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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

No. 15 CITY HALL,
THURSDAY, March 5, 1874,
3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber No. 15 City Hall.

Present:—Hon. S. B. H. VANCE, President, in the chair, and the following members:

O. P. C. Billings,	Patrick Lysaght,
John Falconer,	Robert McCafferty,
Richard Flanagan,	Joseph A. Monheimer,
Edward Gilon,	John J. Morris,
Peter Kehr,	Oswald Ottendorfer,
George Koch,	John Reilly,
	Jenkins Van Schaick.

The minutes of February 19th and 24th were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman McCafferty—
Remonstrance of the Stone Cutter's Association of New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City against reduction of wages in the Department of Docks.

Alderman McCafferty moved the reference of the petition to the Committee on Public Works.

Alderman Morris moved to refer to the Joint Special Committee appointed to investigate the operations of the different departments.

The President first put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Works.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Flanagan, Gilon, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Van Schaick—7.

Negative—The President, Falconer, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Morris, Reilly—7.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion to refer to the Joint Special Committee.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Morris, Reilly—9.

Negative—Aldermen Flanagan, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Van Schaick—5.

By Alderman Billings—
Petition of Samuel B. B. Nowlan for permission to submit his engineering plans and drawings of his elevated cross town and horizontal double track rapid transit steam railway.

Which was referred to Committee on Railroads.

By Alderman McCafferty—
Application of Geo. H. Dyer to lease premises for the use of the Civil and Police Courts in the 23d and 24th wards.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Van Schaick—

AN ORDINANCE: to regulate travel and commerce in and upon the streets and sidewalks of this city.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:

Sec 1. It shall not hereafter be requisite for any person or persons to obtain a permit to receive or deliver goods, wares or merchandise into or from any store, warehouse or other building in this City; but no person shall deposit any such articles upon any street or sidewalk in this city in such manner as to obstruct the free use thereof by the public, and the Commissioners of Police are hereby authorized and directed to prevent any such obstructions.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or portions of ordinances now existing, which impose a penalty or penalties for placing of goods, articles, wares, or merchandise upon any sidewalk or street in this city are hereby modified, so that the same shall not apply to cases where such placing is occasioned during the process of receiving or delivering merchandise in the ordinary course of trade.

Sec. 3. All ordinances requiring, authorizing, or directing the Corporation Attorney to receive, sue for, recover, or collect penalties for the obstruction of the sidewalks or streets in this city, are hereby modified so as to make the same consistent with the terms of the next preceding section of this ordinance. And he is hereby di-

rected to discontinue all actions now pending to recover penalties in cases where such obstructions occurred while in the process of receiving or delivering merchandise; and hereafter before any action shall be commenced against any person or persons for the obstruction of any of the public streets or sidewalks, the person making the complaint shall first notify the owner or owners of the articles so encumbering such street or walk to remove the same, and such owner or owners shall have a reasonable time thereafter in which to remove the same.

Sec. 4. The ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to regulate permits for street stands, show cases, signs, stairways, hoistways, and deliveries," approved February 24, 1866, is hereby modified so as to make the same consistent with section one of this ordinance, and the Mayor shall not hereafter issue permits to any person or persons for the receipt or delivery of merchandise.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By Alderman McCafferty—

Whereas, It is apparent from the rapidity with which that portion of the City north of Fifty-ninth street, and east of the Fifth avenue, has been populated, and the great number of buildings that have been erected therein during the past few years, that at least one additional fire engine should be located in this district, in order to afford an additional safeguard to life and property in this densely populated section of the city; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby authorized and directed to set apart a lot of land owned by the city, on the north side of Sixty-seventh street, 170 feet west of Third avenue, as a location for the erection of a fire engine house, being in the immediate vicinity of the Chapin Home, the Mount Sinai Hospital, the Hahnemann Hospital, the Female Normal College, the Model Primary School, the Foundling Asylum, the Home of Aged and Infirm, under charge of the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Presbyterian Hospital, the Lennox Home for Aged Females, the Lennox Library, and other large public institutions.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That Fifty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh 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 referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to R. T. Auchmuty to erect a bay window on his premises, situated on the north-west corner of Fifty-seventh street and Madison avenue, as per annexed diagram, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Alderman McCafferty moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Van Schaick—11.

Negative—Aldermen Flanagan, Morris, Reilly—3.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 5, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873, I hereby nominate to, and, subject to the consent of the Board of Aldermen, appoint

George H. Andrews,

Police Commissioner of the City of New York, in the place of Henry Smith, deceased, for the unexpired term of said Henry Smith, which terminates on the 11th day of April, 1877.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 4, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Sailors' Snug

Harbor, for the year 1873, presented by the Comptroller of the Institution.

Very respectfully,
W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Ordered on file.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 4, 1874.

To the Hon. the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873, I hereby nominate to, and, subject to the consent of the Board of Aldermen, appoint

Thomas McCormick,

Inspector of Weights and Measures, in place of Nicholas McCormick, deceased, for a term of six years from the approval hereof.

Very respectfully,
W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Alderman Monheimer moved the confirmation of the nomination of Thomas McCormick as an Inspector of Weights and Measures.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Reilly, Van Schaick—10.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Gilon, McCafferty, Ottendorfer—4.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Morris moved to take from the table a communication from his Honor the Mayor dated Feb. 19, 1874, nominating Elijah W. Roe a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,
February 19, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An act to re-organize the local government of the city of New York, passed the 30th day of April 1873," I hereby nominate to, and subject to the consent of the Board of Aldermen, appoint

Elijah W. Roe,

Sealer of Weights and Measures, in place of John Boole, resigned, for a term of six years from the approval hereof.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Alderman Morris moved the confirmation of the nomination of Elijah W. Roe as an inspector of weights and measures.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote—

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—13.

Negative—Alderman McCafferty—1.

PETITIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Van Schaick—

Notice of application of Cora M. Jones and Hella B. Jones by Charles B. Frost, guardian, and Catharine M. Flint, administratrix of the estate of Cyrus Flint deceased, for award in the matter of opening a public drive northward from 155th street.

Which was ordered on file.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Monheimer moved that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday the 19th inst., at 3 1/2 P. M.

Alderman Morris moved to amend by fixing to-morrow the 6th inst., at 3:15 o'clock P. M., as the time for the next meeting.

Alderman Billings moved to amend by fixing Tuesday next 10th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock P. M., as the time for the next meeting of the Board.

Which was accepted by Alderman Morris.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Billings.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Alderman Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Lysaght, Morris—6.

Negative—Alderman Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Reilly, and Van Schaick—8.

Alderman Morris moved that Thursday next the 12th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock P. M. be fixed for the next meeting.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Alderman Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Lysaght, Morris—6.

Negative—Alderman Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Reilly and Van Schaick—8.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Monheimer.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Alderman Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Reilly, and Van Schaick—8.

Negative—The President, Alderman Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Lysaght, Morris—6.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLERS OFFICE,
February 26th, 1874.

Hon. William F. Havemeyer, Mayor:

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith a detailed statement of all accounts audited and allowed by this Department on account of the City of New York, and for which warrants have been drawn upon the Chamberlain, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1873.

Very respectfully,
AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, NEW YORK,
March 4th, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I transmit herewith a detailed statement of the accounts audited and allowed by the Department of Finance for the quarter ending December 31st, 1873.

Very respectfully,
W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance on motion of Alderman McCafferty.

Also the following—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL NEW YORK,
March 5th, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "an Act to re-organize the local government of the City of New York" passed April 30, 1873, I hereby nominate to, and subject to the of consent the Board of Aldermen, appoint

Alexander B. Clark,

a Marshal for the City of New York in the place of John J. Murphy, deceased, to hold office for the unexpired term of the said Murphy.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Alderman Morris moved the confirmation of the nomination of Alexander B. Clark as City Marshal.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

Also the following—

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, March 5th, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York:

In my last message to the Common Council, I earnestly asked their attention to the pressing and vital necessity of cheapening the present cost of transporting on our State canals the immense agricultural products of our interior States, recently shown to have increased to a vast amount, but which are seriously threatened with large and ruinous diversion from our city, State and nation, by the completion, now near at hand, of the enlarged canals of Canada, carrying vessels of more than 1,000 tons burden from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario.

The annual report made to the State Legislature the Hon. Nelson K. Hopkins, Comptroller of the State, which appeared soon after my message of January last, gave authentic and full particulars of these new channels of commerce, showing the fact that when completed, they will reduce to three dollars and fifty cents the cost of carrying a ton of wheat from Lake Michigan to Montreal, from which point these large sea-going vessels can pass directly on to Europe. On the other hand, the cost of transportation on our Erie canal with its present locks, not permitting the passage of vessels with cargoes exceeding the average of 215 or 220 tons, now amounts to six dollars and forty-two cents per ton of wheat. Of this latter sum only one dollar and five cents consists of the State tolls at the very moderate rate now fixed. It is, therefore, incontestable that if our State tolls were entirely taken off, the comparative cost of the two routes would continue to be three dollars and fifty cents by way of Montreal, and five dollars and fifteen cents by way of New York, showing a difference against us of two dollars and sixty-five cents per ton.

This plain statement thus derived from the report of the State Comptroller, should be sufficient to stop at once the exaggerated assertions of the efficacy of low tolls as affording a sufficient remedy for the evil in question or removing in any material degree our just cause of apprehension.

That it is highly desirable to reduce our State tolls to the lowest practicable limit consistent with the due preservation of the efficiency of the canals, and a proper provision for improving from time to time their capacity, as the great

interest of commerce may demand, no one will deny. But surely all can now see that no reduction whatever in the tolls, nor even their total abolition, will now suffice to save our commerce from its rapidly approaching dangers.

Let me then reiterate and condense in a single phrase the one vital fact that the present is not a question of "low tolls" but of effective administration and an improved water way. The one can only quack the disease, the other will cure it. If we do not in time pay heed, we must lose the enormous and precious commerce of the West, which, steadily increasing for the last forty years, has furnished, and with a moderate amount of wisdom and forecast in the present generation, will permanently continue to furnish the very life blood of this great metropolis. It is only by a proper and speedy removal of all obstructions from the present channel, giving the full depth of seven feet, and such other facilities as may be deemed advisable, with a moderate and safe reduction of the tolls, that we can reduce the cost of transportation from the five dollars and fifteen cents, the present price, to a rate with which we can successfully compete with the Canadian canals, even if aided by all the power of the British Government.

But it is vitally necessary that we now awake to the fact that the pending amendment to the constitution, if adopted, will absolutely prevent the State, not only from enlarging the locks, but even from giving the present channel of the canals their full depth of seven feet. The act of 1862 having declared that the enlargement would be completed in this year, this deepening would be a new work, which could only be done by a further amendment of the constitution.

