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Office—32 Chambers street (basement.)

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

Commissioners, Office, Castle Garden, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Superintendents, Office, Castle Garden, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

THE CITY RECORD Office, No. 2 City Hall, N. W. corner basement, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

Coroner's Office, 40 E. Houston

Sheriff's " first floor, S. W. cor. New Court House. } 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

County Clerk's Office, first floor, N. E. cor. New Court House.

Surrogate's Office, first floor, S. E. cor. New Court House. } 9 a.m. to p.m

Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park. } 9 a. m. to 4 p. m

District Attorney's Office, secon floor Old Court House, 82 Chambers Street. } 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Commissioner of Jurors, Co ssioner's Office, basement, brown stone building, City Hall Park 32 Chambers street, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COURTS.

Supreme Court, General Term, Special Term, Chambers, Circuit, part 1, Circuit, part 2. } Second Floor, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. New Court House. 10:30 a. m. to 3 p. m.

SUPERIOR COURTS.

Superior Court.	3d floor, New Court House.	11 a. m. —
" " Part I.		11 a. m. —
" " Part II.		11 a. m. —
Clerk's Office, 3d floor, New Court House, 9 a. m., 4 p.m		

COMMON PLEAS.

Common Pleas, 3d fl., New Court House 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

GENERAL SESSIONS

General Sessions, 32 Chambers street, 10 a. m., 4 p. m

Clerk's Office, 32 Chambers st., Room 14, " "

OYER AND TERMINER.

Oyer and Terminer. General Term, Special Term. } 32 Chambers st., Room 11 } 10 a. m.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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

JUSTICE'S (OR DISTRICT) COURTS.

First District, 1st, 2d, 3d, and 5th Wards, S. W. corner of Centre and Chambers streets.	10 a. m., 4 p. m.
Second District, 4th, 6th, and 14th Wards, 514 Pearl street.	9 a. m., 4 p. m.
Third District, 8th, 9th, and 15th Wards, 12 Greenwich avenue.	9 a. m., 4 p. m.
Fourth District, 10th, and 17th Wards, 163 East Houston street.	9 a. m., 4 p. m.
Fifth District, 7th, 11th, and 13th Wards 154 Clinton street.	9 a. m., 4 p. m.
Sixth District,	
Seventh District, 19th and 22d Wards, 57th street, between Third and Lexington avenues.	9 a. m., 4 p. m.
Eighth District, 16th and 20th Wards, S. W. cor. 22d st. and 7th ave.	9:30 a.m. 4pm.
Ninth District, 12th Ward, 2374 Fourth avenue.	9 a. m., 4 p. m.

MARINE COURT (Brown stone building.)

General Term, 32 Chamber	Room 17,	10 a. m., 3 p. m.
Special " " "	Room 15,	" "
Chambers, " "	Room 18,	" "
Clerk's Office, " "	Room 19,	9 a. m. 4 p. m.

POLICE COURTS.

First District, 14th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct.	Tombs, cor. Franklin and Centre streets.	7 a. m., 3 p. m.
Second District, 8th 9th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 33d, 28th, and 29th Precincts.	Greenwich ave., corner of 10th street.	9 a. m., 6 p. m.
Third District, 7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th, 18th, and portion of Sanitary Precinct.	69 Essex street.	8 a. m., 4 p. m
Fourth District, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, and 19th sub station.	57th street, between 3d and Lexington ave	8 a. m., 5 p. m.
Fifth District, 12th Ward, 2374 Fourth avenue (Harlem.)		8 a. m., 4 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

No. 32 Chambers Street,
New York, January 5, 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessments upon the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York, for the year 1874, will be open for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 12th, 1874, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1874, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.

By order of the Board,
ALBERT STORER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Eighteenth Ward, at the hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Monday, the 12th day of January, 1874, and until 3 o'clock P. M. on said day, for additions to the steam heating apparatus in Grammar School No. 40 on East 23d street, between Second and Third avenues.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the engineer, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties will be required from the successful bidder.

The names of parties offering proposals must be indorsed on the outside of the envelopes containing the proposals.