It is evident that if we can preserve our fair portion of the immense commerce which is to pour in from the West in constantly augmenting volume, we need retain only a very moderate toll on this greatly increased amount, possibly not exceeding fifty, or even thirty cents a ton, which could hardly fail to yield a net revenue of several millions, fully sufficing to meet the cost of any reasonable outlay incurred in making the necessary improvements.

It is under these circumstances that I cannot but express my surprise that the present Legislature has not only wholly omitted to institute any inquiry as to the expediency or cost of such improvements, but that under some strange delusion they have been induced to entertain a most inconsiderate and mischievous proposition, now ready for its final passage in both houses, to alter the State Constitution by a proposed amendment, which merely provides for a partial reduction of the present rate of tolls, (which practically would not exceed fifty cents per ton on wheat), but which, by a singular disregard of consequences, in effect relinquishes all the net revenue of our great trunk canals which have cost more than \$50,000,000, and which have actually yielded revenues in cash to the State Treasury within the last twenty-six years exceeding \$65,000,000. Surely we ought to recollect that these great works do not belong to this generation alone but that each succeeding generation, will have its exigencies and necessities, and will have great cause to complain if we do not reserve a certain portion, however small, of those rich revenues for the purpose of providing the means needed for any improvement of the canals themselves, and thus avoiding the necessity of imposing any further or future tax on the people of the State at large. We should bear in mind that the policy of the State in 1854 was the very opposite of that proposed by the present amendment, when the people by an immense majority amended the State Constitution and by authorizing loans of \$10,500,000, which were charged upon the surplus tolls assured the completion of the enlargement of the Erie and Oswego canals and the completion of the other works in the year 1862, and which by express enactment of the laws of 1862 was legally declared to be completed. If the policy of relinquishing the tolls as now proposed had then been in vogue, none of these works could have been finished to this day.

Without presuming to enter into the details of the wise and beneficial constitutional amendment, which the present exigencies really require and which may be adopted without imposing any burden upon the people and which will at the same time secure the needed improvements of the locks in time to meet the rival works of Canada, it may properly be suggested that such an amendment might readily be initiated by the present Senate in 1875, and passed by the succeeding Senate and Assembly early in 1876, and submitted to the people in time to secure the commencement of the necessary work on the 4th day of July 1876, an event of national importance which would well mark the commencement of the second century of American progress.

It should also be borne in mind that the interior States north of the Ohio river now furnish more than nine tenths of the tonnage carried to tide water on the Erie canal; that they have made no complaints of the rates of tolls established and reduced from time to time by this State; that their highest interests really requiring adequate facilities much more than "low tolls" they might well protest against the suicidal policy of throwing away the very revenues paid by themselves, and which New York, as their carrier and trustee, ought to retain in sufficient amount to make the necessary improvements in the canals.

We should also bear in mind that the two houses of Congress of the United States at this very moment are considering the necessity of cheapening transportation on the Erie canal and the other great water ways of the country. It has been the peculiar pride of the State of New York during the last fifty years to have constructed its great trunk canals, which are truly national in character and importance wholly without aid from any of its sister states or the Federal Government. The exceptional mistake committed during the excitement of the war in

1862 of requesting the Federal Government to contribute \$3,500,000 to the cost of enlarging the locks of our canals, to permit the passage of gunboats and munitions of war, was sufficiently rebuked by the derision heaped upon the measure by the representatives in Congress from our sister state of Pennsylvania. The State of New York should have, and can have no wish to repeat the experiment, and it would be lamentable indeed to be now driven a second time into such a false position by any reckless or hasty relinquishment of the tolls, which, if retained, would forever spare us from such a mortification.

It is one of the gravest features of the present subject, that the State, by its own Act, has ceded into being two very formidable rivals to its canal interests in the New York Central and Erie Railways, the owners of which being largely resident abroad, can have no great wish that the transportation on the State canals should be materially cheapened. If they are not seen openly urging the pending amendment, which practically emasculates the State, and depriving it of all proper vigor, and all further power of competition, they certainly will not be greatly grieved to see our great commonwealth paralyzed and prostrate at their feet. Without imputing any inordinate degree of cupidity to those potent corporations, it may be enough for you and for all the people of the State to know and to discern the magnitude of their danger in the fact that while the tonnage of the Erie canal, reaching tide-water in 1872, was only 2,674,006 tons, the total tonnage carried by the two railways in the same year, of which at least one-half must have consisted of "through freights," amounted to 9,988,239 tons. To realize still more fully and vividly the prodigious and increasing amounts lost from year to year by the State treasury from these competitions, we need but to know that during the five years ending in 1872, the gigantic mass thus carried by these railways amounted to upwards of 40,000,000 of tons, as is shown by the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Tonnage. Rows include On Erie Railway and On N.Y.C. Railway for years 1868-1872, with a total of 23,481,439 tons.

Total in tons on the two railways. 40,657,888

With no feeling of hostility to either of these great works which have contributed largely to the commercial prosperity of this city, I am, nevertheless, bound, as its Executive, to warn you and our fellow-citizens that they must hardly expect any aid from these corporations in any measures for cheapening the Erie canal transportation, which would necessarily operate to reduce to the same rate the railway charges on the immense amounts of tonnage thus diverted by the railways.

Although the railways may largely suffer from the rivalry of the new canals in Canada, they certainly will not seek to disarm it by any cheapening of the cost of canal transportation. It is hardly necessary to add my earnest convictions that if the canal tolls be now wholly relinquished it will become practically impossible to secure the passage hereafter of any constitutional amendment permitting them to be re-imposed for the uses of the State, to recover the trade of New York, which will then have become diverted. I would also respectfully suggest to our fellow-citizens in the rural counties that this, their own metropolis, enriched by western commerce, now pays at least one-half of the taxes of the State, and that they cannot wisely sanction any policy which shall prevent the State from saving its commerce and the taxable property of its citizens from depreciation.

It has become perfectly manifest that whether we are right or wrong as to the proposed remedy, for an imminent evil it is one which cannot any longer be ignored. By relying upon the results of the wisdom and foresight of the past, and what we have hitherto believed to be our immeasurably superior natural advantages, we are allowing, little by little, our trade to slip from our grasp. Our sister cities, less favorably placed in regard to harbor access by dint of terminal facilities and cheaper handling of the products of the West, and economical administration, offer inducements to Western shippers which have considerably overcome the vantage ground which we once held.

Unless our merchants and civil authorities awake to their true danger, and by a concerted and united movement induce our Legislature to pay heed to the permanent commercial interests of this great metropolis and the State, we shall, between the upper millstone of excessive taxation, and the nether millstone of loss of trade and commerce, be ground into powder.

I have consulted with some of our city's largest produce dealers and find that a considerable proportion of the orders which are received from shippers direct its sending over lines for transportation to Europe, terminating in Philadelphia, Boston or other ports. The following extracts from a letter received from one of the largest dealers in grain and flour in this city, and copies of telegrams received by this dealer, will more fully show the fact:

"NEW YORK, February 14, 1874.

Hon. W. F. Havemeyer, Mayor, &c.: DEAR SIR—In accordance with a wish expressed to our Mr. Dows, we give you some idea as to the handling of grain in and out of the port of New York.

The movement of grain from Western points to Europe direct, via Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Portland by the railroads has been large, and the business seems to be rapidly on the increase.

The facilities offered by the various roads to points outside of New York, and the inducements

made in rebate freight and accommodations at terminus of the roads, are such as to draw owners from New York that would naturally come this way.

The same thing applies to provisions as well as grain.

We have bought on orders from exporters here large quantities of provisions and grain in the West for shipment on through bills of lading to Europe, via ports other than New York.

The saving to the exporters in way of freight and rebates made at points of shipment at seaboard are often such as to make the business a profitable one, compared to purchases in New York at same time.

We enclose a copy or style of telegrams received by us from time to time sent us by agents of the different lines west.

"DAVID DOWS & Co.—We will take 40,000 bush. wheat from Milwaukee to Liverpool via Philada. at 85 cts gold, steamer of Feb'y 26th. (Signed) JOHN SMITH."

"DAVID DOWS & Co.—We will take one thousand tierces lard via Boston, steamer March 5th, at dollar five (105) gold per hundred pounds. (Signed) JAMES JONES."

Opinions are very various as to the measures necessary to accomplish the cheapening of carriage of products on the canals. It is certain that a great percentage of reduction of the cost of transportation can be obtained at a very trifling cost. The enlarging of the three or four locks yet remaining unenlarged and the removal of the accumulations of dirt and deposits in the bottom of canals can be accomplished by practical men without involving any very large expenditure of money. Let this work be entered upon in a sensible way, and if we find, after substituting in the administration of the canals the rule of honest men for that of speculators and rings, that further improvements are required they can be made as soon as the capacity obtained by the small expenditure above suggested is filled. The very small expenditures required will not in any event be wasted, and may be found for many years quite adequate.

Having thus freely expressed my views of the impolicy and mischief of the pending amendment and its consequences, I will indulge the hope that my fellow-citizens will take all necessary and proper measures by public meetings, remonstrances and other measures to petition the Legislature not to inflict this great and wholly useless injury upon this city, which steps your honorable body can considerably accelerate and advance. W. F. HAVEMEYER.

While the communication was being read, Alderman Monheimer moved to suspend the further reading, and that 500 copies be printed in document form.

Alderman McCafferty moved to refer the message to the Committee on Finance.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Ottendorfer—5.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Reilly, Van Schaick—9.

Alderman Monheimer moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was lost.

Alderman Kehr moved that the communication from the Mayor be received and printed in the minutes.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—9.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Monheimer, Morris—5.

Subsequently Alderman Billings moved a reconsideration of the above vote.

Which was agreed to.

He then moved that 500 copies of the message from the Mayor be printed in document form.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote—

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Kehr, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—11.

Negative—Aldermen Flanagan, Koch, McCafferty—3.

(For which see document No—)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Finance.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Feb. 26, 1874. To the Hon. the Board of Aldermen:

I herewith submit the returns made to this Department by the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad Companies, of their receipts from Jan. 1st to December 31st of the year 1873, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Sixth Ave. R. R. Co., Eighth Ave. R. R. Co. Rows include January through December, with a total of \$742,288 84 for Sixth Ave and \$765,564 96 for Eighth Ave.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller. Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Also the following— CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 21, 1874.

To Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriation made under the authority contained in section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Legislative Department, from January 1 to December 31, 1874, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation.

Table with 3 columns: Title of Appropriations, Amt of Appropriations, Payments. Rows include City Contingencies, Salaries, Legislative Department, with a total of 185,000 00 and 13,699 85.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Also the following— CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 28, 1874.

To Board of Aldermen:

Weekly Statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in sec. 112, chap. 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Legislative Department, from January 1 to December 31, 1874, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation:

Table with 3 columns: Title of Appropriations, Amt. of Appropriations, Payments. Rows include City Contingencies, Salaries, Legislative Department, with a total of 185,000 00 and 13,699 85.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, 25th Feb., 1874.

Gen. Joseph C. Pinckney, Clerk of the Common Council:

SIR:—I duly received a resolution adopted by the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, requesting my opinion whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had, legally, the power to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for special contingencies, or to appropriate any other sum not predicated upon the departmental estimates, or required to meet specific payments authorized by law, including the principal of the city debt, and the interest thereon.

I have carefully examined the question submitted to me, and I have no doubt that the Board of Estimate had such power. Section 112 of the Charter of 1873 contains, among others, the following provisions:—The Board of Estimate and Apportionment are required between August 1st and November 1st, to meet, and, by the affirmative vote of all the members, to make a provisional estimate of the amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York, in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year. In such provisional estimate they are to include such sums as may be necessary for the payment of the principal of bonds of the City and County, with the interest thereon, which shall become due and payable within the year. Such provisional estimate is to be prepared in such detail, as to the aggregate sum allowed to each department, as the said Board of Apportionment shall deem advisable for the purpose of making such provisional estimate. The heads of departments and the Board of Education are required to send to the Board an estimate, in writing, of the amount of expenditures required in their respective departments, including salaries. The same statement as to salaries and expenditure is to be made by all other officers, persons, and boards having power to fix or authorize them. A duplicate of these estimates and statements is to be sent, at the same time, to the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Apportionment is to consider such estimates and statements in making the provisional estimate provided for. After the provisional estimate is completed, it is to be submitted to the Board of Aldermen, whose duty it is to consider and investigate the same. Any objections to, or rectifications of, such provisional estimate, made by the Board of Aldermen, are to be in writing, and to be transmitted by their Clerk to the Board of Apportionment, who are to proceed to consider such objections and rectifications, and, after such consideration, make a final estimate. If the Board overrules the objections or suggestions made by the Board of Aldermen, the reasons for such action are to be published in the "CITY RECORD." After the final estimate is made it is to be signed by the members of the Board, and, when so signed, the several sums become appropriated to the several purposes and departments therein named. The amount appropriated is to be certified to the Supervisors, and raised by tax during the current year.

It seems to me that, under the provisions of this law, the powers of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment thereby created are nearly as full and complete as those possessed by the Legislature itself; indeed, I do not see what lan-

guage could be employed that would give to such Board a greater discretion in the matter of making appropriations. In no part of said section are there any words used limiting, or, apparently, intended to limit, the absolute and full discretion entrusted by the Legislature to this Board.

It is true that, for the purpose of making the provisional estimate therein referred to, the heads of departments, and the Board of Education, and other officers, persons, and boards are to send in what are called "departmental" estimates and statements, and that it is made the duty of the Board to consider the same. The power of the Board, however, is in no way restricted or limited by such departmental estimates. It is merely required to consider them and, after such consideration, it may adopt them as sent in, or it may increase or diminish the amounts asked for. So the Board is required to submit the provisional estimate to the Board of Aldermen, and, after the estimate has been considered by the Board of Aldermen, the Board is to proceed to the consideration of any objections made by the Board of Aldermen, but such objections have no binding force upon the Board, and, under the provisions of the law, it has the right to entirely disregard the same.

The exact language employed in the Statute in defining the duty of the Board is, that it shall "make a provisional estimate of all amounts required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City and County of New York in each department and branch thereof, and the Board of Education, for the next ensuing financial year."

Now, it is well known that claims against the City arise in the course of every year, which cannot be foreseen and provided for at the time the appropriations are to be made, and that such claims are a part of the lawful expenses of conducting the public business of the City of New York, in some of the departments and branches thereof; and I am at a loss to understand how any question could ever have been raised as to the right of the Board of Estimate, in its sound discretion, to make appropriations to meet such claims.

It would seem that the views above expressed by me were those heretofore entertained by the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, for I find upon examining the proceedings of the Board, as published in the "CITY RECORD," under date of November 25th, 1873, that, when this item of "special contingencies" of \$500,000 was considered by the Board, that, after considerable discussion as to what would be a proper amount, it was finally voted that the sum of \$500,000 should be reduced to \$195,000. It would seem, from the report of the proceedings, that no question was raised at the time as to the power of the Board to make an appropriation in this form, but only as to what would be a proper amount. Of course if the Board of Estimate had the power to appropriate the sum of \$195,000, they would have the power, in their discretion, to appropriate the sum of \$500,000.

At all events, I have no doubt as to what is the proper construction of the law, and I think that the Board had clearly the right to make the appropriation referred to in the resolution transmitted to me, and in the form in which it was made.

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

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Gilon—
Resolved, That Patrick Cunningham be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, in place and stead of Eugene Mulligan, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Monheimer—
Resolved, That Charles J. Bushnell be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Kehr—
Resolved, That the Hon. Sam'l G. Courtney be and he is hereby tendered the courtesies of the floor, and that he be invited to a seat on the rostrum.

Adopted.

By Alderman Lysaght—
Resolved, That Henry J. Rice be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, in place of Samuel Straus, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman McCafferty—
Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Sixth avenue to Eighth avenue, 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 referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—
Resolved, That One Hundred and Twelfth street, from Sixth to Eighth avenues, 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 referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Eleventh street, from Sixth to Eighth avenues, 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 referred to the Committee on Streets.

G. O. 370.

By the same—

Resolved, That on the south side of Sixty-eighth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-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 laid over.

By the same—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on both sides of Fifty-fourth street from Fourth to Fifth avenue 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 referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on north side of Fiftieth street from Fourth to Madison avenue 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 referred to the Committee on Streets.

G. O. 171.

By the same—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on Fifty-fourth street between Fourth and Fifth avenues be fenced in what have not been done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Falconer—

Resolved, That Stephen B. Brague be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

By Alderman Flanagan—

Resolved, That John Callahan be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Matthew Nugent whose term has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Gilon—

Resolved, That S. V. R. Cruger be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote—

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

By Alderman Falconer—

Resolved, That M. Thornton Wallace be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Ferdinand Levy, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Flanagan—

Resolved, That William O'Donnell be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Henry Maxwell whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Van Schaick—

Resolved, That Malcolm Snowden be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—12.

Negative—Aldermen Monheimer, Morris—2.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

(By the Chair) for Alderman Cooper—

Resolved, That Patrick O'Beirne be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

By the President—

Resolved, That David H. Wells be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of his present term of office.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote—

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles F. Kapt to place and keep an ornamental lamp post and lamp opposite his premises, No. 189 Bowery, provided the said lamp post shall not exceed the dimensions of an ordinary street lamp post, the work to be done and gas furnished at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and the permission hereby granted shall continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

REPORTS.

G. O. 372.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of procuring for the Governor's room a portrait of the late Professor S. F. B. Morse, respectfully

REPORT:

That they are in favor of the adoption of the resolution, believing it to be the duty of the Government and people of this City, to add in this slight manner to the posthumous fame of the great American Scientist, who utilized, greatly to the advantage of the human race the subtle, yet powerful forces of electricity discovered by his great prototype, Benjamin Franklin. They also believe this slight evidence of the respect entertained for the Memory of Professor Morse, and this measurable expression of their appreciation of the benefits of his discoveries, should be accorded to his achievements by the Common Council of the City. Accordingly your committee recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized to have painted and framed an oil portrait of the late Professor Samuel F. B. Morse to be placed in the Governor's Room, City Hall, the same to be done at an expense not to exceed (\$2,500) twenty-five hundred dollars, to be taken from the appropriation for City Contingencies.

O. P. C. BILLINGS,
JOHN REILLY,
JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
Committee on Arts and Sciences.

G. O. 373.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed petition of inhabitants and owners of property on the Eleventh avenue, between Forty-seventh and Fiftieth streets, and others in that vicinity, asking the Common Council to abate an evil occasioned by the blockading of the said Avenue, by the cars of the Hudson River Railroad Company, respectfully

REPORT:

That, upon inquiry, your Committee have learned that the complaints of the residents, owners of property and men in business on the west side of the city, are well founded, and the annoyances to themselves and injury to their business, an evil that should be remedied. The Eleventh avenue, from Thirty-second to Fifty-ninth street, is entirely built up on both sides, and is densely populated, and a large amount of business is transacted west of the avenue, along the entire water front, which is the best in the city, particularly at, and in the vicinity of the Manhattan Market, at the foot of Thirty-fourth street. The interruption caused to this volume of trade, and the annoyance as well to those engaged in it, as to owners of property and residents, by the Hudson River Railroad Company, can be readily comprehended, when it is known that for hours at a time, and sometimes during the entire day and night, trains of its freight cars, numbering fifty cars to a train, occupy the centre of the Eleventh avenue, and completely barricades it, and prevents crossing at any of the intersecting streets. So little do the railroad officials appear to consult or care for the convenience of the public, at these points, that they will not even leave an opening at any of such crossings or intersections through their trains to admit of the passage of vehicles or other travel, across the said avenue.

The residents in the vicinity also complain, and with justice, of the annoyance to which they are subjected day and night by the noise of the trains as they pass and re-pass; the screeching of the steam whistle and escaping steam, and the turmoil and confusion along the whole line. Add to these, the danger to life inseparable from the exposed condition of the avenue, and the constant use thereof by locomotives and cars passing up and down the street, frequently at a high rate of speed, and there is a make up of discomforts and dangers, sufficient to render a residence on the avenue, or many of the adjoining streets, anything but desirable or agreeable.

Like all other questions, particularly of this

character however, this one has two sides. The Railroad Company have certain rights, and the petitioners are under obligations to it that should induce fair consideration of its interests by the complaining owners and residents. It has created and built up the very business they claim is now injured by its operation; a stoppage of the trains of the company, at a point north of Fifty-ninth street, as some propose, the removal of the depots and a general suspension of the freight and passenger business of the company, south of that point, would, doubtless, remove the cause of complaint, but would also cause such a depreciation in the value of the property of the petitioners for business purposes, that hasty or inconsiderate action, tending to such a result, would be ultimately regretted; such a remedy would be worse for the petitioners than the disease they desire to cure.

Your Committee believe it is possible to reconcile the seemingly conflicting interests of the petitioners and the Railroad Company, and that the use of the Eleventh avenue, by the locomotives and cars, can be so managed as to interfere but slightly with the uses of the streets adjoining and intersecting, and even the avenue itself. The long and unbroken trains of cars, extending for several blocks, could be broken up into fragments, and a passage across the avenue given at every intersecting street. This would obviate the principal ground of complaint, and could be effected without much loss of time or money to the railroad company. The speed of locomotives and trains can be restricted to a degree compatible with the safety of the public, or that portion of it who use the avenue, thereby removing the greatest danger to life, and measurably remedying the annoyance caused by the rumbling trains of cars in rapid motion, while the noise of the steam whistle and escaping steam can be remedied by the employment by the Railroad Company of a man on horseback to precede each moving train to warn all persons of its approach.