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

JOHN F. TROW,
FRANCIS H. WEEKS,
ANDREW WARNER,
JOSEPH K. O'BRIEN,
HENRY S. TUBELL,
Board of School Trustees, 18th Ward.

Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1873.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Property Clerk's Office,
Central Department of the Metropolitan Police,
300 Mulberry street, New York, Dec. 20, 1873.

OWNERS WANTED, BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: One bay mare, white hind feet; 28 salted seal skins; four barrels Flour; two bags coffee; trunk and contents; wagon; hand cart; gold watch; shawls; red pepper; revolvers, blankets, &c.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

Central Department of Municipal Police,
Property Clerk's Office, 300 Mulberry Street,
New York, December 6, 1873.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Gold watch, revolvers, clothing (male and female), door mats, chest tea, rope, coffee, molasses, and money.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

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 3½ o'clock, P. M., in the chamber of the Board, room No 15, City Hall.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Department of Docks,
346 and 348 Broadway.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING SPIKES, BOLTS, BANDS AND STAY PLATES.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING the above material will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 12 o'clock noon, of Tuesday, January 20, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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

The period of this contract is for six months from the date of the same.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect.

No proposals 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 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 security required.

Bidders will state the price in their proposals for each separate item of the work to be done, by which the bids will be tested.

The Department of Docks reserves the right to decline any and all proposals, if deemed to be for the public interest; and no proposal will be accepted from or contract awarded to 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.

Blank forms of proposals, and further information can be obtained by application at the office of the Department.

Proposals to be indorsed as above and addressed to "Commissioner Budd, Treasurer of Department of Docks."

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
WILLIAM GARDNER,
WILLIAM BUDD,
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Department of Docks,
346 and 348 Broadway.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING SCREW BOLTS AND OTHER IRON MATERIAL.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THE above material will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, January 20, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

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The period of this contract is for six months from the date of the same.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect.

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JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
WILLIAM GARDNER,
WILLIAM BUDD,
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Department of Docks,
346 and 348 Broadway,
New York, January 6th, 1874.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM KENNELLY,
Auctioneer,

Will sell at Public Auction, at the Exchange Sales Room, 111 Broadway, in this city (for account of whom it may concern,) on Friday, January 9th, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon,

THE FRAME BUILDING KNOWN AS THE U. S. BARGE OFFICE,

Situated on the Pier foot of Whitehall street, E. R. Subject to conditions to be named by the auctioneer on the day of sale.

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
WILLIAM GARDNER,
W. BUDD,
Commissioners of Docks.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested; and that awards have been made on account of damages to such land, or buildings thereon, by change of grade in said streets, as provided in the act of the Legislature, section 3, laws of 1852.

1—Regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging 123d street, from Mount Morris Square to 8th avenue.

2—Regulating and grading 122d street, from Mount Morris Square to 9th avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situate on

1—Both sides of 123d street, from Mount Morris Square to 8th avenue.

2—Both sides of 122d street, from Mount Morris Square to 9th avenue, to the extent of one-half the block on the intersecting streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to Thos. B. Asten, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
JOHN McHARG,
MUNSON H. TREADWELL,
VALENTINE S. WOODRUFF,
Board of Assessors.

Office, Board of Assessors,
New York, Jan. 7, 1874.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Finance Department,
Bureau of Collection of Assessments,
Rotunda Court House,
New York, January 5, 1874.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that collections on the following works will close in this Bureau on Thursday, January 15th inst., at 4 P. M., viz.:

Confirmed Aug. 2, 1872—opening of Riverside Park.

Confirmed July 4, 1872—widening and straightening of Broadway, from 34th to 59th street.

The limits embraced by said assessments include all the lots and houses, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land embraced within the following boundaries:

Riverside Park—42d street to 155th street; 8th avenue to Hudson river.