By adopting these precautions against accidents, and complying with the above simple regulations, it is believed by the Committee, the chief causes of complaint of the petitioners will be removed, and the business of the railroad company be continued without serious injury or impediment; at least the experiment can be tried, and if mutually satisfactory to the company and the people, can be continued indefinitely. If not, then it will be time to consider and apply some other, and possibly more arbitrary measures. The following resolution is therefore respectfully offered for your adoption.

Resolved, That the Hudson River Railroad Company be, and is hereby required to restrict the running of their locomotives and cars, both freight and passenger, on all that portion of their railroad south of Fifty-ninth street, to a speed not exceeding five miles per hour; that the trains of cars on the Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Thirty-second street, be disconnected at each intersecting street while not in motion, and a passage way across the said avenue, of a width corresponding to the width of every such street, be provided; that the said Hudson River Railroad Company be, and is hereby directed and required to cause a man to be mounted on horseback, who shall precede each train of cars, both freight and passenger, when in motion, up and down the said Eleventh avenue, at a distance of 200 feet in front of every locomotive, to warn all persons in or crossing the said avenue, of the approach of each train; that every violation of any of the provisions of this resolution, shall subject said Railroad Company, to a fine of one hundred dollars, to be sued for and collected, upon the complaint of any citizen, in the manner now provided by law for the collection of fines for violation of corporation ordinances, and the Commissioners of Police are hereby authorized and directed to cause the provision of the resolution to be rigidly enforced.

O. P. C. BILLINGS,
J. VAN SCHAICK,
OSWALD OTTENDORFER,
Committee on Railroads.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Railroads of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of permitting Fireless Engine Company to use railroads with the Fireless Engine, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the Fireless Engine Company of the City of New York are hereby authorized to agree with any of the railroad companies of this city, whose railroads are now operated by horsepower, for the use of their fireless engines, as motive power in this city, and any of such railroad companies are authorized to use such motive power on their railroads, under the conditions imposed by Chapter 432 of the Laws of this State, passed May 7th, 1873; and may continue to use the same during the pleasure of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of New York.

O. P. C. BILLINGS,
J. VAN SCHAICK,
OSWALD OTTENDORFER,
Committee on Railroads.

Which was adopted.

G. O. 374.

The special committee appointed to investigate the circumstances connected with the burial of Nathaniel French, a planter in the Bahama Islands, and report the same to this Board, and if necessary report an ordinance to effectually prevent the recurrence of such outrages in the

future, as were recited in a preamble, pages 189 and 160 of the Journal, respectfully

REPORT:

That they have made a thorough investigation of the case, and have learned much connected with the mode of burial in the city cemetery, and also in regard to the treatment of patients in the city's hospitals, but not directly connected with the particular case under consideration. The testimony elicited is deserving of the attention of the authorities, and goes to show that the evils complained of should be remedied, and measures should be taken to prevent the recurrence of like cases. Your committee, however, not having been appointed to investigate any other case than the one mentioned in the resolution, it does not feel warranted in making recommendations in regard to other cases brought incidentally to the notice of your committee.

In regard to the case of Nathaniel French your committee have learned the following facts: He landed from the steamship City of Havana, at pier 3 North river, at about 12:30 on Friday, July 25, 1873, having in his possession a large sum of money in English gold coin. About 1:30 of the same day he was found in West street, nearly opposite pier 4, by officer Slattery, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, apparently delirious, and the officer supposed him to be in a state of inebriety and was by him taken to the police station at the corner of Church and Liberty streets. No gold coin, and only \$4.20 in American currency was found upon his person. Mr. French had the appearance of a respectable man and wore a gold watch and chain, and when restored to consciousness, informed the officer of his name, residence, occupation, etc., who reported this information to the sergeant at the desk. A memorandum of the property taken from Mr. French appears on the books of the police station, and he was detained all night as a prisoner, to be taken before a magistrate, but no reference is thereon made of the information as to his identity given to the sergeant by officer Slattery. The next morning the property found on Mr. French was restored to him, a receipt therefor was taken by the officer in charge, and the prisoner was sent to the police court. On the way he was seized with a fit, was carried back to the station house, a surgeon was sent for, and Mr. French was ordered to be taken to the hospital. Upon arriving at the Park hospital, having been conveyed there from the station house in an ambulance, he was in possession of his watch and chain; he remained in that institution until the evening of the same day, in the mean time giving his name, occupation and birth-place, and that he had a relative residing in the Nineteenth ward in this city. When he was transferred to Bellevue hospital, his property being sent with him. He remained in Bellevue hospital until Monday, the 28th of July, when he was sent to the Charity hospital on Blackwell's Island, his property being retained at Bellevue, but information concerning such property was not sent to the Charity hospital. On Friday, August 1, the property of Mr. French was sent to the office of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, where it remained until January 31, 1874, two days after the appointment of your committee, when they were placed in possession of the Public Administrator, who, up to this time had not been informed that such property was in the possession of the Commissioners.

On Saturday, August 2, 1873, Mr. French died, in the Charity hospital, and a record was made on the books of that institution that "no money, property, or papers" was found in his possession, and that he was supposed to be without friends.

On the 7th of August the body of Mr. French was taken to the city cemetery, on Hart's Island, and was there interred in the bottom tier of a trench or pit, which was finally closed last October, after 665 bodies had been placed therein.

In January last the friends of Mr. French—having with difficulty ascertained his fate, and the place of his death and burial—applied to the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections for his remains, in order that they might be decently interred in Greenwood Cemetery, but a few days after were informed that it would not be advisable to open the trench again to search for the body, by reason of the large number of bodies buried in the pit.

A careful examination of the burial register of the bodies interred in the city cemetery has satisfied your committee that, under the present system, in use by the superintendent, it would not be possible to learn with certainty the exact place where a particular person might have been buried. There is nothing to guide the search, except the date when the trench was opened, and the date of the interment. Should a number of persons be buried on the same day, which is invariably the case—the daily average at that season of the year being twenty—it might be necessary to disturb nearly all the bodies along the whole line of a trench, before reaching the one searched for, the only mark on the pine box coffins being made with a lumber-scribe, indicating only the figures that are on the burial permits, and entered in the register of burials kept in the office of the cemetery.

It is clear in the minds of your committee that there was sufficient evidence and property in the possession of the officials connected with the Department of Charities and Corrections to warrant the conviction that Mr. French's body would be sought after at some future time; that they could easily have ascertained that he had numerous friends in this city by merely tracing the circumstances attending his death, in the different institutions under their charge; but it does not appear that notice of his death was ever sent from the Charity hospital to Bellevue hospital, from which place he had been received, nor to the warden in charge thereof.

Your committee, therefore, after a careful examination of the facts in the case, are clearly

of opinion that some other and better means should be adopted by the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections, in their management of the city cemetery, which will lead, with unerring certainty, and at the same time with little trouble or expense, to the identification of any body interred therein, and its resurrection, when desired by the relatives or friends of such deceased person. The finest sensibilities of our human nature are those that centre around the body of a deceased relative or friend, and to outrage them unnecessarily, if not legally a crime, is certainly reprehended by all possessing the common feelings of humanity. Your committee, therefore, with a view of "preventing the recurrence of such outrages in future," have prepared an ordinance prescribing the manner of making interments in the city cemetery, and also to provide for the due publication of the names and such other information connected with the death of every stranger or unknown person who may be under treatment in any of the public hospitals of the city, as may lead to their identification and re-claimation by their relatives or friends.

The power to regulate this subject is ample, as section 90 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, provides that "whatever provisions and regulations other than those herein specially authorized, may become requisite for the fuller organization, perfecting and carrying out the powers and duties prescribed to any department by this act, shall be provided for by ordinance of the Common Council, who are hereby authorized to enact such necessary ordinances."

Your Committee, therefore, respectfully offer the following ordinance, and recommend its adoption:

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:
SECTION 1. The Commissioners of Charities and Corrections are hereby instructed and required to advertise in THE CITY RECORD, on the day succeeding the death of any stranger or unknown person who may die in any of the institutions under their charge, a notice giving a full description of such person, and a statement of all the property found in his or her possession at the time such person became an inmate of any such institution, together with such other information as is in the opinion of the officers in charge of any such institution would be most likely to lead to the identification of the person so dying.

SEC. 2. Hereafter all interments in the City cemetery on Hart's Island, shall be in trenches to be numbered consecutively commencing with number 1; every such trench shall contain 150 bodies no more, and each coffin shall be numbered by figures to be made of iron or other metal, or engraved into the lid or cover of such coffin so as to be indelible, in the manner shown in the annexed diagram, viz.: each trench shall be constructed, running in a direction from east to west; shall be of a size sufficient to contain the said number of 150 bodies, which shall be laid therein in the order following, to wit: No. 1 at the northeast corner; No. 2 adjoining, and so on in regular order until No. 25 is deposited, when a layer of earth shall be placed on the 25th coffin thus deposited; No. 26 shall then be placed at the southeast corner directly in the rear and in a line with No. 1; No. 27 adjoining and so on until No. 50 is interred, which will be directly in the rear, and on a straight line with No. 25, then covered with a layer of earth, similar to those numbered from 1 to 25, the completing the first stratum of coffins in the trench, No. 51 shall then be placed directly over No. 1; No. 52 over No. 2, and so on until No. 75 is interred over No. 25, then covered, and as before from 1 to 25; No. 76 being placed directly over No. 26; and so on in the regular order until No. 100 is interred directly over No. 50, thus completing the 2nd stratum of coffins; No. 101 shall then be placed directly over Nos. 1 and 51, and so on in regular order until No. 125 is placed directly over No. 75, then half the trench shall then be permanently covered. No. 126 shall then be placed directly over Nos. 26 and 76, and so on in regular order until No. 150 is placed directly over Nos. 50 and 100, when the trench shall be considered full, and fully covered; a new trench to be numbered Trench No. 2 shall then be commenced and filled in the manner above provided and succeeded by trench No. 3, and so on for the virtue in this and all other of the city cemeteries. At the head of each tier of coffins shall be placed a proper and durable board or stone, with the numbers corresponding with the number on such coffins placed therein with figures made of iron or other durable metal, or engraved thereon in such a manner as to be indelible. Each trench, when completed, and the numbers placed at the head of each tier of coffins shall be inclosed by a substantial fence, leaving a space sufficient to pass between the head-boards to admit of the passage of two persons to afford an opportunity to inspect each head-board, to ascertain the numbers therein.

SEC. 3. A register of burials shall be kept by the superintendent, or other person in charge of the city cemetery which shall be so arranged that the name of each person interred shall be numbered to correspond with the numbers on the head-boards of the tiers of coffins deposited in each trench, and shall be accessible, at all reasonable times for the inspection of the public or the use of any person desiring to ascertain the particular place in which any person may be buried. A duplicate copy of such register shall be kept in the office of the Commissioner of Charities and Corrections.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.
EDWARD GILON,
S. V. R. COOPER,
Special Committee.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 375.

The Joint Special Committee of the Common Council, to whom was intrusted the duty of presenting to the family of the late Horace Greeley, the album containing the action taken by the city authorities on the occasion of his death, respectfully

REPORT:

That in the performance of the duty intrusted to your committee, an expenditure of \$50 was incurred for coach hire, as will be seen by the bill of Edward Van Ranst, hereto annexed.

You committee are in favor of the payment of the bill, which is certified by the committee, and the Clerk of the Common Council, as correct.

The following resolution is therefore respectfully offered for your adoption:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Edward Van Ranst, for the sum of fifty dollars, to be in full for bill hereto annexed for coaches furnished the joint committee of the Common Council, appointed to present a testimonial of respect for the memory of the late Horace Greeley, to his family; the amount to be charged to the appropriation for city contingencies.

ROBT. McCAFFERTY,
JOHN J. MORRIS,
JOHN REILLY,
THOS. L. THORNELL,
JOHN FALCONER,
S. N. SIMONSON,
Special Committee.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed report of a like Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, with a resolution that the resolution approved January 15, 1866, designating building in 59th street, between Second and Third avenues, for the Northeastern Dispensary, be annulled and repealed, respectfully

REPORT:

That an investigation of the subject so referred has convinced your Committee that a due regard for the welfare of the large number of the indigent sick, in all that district of the city included in the Nineteenth Ward, is adverse to any proceedings on the part of the city authorities that will lead even to a temporary suspension of the benefits conferred upon them by the ministrations, and through the instrumentality of the Northeastern Dispensary. Over 20,000 persons have been benefited and furnished with medical treatment and medicines gratuitously by this institution and its officers during the past year.

It is proposed to repeal the authority given this Dispensary to use the building, in order to afford a temporary location for a fire engine for the protection of the lives and property of the inhabitants of the neighborhood, and your Committee concedes the imperative necessity now, and for some time past, existing for additional facilities for the extinguishment of fires in this section of the city. It is not necessary, however, in order to accomplish this desirable end, to dispossess the Dispensary; in fact, it is very questionable if the building were so occupied, could be adapted for the use or occupation of a steam fire engine. It is old; was built for the occupation of a hook and ladder apparatus, in a very slight and fragile manner, and could not, without extensive repairs and alterations, be made to sustain the great weight of a steam fire engine.

The building adjoins the police station house of the Nineteenth precinct—an old, dilapidated and ill ventilated structure, totally unfitted for its present uses, and it is proposed to erect a new building for the police force of the district, at an early day, proceedings with that object in view having already been taken by the city authorities.

The only question referred to your Committee, however, was that of depriving the Northeastern Dispensary of the use of the building in which it is located, which is the property of the city; but the questions of sites for a new station house, and the location of a fire engine company, being also under consideration, and being connected directly with the removal of the Dispensary, have been adverted to necessarily in the report of your Committee.

It is clear that no emergency has arisen that would justify this Common Council in recommending a concurrence in the resolution of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, thereby interfering, if not entirely destroying, the benefits and advantages to the sick poor of the Nineteenth Ward, who, to the number of over 20,000 in a single year, have been the beneficiaries of this deserving and praiseworthy institution; who, without fee or reward to its managers and other officers other than the consciousness of a charitable duty well performed, have prescribed for them and ministered to their needs.

The question of providing sites for the new police station, and a location for an additional fire engine company, will be submitted in due time for the consideration of your Honorable Body. At the present time it is only necessary to report the conclusions arrived at by your Committee, in reference to the proposition from the Board of Assistant Aldermen to deprive the Northeastern Dispensary of the premises it now occupies. Your Committee are very decidedly and unanimously opposed to the proposition, and therefore respectfully offer for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board does hereby non concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in the adoption of a resolution to repeal the resolution approved January 15, 1866, designating a building in 59th street, between Second and Third avenues, for the Northeastern Dispensary.

GEO. KOCH,
JOHN J. MORRIS,
EDWARD GILON,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution to permit Michael McNamara to erect watering trough corner of Seventy-fourth street and Third avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Michael McNamara to erect a watering trough corner of Seventy-fourth street and Third avenue, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

GEO. KOCH,
JOHN MORRIS,
EDWARD GILON,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Aldermen, as amended by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of giving permission to the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co., to place an ornamental lamp post and lamp in front of their premises, No. 198 Broadway, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the permission asked for may be granted without detriment to the public interests. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution as amended be concurred in.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company to place an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of their premises No. 198 Broadway, provided such lamp-post shall not exceed the dimensions of the ordinary street lamp-post; the gas to be paid for by the said company, the work to be done at their own expense, that no advertising be placed upon the lamp, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

GEO. KOCH,
JOHN MORRIS,
EDWARD GILON,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of appointing Cromwell De Macy a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of James Kennedy, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Cromwell De Macy be, and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in place and instead of James Kennedy for and in the City and County of New York.

ROBT. McCAFFERTY,
GEO. KOCH,
Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the recommendation of the committee, and concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting the resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—14.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

G. O. 376.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for curbing, guttering, and flagging both sides of Sixty-fifth street, from Lexington to Fifth avenues, 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 on both sides of Sixty-fifth street, from Lexington to Fifth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBT. McCAFFERTY,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 377.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for curbing, guttering and flagging sidewalks on both sides of Sixty-third street, between Lexington and Fifth avenues, 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 on both sides of Sixty-third street, between Lexington and Fifth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commis-

sioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 378.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of regulating, &c., Thirteenth avenue, from Eleventh to Sixteenth streets, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That Thirteenth avenue, from Eleventh to Sixteenth streets, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter-stones set, and the sidewalks on the east side be flagged, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 379.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed petition of owners of property, to have One hundred and Fourth street, between the Third and Fourth avenues, regulated and graded, the sidewalks flagged, and the curb and gutter stones set, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That One hundred and fourth street, between the Third and Fourth avenues, 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.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 380.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred a petition for water and gas mains in One hundred and fourth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That gas mains be laid and street lamps lighted in One hundred and fourth street, between the Third and Fourth avenues; also Croton water pipes be laid in said street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 381.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of laying crosswalks across the Bowery to connect with Rivington street, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid across the Bowery, to connect with Rivington street, the same to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 382.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution to have One hundred and twenty-sixth street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard, opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aforesaid, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard be opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aforesaid.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 383.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance to curb, gutter, &c.,

both sides of Eighty-fourth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, four feet wide, through the centre thereof, 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 on both sides of Eighty-fourth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 384.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance to regulate, grade, &c., Fifty-second street, between First avenue and Avenue A, 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 Fifty-second street, between First avenue and Avenue A, 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.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 385.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution to pave One hundred and twenty-fifth street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard, opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aforesaid, 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 One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard be opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aforesaid.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 386.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was recommended the annexed resolution to pave One hundred and twenty-seventh street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard, opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aforesaid, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard be opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be, and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aforesaid.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 387.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of curbing and guttering both sides of Fifty-seventh street, from Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That on both sides of Fifty-seventh street, from Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river, curb and gutter stones be set, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 388.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for curbing, guttering, and flagging both sides of Sixty-fourth street, between Lexington and Fifth avenues, 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.

They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, That on both sides of Sixty-fourth street, between Lexington and Fifth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 389.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for laying crosswalk across Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, at the easterly intersections of Fourth avenue, be relaid, 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 crosswalks across Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, at the easterly intersections of Fourth avenue, be relaid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 390.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for curbing, guttering, &c., east side of Fourth avenue, between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets, 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 on the east side of Fourth avenue between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 391.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for regulating, &c., Broadway, from Manhattan street to One hundred and thirty-third street, 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 Broadway, from Manhattan street to One Hundred and Thirty-third street, 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.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 392.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for curbing, guttering, &c., both sides of Third street, from Goerck street to the pier foot of Third street, 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 on both sides of Third street, from Goerck street to the pier foot of Third street, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER, ROBT. McCAFFERTY, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

Alderman Monheimer moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Kehr, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—8.
Negative—Aldermen Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris—6.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday, 19th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

J. C. PINCKNEY, Clerk.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met pursuant to adjournment on the 2d day of March, 1874. Present Messrs Charlick and Gardner, Commissioners.

Upon calling the roll, on motion of Commissioner Gardner, it was

Resolved, That the meeting be adjourned for want of a quorum, until March 3d, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Adjourned.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

The Board of Police met pursuant to adjournment, on the 3d day of March, 1874. Present Messrs Charlick and Gardner, Commissioners.

The Comptroller was present by invitation, to witness the opening of bids for removing ashes, garbage, &c.

Upon calling the roll, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the meeting be adjourned, for want of a quorum, to Friday, 6th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

The Board of Police met on the 3d day of March, 1874. Present—Messrs. Charlick, Gardner, Duryee and Russell, Commissioners.

On motion, Commissioner Duryee was called to the chair.

Leaves of absence granted.

Sergeant William Murray, 15th precinct, 4 days.

Patrolman John W. Noble, 28th precinct, 4 days without pay.

Patrolman Daniel N. Brown, 13th precinct, 1 day without pay.

Patrolman George A. Hess, 13th precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Patrolman Robert J. Wallace, 25th precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Patrolman Patrick Kearney, 13th precinct, 1 day without pay.

Patrolman Alanson Sherwood, 25th precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Patrolman Michael O'Ryan, 18th precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Patrolman John Rowan, 17th precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Patrolman Chas. McBride, 17th precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Patrolman Michael Flynn, 7th precinct, 1 day without pay.

Patrolman John Britton, 25th precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Roundsmen John Clark, 32d precinct, 1/2 day without pay.

Parades allowed.

Grand Lodge O. of G. F., March 1—funeral.

Lincoln Lodge No. 18, O. of G. F., March 1—funeral.

Templar Lodge 203, F. & A. M., March 1—funeral.

Co. F. Irish Brigade, L. S. of S. P., March 1—funeral.

Independent Lodge No. 1, March 3—funeral.

Independent Society, March 4—funeral.

Humboldt Lodge, No. 20, S. of L., March 3—parade.

On motion of Commissioner Gardner, the application of various societies to parade on St. Patrick's day, 17th inst, was referred to the Superintendent report as to route.

Street lamps reports for the week ending March 1st, were ordered to be transmitted to the Department of Public Works.

Weekly reports of District Surgeons, transmitted by the Medical Director, were referred to the Committee on Surgeons.

Resolved, That William Lynam and Earl be allowed a re-examination by the Examining Surgeons.

Death Report.

Patrolman William E. Fox, 23d precinct, on 17th February last.