Broadway widening—Commencing at the northeast corner of 6th avenue and Waverley place, along 6th avenue to 14th street; 14th street to 7th avenue; 7th avenue to 25th street; 25th street to 8th avenue; 8th avenue to 28th street; 28th street to 9th avenue; 9th avenue to 66th street; 66th street to 8th avenue; 8th avenue to 59th street; 59th street to Madison avenue; Madison avenue to 34th street; 34th street to Lexington avenue; Lexington avenue and Irving place to 14th street; 14th street to 4th avenue; 4th avenue to East 10th street; East 10th street to 3d avenue; 3d avenue to Astor place; Astor place to Broadway; Broadway to Waverley place; Waverley place to 6th avenue.

Interest on said works is now charged, in this Bureau, at the rate of 7 per cent., from the date of their confirmation. After January 15, 1874, the rate of interest will be 12 per cent. from date of confirmation, on all unpaid assessments on the above works.

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

ANDREW W. LEGGAT,
Acting Collector.

City of New York,
Department of Finance,
Comptroller's Office, January 2, 1874.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE INTEREST on the Bonds and Stocks of the City of New York, due February 1, 1874, will be paid on that day by the Chamberlain of the city at his office in the new Court House.

The transfer books will be closed from January 7th to February 1, 1874.

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

City of New York, Department of Finance,
Bureau of Arrears,
Office of the Clerk of Arrears, Dec. 1, 1873.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LANDS AND TENEments for unpaid taxes of 1869 and 1870, and Croton water rents of 1868 and 1869, under the direction of Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City of New York. The undersigned hereby gives public notice, pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the collection of taxes, assessments and Croton water rents in the City of New York, and to amend the several acts in relation thereto," passed April 8, 1871;

That the respective owners of all lands and tenements in the City of New York on which taxes have been laid and confirmed, situated in the Wards Nos. 1 to 22, inclusive, for the years 1869 and 1870, and now remaining due and unpaid; and also the respective owners of all lands and tenements in the City of New York, situated in the wards aforesaid, on which the regular Croton water rents heve been laid for the years 1868 and 1869, and are now remaining due and unpaid, are required to pay the said taxes and Croton water rent so remaining due and unpaid to the Clerk of Arrears, at his office, in the Department of Finance, in the New Court House, with the interest thereon, at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, to the time of payment with the charges of this notice and advertisement, and if default shall be made in such payment such lands and tenements will be sold at public auction at the New Court House, in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on MONDAY, the 9th day of March, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, for the lowest term of years at which any person shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the amount of tax or Croton water rent, as the case may be, so due and unpaid, and the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, and together with the charges of this notice and advertisement and all other costs and charges accrued thereon, and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all the lands and tenements here advertised for sale shall be sold.

And notice is hereby further given that a detailed statement of the taxes and the Croton water rents, the ownership of the property taxed, and on which Croton rents are unpaid, is published in a pamphlet, and that copies of the pamphlet are deposited in the office of the Bureau of the Clerk of Arrears, and will be delivered to any person applying for the same.

A. S. CADY,
Clerk of Arrears.

Finance Department,
Bureau of Collection of Assessments,
Room 14, City Hall,
New York, Nov 29, 1873.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.—PROPerty holders are hereby notified that the following assessment lists were this day received in this Bureau for collection:

DATE OF CONFIRMATION.	
Nov. 21. 1873—	Sewers in 88th street, between 2d and 3d avenues; and in 91st street, between 2d and 4th avenues, with branches.
	Sewer in 11th avenue, between 52d and 54th streets.
	Reg. grade, curb, &c., in 60th street, between 10th avenue and Hudson river.
	Flagging sidewalk southeast corner Broadway and 33d street.
	Flagging sidewalk north side 13th street, from No. 415 to Avenue A.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Head-Quarters,
Fire Department, City of New York,
(127 & 129 Mercer street,)
New York, December —, 1873.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ONE STEAM Fire Engine, built by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, and two Engine Boilers, will be sold at auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, January 10, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Repair Yard of the Department, Nos. 19 and 21 Elizabeth street.

JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
ROSWELL D. HATCH,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE OBtained at No 2, City Hall, (N. W. corner basement.)

Price five cents each.