Weekly statement of the Comptroller, showing amount of appropriations and payments to the Police Department, was referred to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That Patrolman Thomas Reardon be transferred from the special service squad to the 26th precinct, and detailed for duty at Castle Garden, by request of the Commissioners of Emigration.

Resolved, That the name of George E. Smith be substituted for that of George Huyck, in resolution adopted January 30th last.

Resignation accepted.

Patrolman Thomas F. Post, 5th precinct.

The communication of Patrolman John Doyle, Fifteenth precinct, tendering his resignation, was ordered on file, and the resignation not accepted.

Communication from Captain Williams, Eighth precinct, reporting the circumstances of the murder of Mary Lawler by Patrolman John Doyle, Fifteenth precinct, was referred to the Superintendent to prefer charges against said Doyle.

Communication from John Gillen, submitting a bill for services as escort to Japanese Tommy (\$713.94), was considered.

Commissioner Charlick moved to refer the bill to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Russell moved to amend that the bill be referred to the Chief Clerk for inquiry and report regarding the legitimacy of the claim.

Lost—Commissioners Duryee and Russell voting aye, Commissioners Charlick and Gardner voting no.

The original motion was then lost—Commissioners Charlick and Gardner voting aye, Commissioners Duryee and Russell voting no.

On motion of Commissioner Gardner, the communication was ordered on file—All voting aye.

On reading communication from the Treasurer, submitting statement of the Police Life Insurance Fund, Commissioner Gardner moved that the Treasurer be authorized to sell the United States Bonds and invest the proceeds in the New York City Bonds; and also to dispose of the Kings County Bonds at not less than par, and invest the proceeds thereof in the same manner. Adopted—All the Commissioners voting aye.

Whereupon, the communication was ordered on file.

Commissioner Russell moved that Catharine Schneider be granted a pension under the rules of the Department.

Commissioner Charlick moved as a substitute, that the matter be referred to the Superintendent for information as to the merits of the application. Substitute adopted—All voting aye.

Resolved, That the appointment of Thomas Kelly as Patrolman on February 9th last, be and is hereby revoked—All voting aye.

Communication from W. A. Andrews, enclosing bill against Sergeant E. R. Delamater 30th precinct, was referred to the Treasurer.

Communication from Captain Kennedy reporting the condition of 6th precinct station house, was, on motion of Commissioner Charlick, referred to the Committee on Station Houses.—All voting aye.

Morgue report for the month of February, was ordered on file.

Commissioner Russell moved that the bills now before the Board, be referred to the Finance Committee for audit.

Commissioner Charlick moved to amend, that the bills be audited by the full Board. Lost. Commissioners Charlick and Gardner, voting aye, Commissioners, Duryee and Russell, voting no.

The original motion was then lost. Commissioners Duryee and Russell voting aye, Commissioners Charlick and Gardner voting no.

Street Cleaning.

Daily reports (2) of the Superintendent of Boats, were referred to the Treasurer's Book-keeper.

Weekly report of the Superintendent of stables, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Communication from the Health Department, relative to the condition of streets, was referred to Inspector Thorne.

Resolved, That the daily reports of the Superintendent of Boats, have designated on the scow movements the names of the parties to whom the scows loads are delivered.—All voting aye.

Inspector Thorne submitted a report relative to dumping facilities at various places, in response to resolution of February 27th, which was ordered on file.

Adjourned to Friday, 6th inst., at 12 o'clock noon.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD.

The Board of City Record met in the Mayor's Office, Monday, March 2d 1874:

Present—The Mayor, and Commissioner of Public Works.

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, to be paid for out of the appropriation, for the "Publication of the CITY RECORD."

P. W. Rhodes, printing, publishing, &c., Feb., 1874.....\$923 70 Adjourned.

D. S. WENDELL, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, March 3, 1874. No. 301 Mott street.

The Board of Health met this day.

Orders.

262 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 43 cases.

Reports Received.

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

Weekly report on contagious diseases. Monthly report on contagious diseases. Monthly report on slaughter houses. Monthly report on operations at offal dock and manure dumps.

On application for permits. Weekly report on modification and suspension of orders.

On dumping of garbage and ashes upon lots on 75th street, between 2d and 3d avenues.

On dangerous condition of building on 4th avenue, between 136th and 137th streets.

On streets and sewers. On resignation of Paul F. Munde, M. D.

From the Register of Records: Weekly letter on mortality.

Weekly mortuary report. From the Attorney: Monthly report.

Opinion in respect to applications of Solomon and Jenny Hausman, and J. Cappals to record births.

Communications from City Departments.

From the Police Departments: Weekly report of the Sanitary Co. of Police.

From the Comptroller: Weekly statement.

Bills Audit.

Francis Swift, removing night soil, for week ending Feb. 27, 1874.....\$634 62

Francis Swift, removing offal, &c., for week ending Feb. 27, 1874.....288 46

C. Golderman.....45 81

Joshua Dyson.....45 21

George Boucsein.....389 74

Resignation.

Paul F. Munde, sanitary inspector.

Permits Granted.

To keep 6 cows at e. s. Terrace Place, 1st h. s. of Fickey street.

To keep 6 cows at s. s. Brook avenue, near 3d avenue.

To slaughter cattle at w. s. Railroad avenue, between 167th and 168th streets.

To slaughter cattle at n. s. Brook avenue, 200 ft. west of 3d avenue.

To keep 6 chickens at 333 E. 21st street.

To keep chickens at 255 Avenue A.

To keep 3 chickens at 339 E. 21st street.

Hearing.

The Board gave a hearing to the parties engaged in the business of slaughtering animals, and the consideration of the subject was adjourned for one week.

Communications Received.

From Francis A. Walker—In respect to charts, &c., for statistical bureau at Vienna.

From C. H. Housley—In respect to nuisance in Clark street.

From Edward Curtis, M. D.—Accepting position of Honorary Microscopist to this Board.

From C. J. Canda—Application to register birth of a child.

From Charles T. Bunting—Application to remove dead bodies from cemetery in Houston street, between Bowery and Christie street, to Westburg, L. I.

Complaint in respect to house No. 9 W. 22d street.

Reports Referred to other Departments for the Necessary Action.

To the Department of Buildings: On condition of building n. e. corner of 136th street and 4th avenue.

To the Department of Public Works: On sewerage and waste water at w. s. 4th avenue, 85th and 86th street.

On condition of street at intersection of 43d street and 1st avenue.

On condition of street at intersection of 42d street and 1st avenue.

Resolutions.

Whereas, The Board of Police have failed to prevent the dumping of garbage and offensive refuse on the east side of the city, notwithstanding the earnest communications from this Board therefore, it is

Resolved, That the Board of Police be requested to cause at once the arrest of every person violating the section 87 of the Sanitary Code by dumping garbage and refuse anywhere within the city limits, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Police by the Secretary.

Whereas, It appears from a report of the Sanitary Superintendent that garbage and ashes are being dumped from street carts upon lots on the south side of 75th street, between 2d and 3d avenues, New York.

Resolved, That a copy of such report be forwarded to the Board of Police, and that said Board be respectfully requested and ordered forthwith to stop and prevent the dumping of garbage and unclean ashes within the limits of the City of New York.

That the two temporary clerks who were appointed on the 20th of January to canvass for records of births and marriages are directed to report to the Register of Records, and perform whatever duties they do in such canvassing under the direction of that officer.

That the Register of Records be authorized to grant permits for the removal of the remains of dead bodies, (under the direction of the Sanitary Superintendent,) from cemetery in Houston street, between Bowery and Christie street to Westburg L. I.

SANITARY BUREAU.

The following is a record of the work performed in the Sanitary Bureau for the week ending Feb. 28, 1874:

The total number of inspections made by the inspectors was 1,949, as follows, viz.: 6 public buildings, 949 tenement houses, 238 private dwellings, 81 other dwellings, 31 manufactories and workshops, 14 stores and warehouses, 75 stables, 1 dangerous building, 26 slaughter houses, 2 breweries, 5 dumping grounds, 2 gut cleaning establishments, 3 manure dumps, 5 fat boiling establishments, — picking establishment, 94 sunken and vacant lots, 44 yards, courts and areas, 67 cellars and basements, 98 waste pipes and drains, 97 privies and water closets, 65 street gutters and sidewalks, 4 dangerous stairways, 4 cisterns and cesspools, 34 other nuisances, together with 4 visits of the sanitary inspectors to cases of contagious disease.

The number of reports thereon received by the inspectors was 476.

During the past week 32 complaints have been received from citizens, and referred to the inspectors for investigation and report.

The disinfecting corps have visited 74 premises where contagious diseases were found, and have disinfected and fumigated 69 houses, 69 privy sinks, together with clothing, bedding, &c.

One case of small-pox was removed to the hospital, and one dead body to the Morgue, by the ambulance corps.

Permits have been granted to consignees of 36 vessels to discharge cargoes on vouchers from the health officer of the Port.

58 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 February 28, 1874: cerebro spinal meningitis, 2; typhoid fever, 3; scarlet fever, 112; measles, 89; diphtheria, 47, and small-pox, 2.

185 loads of night soil were removed by the night scavengers from the privy vaults of the city.

The amount of meat condemned by the officers as unfit for human food during the week ending Feb. 28, 1874, was: sheep, 2 carcasses; veal,

(bob) 45 carcasses; veal, (cut) 40 pounds; beef, 48 pounds; poultry, 142 pounds, and fish, 1,910 pounds.

Bureau of Vital Statistics.

During the week ending February 28, 1874, there were issued from this Bureau 487 burial permits for city deaths, 16 for bodies in transitu, and 44 for the interment of still-born infants. There were recorded 487 deaths, 187 marriages, 494 births, — still-births, 16 applications for transit permits, and 43 returns from Coroners. There were 19 searches of the registers of births, marriages, and deaths, and 4 transcripts of marriage record, — of birth, and 21 of death were issued from this Bureau. Five cases were referred to Coroners.

By order of the Board.

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Bureau of Vital Statistics, March 3, 1874.

To the Secretary of the Board of Health:

During the last week of February, there were 487 deaths reported in this city, against 536 that were verified the previous week, and against 519 that were reported in the fourth week of February last year. The rate of mortality continues to exhibit a more favorable state of the public health than at the same period of the year last year or even in the last five years. The gain of life this winter has been conspicuously in children under 5 years of age, notwithstanding the excessive prevalence of diphtheria and scarlatina this winter.

The total number of deaths of children under years of age, in the first eight weeks of the winter of 1874, was 1797 or an average of 224.6 e.c.c week. The mean mortality yearly in the corresponding period of the previous 5 years, of children under 5 years old, was 238.4.

Last week there were 47 deaths from diphtheria and scarlatina, 8.3 from phthisis pulmonalis, 57 from pneumonia and 17 from bronchitis. There were only 72 deaths in the public institutions against an average exceeding 100 in the corresponding week of the past 5 years.

The extremes of temperature marked during the week, presented the maximum at 72 degrees Fahr, at 4 P. M., February 23d and the minimum at 22 degrees on Thursday morning, the range being 50 degrees. The snow fall measured 7 1/2 inches, the atmosphere was dry and no immediate increase occurred in the rate of mortality.

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

NEW YORK BRIDGE CO.

Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the New York Bridge Company for the month ending February 28, 1874.

RECEIPTS.

For rent.....\$2,050 00 For material sold.....573 06 \$2,623 06

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Engineers and Assistants.....\$1,826 65 Salaries of Officers and Clerks.....874 99 Interest on bond and mortgage.....1,750 00 Rents of stone yards, &c.....2,075 00 T. G. Douglas, stone cutting on N. Y. Tower Noone & Madden, lime stone.....6,845 00 Insurance on property in New York and Brooklyn.....971 33 Jonathan Beers, timber.....347 72 George Pool & Sons, oil, putty, glass, &c.....12 71 Murphy & Co., iron swivels.....63 80 Labor pay roll, ending 5th.....629 79 Labor pay roll, ending 19th.....650 19 Ebenezer Smith, tool handles.....5 04 George Pool & Sons, oil, turpentine, &c.....9 75 Eggleston Bro.'s & Co., iron.....3 25 D. Yahn, use of ground for guy post.....20 00 G. H. Norfolk, medicines.....7 30 Miscellaneous Office expenses.....37 27 \$16,757 62

JEREMIAH P. ROBINSON, President of the New York Bridge Co.

JOHN H. PRENTICE, Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

New York, March 2, 1874.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending February 28, 1874.

W. W. ADAMS, Superintendent of Buildings.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS.

Plans, Specifications and Special Applications, filed, examined and passed upon.

NEW BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 24 No. of Buildings embraced in same..... 58

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings.....15 French Flats.....12 Tenements.....20 Second class stores.....2 Manufactories and Workshops.....2 Stables.....2 *Frame Dwellings.....5 Total.....58

*In Westchester districts.

Plans &c., approved, including those previously filed, 18 amended and approved.....4 disapproved.....2 pending.....4 Total.....28

PROCLAMATION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Feb. 6, 1874.

Whereas, Nicholas Ryan and his sister Mary Ryan were found dead at their residence, No. 204 Broome street, on the 20th December last, and whereas the coroner's jury, from the facts elicited during the inquest, were unable to determine the manner of their death; and

Whereas, from such an examination of the case as I have been enabled to make, I am of the opinion that the said Nicholas and Mary Ryan were brutally murdered, at the time and place above stated, now,

I, WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby offer a reward of one thousand dollars for the discovery and conviction of the party or parties who may have committed the deed, the said reward to be paid on the conviction of the said party or parties, and the certificate of the District Attorney that such conviction was had upon the testimony of the person or persons claiming the reward. But all claims not presented to the Mayor within twenty days after such conviction shall be disregarded.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS

OF THE MEMBERS

OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1873-4.

- 1. Samuel B. H. Vance, President; place of business corner of 24th street and 10th avenue; residence 206 West 23d street. 2. Oliver P. C. Billings, place of business, 15 Nassau street; residence, 143 East 34th street. 3. Jenkins Van Schaick, place of business, 13 Broad street; residence, 1 University place. 4. Stephen V. R. Cooper, place of business, 177 Broadway; residence, 218 West 51st street. 5. John Falconer, place of business, 472 Broome street residence, 408 East 15th street. 6. George Koch, place of business, 23 Rivington street; residence, 638 Lexington avenue. 7. Peter Kehr, place of business, 115 Norfolk street; residence, 46 Seventh street. 8. Robert McCafferty, place of business, 654 5th avenue; residence, 408 Lexington avenue. 9. Oswald Ottendorfer, place of business, 17 Chatham street; residence, 7 East 17th street. 10. Edward Gilon, place of business, 64 Clinton Market; residence, 557 Hudson street. 11. Patrick Lysaght, place of business, 514 Pearl street; residence, 27 City Hall Place. 12. Richard Flanagan, place of business, 312 West 22d street; residence, 312 West 22d street. 13. John Reilly, place of business, 62 East 14th street residence, 314 East 14th street. 14. John J. Morris, place of business, 59 University Place; residence, 117 West 21st street. 15. Joseph A. Monheimer, place of business, 233 East 31st street residence, 233 East 31st street.

SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President. JOSEPH G. PINCKNEY, Clerk, 27 Stuyvesant st.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. Aldermen Billings, Monheimer, Reilly. FERRIES. Aldermen Falconer, Cooper, Lysaght. FINANCE. Aldermen Van Schaick, Gilon, Kehr, Morris, Ottendorfer. LANDS AND PLACES. Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, Gilon. LAW DEPARTMENT. Aldermen Cooper, Billings, Flanagan. MARKETS. Aldermen Morris, Kehr, Lysaght. PRINTING AND ADVERTISING. Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, Falconer. PUBLIC WORKS. Aldermen Koch, Morris, Gilon. RAILROADS. Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, Ottendorfer. REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES. Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, Flanagan. ROADS. Aldermen Cooper, Gilon, Reilly. SALARIES AND OFFICES. Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, McCafferty. STREETS. Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, McCafferty. STREET PAVEMENTS. Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, Van Schaick.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN. FOR 1874.

- 1.—Thomas Foley, place of business 24 Morris street; residence, 18 West street.
2.—Jeremiah Murphy, place of business 45 Cherry street; residence, 45 Cherry street.
3.—Charles M. Clancy, place of business 191 Mott street residence 191 Mott street
4.—John C. Keating, place of business 333 Cherry street; residence, 333 Cherry street.
5.—Henry Wisser, place of business 77 Greene street; residence, 155 Prince street.
6.—Michael Healy, place of business 19 Ridge street; residence, 19 Ridge street.
7.—Thos. L. Thornell, place of business 120 Broadway; residence, 169 West 12th street.
8.—John Theiss, place of business 223 Bowery; residence, 223 Bowery.
9.—George F. Codington, place of business 62 Perry street; residence, 62 Perry street.
10.—Joseph P. Strack, place of business 85 Water street; residence, 179 Third street.
11.—William S. Kreps, place of business 349 and 351 West 26th street; residence, 351 West 27th street.
12.—Patrick Keenan, place of business 217 Lewis street; residence, 217 Lewis street.
13.—William Wade, place of business 8th avenue and 23d street; residence, 144 West 21st street.
14.—John J. Kehoe, place of business 41 Chambers street residence, 138 First avenue.
15.—Edward Brucks, place of business 686 Eighth avenue; residence, 422 West 39th street.
16.—George Kelly, place of business 236 East 20th street; residence, 318 East 20th street.
17.—Stephen N. Simonson, place of business 304 West 52d street; residence, 305 West 48th street.
18.—Philip Cumisky, place of business 552 First avenue; residence, 552 First avenue.
19.—Henry A. Linden, place of business Hunter's Point; residence, 68th street, between 10th and 11th aves.
20.—Isaac Sommers, place of business 10 Barcity st. eet.; residence, 165 East 62d street.
21.—Benjamin Beyea, place of business 89 West street; residence, 23 East 122d street.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, 7 and 8, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Clerk of Board of Assistant Aldermen, 9 1/2 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M. Comptroller's Office, West end. 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. 2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park. 3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents; Ground floor, west end. 4. Auditing Bureau; Main floor, west end. 5. Bureau of Licenses; Ground floor, west end. 6. Bureau of Markets; Ground floor, west end. 7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer; Main floor, west end. 8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments; Rotunda.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, 82 Nassau street, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8 1/2 A. M. to 4 1/2 P. M. Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 237 Broadway, room 3, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, room 52, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN. Central Office. Commissioners' Office. Superintendent's Office. Inspectors' Office. Chief Clerk's Office, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Property Clerk, " " " " Bureau of Street Cleaning, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Bureau of Elections, " " " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M. Commissioners' Office, No. 19. Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20. Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21. Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21. " " " " Boulevards & Avenues, No. 18 1/2. Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18. " " " " Lamps and Gas, No. 13. " " " " Incumbrances, No. 13. " " " " Street Improvements, No. 11. " " " " Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct, No. 11 1/2. " " " " Water Register, No. 10. " " " " Water Purveyor, No. 4. " " " " Streets and Roads, No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open; entrance on 11th street. Free Labor Bureau, 8 and 10 Clinton pl. 5 A. M. to 5 P. M. Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, N. E. corner, always open. Reception Hospital, 99th st. and 10th av., always open. Bellevue Hospital, foot of 26th street, E. R. " " " "

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 127 AND 129 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M. Commissioners Office. Chief of Department. Inspectors of Combustibles. Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET. Commissioner's Office, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Sanitary Superintendent, always open. Register of Records, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week except Sunday from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M., and on Sundays from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Sq., 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioners' Office, 346 and 348 Broadway corner Leonard street, 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. to 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., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Commissioners' Office, 299 Mulberry st., 9 A. M., 4 P. M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS. Office of the Board, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Superintendent of Schools, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Office, No. 32 Chambers street, (basement.)

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

CASTLE GARDEN. Commissioners' Office, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Superintendent's Office, 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.

HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M. Coroner's Office, 40 E. Houston street. Sheriff's Office, first floor, N. E. corner New Court House. County Clerk's Office, first floor, S. W. corner New Court House. Surrogate's Office, first floor, S. E. corner New Court House. Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park. District Attorney's Office, second floor Old Court House, 32 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. COMMISSIONER OF JURORS. Commissioner's Office, basement brown stone building City Hall Park, 32 Chambers st., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COURTS.

SUPREME COURT. General Term, Special Term, Chambers, Circuit Part I, Circuit Part II, Second floor, New Court House, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. SUPERIOR COURT. Part I, Part II, Third floor, New Court House, 11 A. M. Clerk's Office, Third floor, New Court House, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New Court House, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. GENERAL SESSIONS. No. 32 Chambers street, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, 32 Chambers st., room 14, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. OVER AND TERMINER. General Term, Special Term, No. 32 Chambers street, room 11, 10 A. M.

MARINE COURT.

General Term, room 17; Special Term, room 15; Chambers, room 18; 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Clerk's Office, room 19, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. No. 32 Chamber street. SPECIAL SESSIONS. At Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 A. M.

JUSTICE'S (OR DISTRICT) COURTS.

First District—1st, 2d, 3d and 5th Wards, south-west corner of Centre and Chambers sts., 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Second District—4th, 6th and 14th Wards, No. 514 Pearl street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Third District—8th, 9th and 15th Wards, No. 12 Greenwich avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Fourth District—10th and 17th Wards, No. 163 East Houston street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Fifth District—7th, 11th and 13th Wards, No. 154 Clinton street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Sixth District—Seventh District—19th and 22d Wards, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington aves., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Eighth District—16th and 20th Wards, south-west corner 22d street and 7th ave., 9 1/2 A. M. to 4 P. M. Ninth District—12th Ward, No. 2374 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. POLICE COURTS. First District—14th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and portion of Sanitary Precinct, 10mbs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, 7 A. M. to 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. to 6 P. M. Third District—7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th, 18th and portion of Sanitary Precinct, No. 69 Essex street, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. Fourth District—19th, 21st, 22d, 23d and 19th Sub-station, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Fifth District—12th Ward, No. 2374 Fourth avenue, (Harlem,) 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 Union Square, New York, March 5, 1874.

PROPOSALS IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks until Wednesday, the 18th day of March 1874, at 9 1/2 o'clock, A. M., for lighting the public lamps on the Public Parks and Places in the City of New York, and under the control of the said Department, or any part thereof, with gas, from the date of the agreement to be entered into therefor (save only such portions as are now lighted by the New York Mutual Gas Light Company, the lighting of which portions will commence from the 1st day of May 1874) until the 1st day of January 1875. The proposals will be publicly opened by the Commissioners at the office of the Department as above on Wednesday, the 18th day of March 1874, at the hour of 9 1/2 o'clock, A. M.

Every proposal must state a definite and distinct price for each of the following items: For the gas for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning, and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes and burners, crossheads, lampirons and lanterns thereto, as in the manner specified the sum of For each lamp post straightened as specified the sum of For each column reloaded as specified the sum of For each stand pipe refitted as specified the sum of For each lamp post removed as specified the sum of For each lamp post reset as specified the sum of For each new lamp fitted up as specified the sum of

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residences being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal. Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein, that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and that no member of the Common Council or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in any portions of the profits thereof. The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent before a Judge of a Court of Record in the county of New York. Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the terms of the contract, including the specifications, (settled as re-

quired by law,) seen at the office of the secretary as above.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and endorsed "Proposals for lighting public Parks and Places."

S. H. WALES, President. H. G. STEBBINS, PH. BISSINGER, D. B. WILLIAMSON, SAMUEL HALL, Commissioners.

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of certain New Streets or Avenues intermediate the Avenue Saint Nicholas and Eighth avenue, extending from Avenue Saint Nicholas to One hundred and fifty-fifth street; also, the opening of Ninth avenue from Avenue Saint Nicholas to One hundred and fifty-fifth street; also, the opening of One hundred and fifty-fifth street, from the Ninth avenue to the New street easterly of Ninth avenue; also, the opening of a New street or avenue intermediate from One hundred and thirty-sixth street and One hundred and forty-fourth street, and from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard; also, the opening of a Public square or place between One hundred and thirty-sixth street and One hundred and thirty-seventh street, and between the Avenue Saint Nicholas and a certain New street, from Ninth avenue to the Hudson River; also the widening of One hundred and tenth street from a point two hundred and fifty feet west of Eighth avenue to the Eighth avenue; also, the widening of the Boulevard, on the western side thereof, as now opened, between One hundred and seventh street and One hundred and eighth street, where the same crosses the Eleventh avenue; also, the opening of One hundred and twenty-third street, from the westerly line of Eighth avenue to the easterly line of Ninth avenue, and from the westerly line of Tenth avenue to the easterly line of the Boulevard; and, also, the opening of F street and a continuation of F street, beginning from the northerly line of Inwood street a point distant five hundred and forty-two feet and ten inches westerly from the westerly line of King's Bridge Road at its intersection with Inwood street, and running thence in a northerly direction to the road known as the Bolton Road, in the City of New York.

Pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby give notice that, in compliance with the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to alter the map or plan of certain portions of the City of New York, and for the laying out and improvement of the same," passed April 24, 1867; and of the act of said Legislature, entitled "An act in relation to the powers and duties of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, including provision for the several public parks, squares and places, and other works under the jurisdiction and direction of said Department, in the City of New York," passed April 5, 1871; and of an act of said Legislature, entitled "An act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct and other public works in the City of New York," passed June 3, 1872; and of an act of said Legislature, entitled "An act to provide for the Eastern Boulevard in the City of New York, and in relation to certain local improvements in connection therewith to amend chapter six hundred and twenty-six of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy," passed May 16, 1873; and of an act of said Legislature, entitled "An act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24, 1865; and of all other statutes in such cases made and provided, the Council to the Corporation of the City of New York will apply to the Supreme Court, in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a special term of said Court, to be held in the New Court House in the City of New York, on Friday, the twenty-seventh day of March, 1874, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvements hereby intended are the opening of a new avenue, intermediate the Avenue Saint Nicholas and Eighth avenue, from the easterly side of the Avenue Saint Nicholas at One hundred and thirty-fifth street, to One hundred and forty-fifth street.

Also, the opening of new avenues intermediate the Avenue Saint Nicholas and Eighth avenue, from One hundred and forty-first street to One hundred and forty-fifth street.

Also, the opening of two new avenues intermediate the Avenue Saint Nicholas and Eighth avenue, from One hundred and forty-fifth street to One hundred and fifty-fifth street.

Also, the opening of Ninth Avenue, from the Avenue Saint Nicholas to One hundred and fifty-fifth street.

Also, the opening of One hundred and fifty-fifth street, from the Avenue Saint Nicholas to the New Avenue easterly from Ninth avenue.

Also, the opening of a Public square or place, between One hundred and thirty-sixth street, and between the Avenue Saint Nicholas and a new avenue.

Also, the opening of a New street or avenue, intermediate the Tenth avenue and Boulevard, from One hundred and thirty-sixth street to One hundred and forty-fourth street.

Also, the widening of One hundred and tenth street, to the width of eighty feet, from a point two hundred and fifty feet west of Eighth avenue to the Eighth avenue.

Also, the opening of One hundred and fifty-third street, from the Ninth avenue to the Hudson river, in the City of New York, as the aforesaid proposed openings, widening and public square are shown and delineated on a certain map made by John J. Serrell, civil engineer, and filed in the office of the Commissioners of Public Parks, on the seventh day of March, 1868, and on the same day, in the office of the Street Commissioner of the City of New York.

Also, the widening of the Boulevard, on the westerly side thereof, as now opened, between One hundred and seventh and One hundred and eighth streets, where said Boulevard crosses the Eleventh avenue, by the acquisition of all that piece or parcel of land bounded easterly by the westerly line of said Boulevard, as now opened, southerly by the northerly line of One hundred and seventh street, and westerly by a line running parallel with the westerly line of Eleventh avenue, and distant twenty-five feet westerly therefrom, as said parcel of land is shown and delineated on a certain map made by Gardner A. Sage, a city surveyor, and filed in the office of the Commissioners of Public Parks, on the 11th day of October, 1867, and in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the 23d day of October, 1867.

Also, the opening of One hundred and twenty-third street, between the westerly line of Eighth avenue and the easterly line of Ninth avenue, and between the westerly line of Tenth avenue and the easterly line of the Boulevard, as such portions of said street are shown and delineated on a certain map made by John J. Serrell, civil engineer, filed in the office of the Commissioners of Public Parks, on the 7th day of March, 1868, and on the same day in the office of the Street Commissioner of the City of New York.

Also, the opening of F street, and a continuation of F street, beginning from the northerly line of Inwood street, at a point distant five hundred and forty-two feet and ten inches westerly from the westerly line of Kingsbridge Road at its intersection with Inwood street, and running thence in a northerly direction to the road known as the Bolton Road, as said street and the continuation thereof, are shown and delineated on two certain maps, made by William H. Grant, Civil Engineer, one of which was filed in the office of the Commissioners of Public Parks, on the third day of November, 1873, and on the same day in the office of the Register of the

city and county of New York, and the other of which was filed in the office of the Commissioners of Public Parks on the tenth day of November, 1873, and in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the thirteenth day of November, 1873. Dated New York, March 5, 1874.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Counsel to the Corporation.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Parks and the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title for the use of the public to all the lands required for the opening of Tenth avenue, from a point 10,353 feet 6 inches northerly, from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street in a north-westerly, westerly and south-westerly direction to the Eleventh avenue, as laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the City of New York.

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

FIRST.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to John N. Lewis, Esq., our Chairman, at the Office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of February, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 26th day of February, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock M.

SECOND.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the 10th day of March, 1874.

THIRD.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid, are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the city of New York, and which taken together are bounded and contained as follows, viz:—Beginning at a point on the easterly line or side of Tenth avenue, distant nine thousand nine hundred and forty-five feet eleven inches, northerly from the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, as the same is laid out; and running thence easterly at right angles with Tenth avenue one hundred and fifteen feet and six inches, to the centre line of the block between Tenth avenue and the Boulevard, as the same is laid out; thence in a northerly direction along said centre line to a point two hundred and forty-four feet and two inches easterly from the easterly line of Tenth avenue as laid out, and to be opened and extended by this proceeding; thence in a northerly direction to a point distant five hundred and fifty-two feet and eight inches, in a north-easterly direction from the easterly line of said Tenth avenue; thence in a south-westerly direction to the easterly line of the Eleventh avenue, as laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park; thence southerly along the easterly line of the said Eleventh avenue to a point distant nine thousand six hundred and forty feet and one-half inch, northerly from the southerly line of said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence easterly and parallel to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, three hundred and fifty-nine feet and nine inches; thence northerly three hundred and five feet and eleven and one-half inches; and thence easterly and parallel to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, five hundred and thirty feet to the point or place of beginning.

FOURTH.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the city of New York, on the 23d day of March, 1874, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, January 21st, 1874. JOHN N. LEWIS, NEVIN W. BUTLER, WILLIAM R. MARTIN, Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Parks and the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title for the use of the public to all the lands required for laying out a new street running parallel to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in an easterly direction from the Kingsbridge Road, across the Tenth avenue to the Boulevard, near the Harlem River, as laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the city of New York.

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

FIRST.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Nevin W. Butler, Esq., our Chairman, at the Office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of February, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 26th day of February, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 1 o'clock P. M.

SECOND.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with all maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Office of the Department of Public Works in the city of New York, there to remain until the 10th day of March, 1874.

THIRD.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid, are as follows, that is to say: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the city of New York, and which taken together are bounded and contained as follows, to wit:—Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the easterly line or side of the Kingsbridge Road with a line drawn parallel to and distant seven thousand six hundred and eighty-five feet northerly, from the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, as the same is laid out, and running thence easterly and parallel to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to the westerly line or side of the Boulevard, near the Harlem River, as laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park; thence northerly, along the westerly line or side of said Boulevard to a point on a line drawn parallel to and distant eight thousand two hundred and twenty feet from the southerly line or side of said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence westerly and parallel with said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to the easterly line or side of the Kingsbridge Road, and thence southerly along the easterly line or side of the Kingsbridge Road to the point or place of beginning.

FOURTH.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the New Court House at the City Hall, in the city of New York, on the 23d day of March, 1874, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, January 21st, 1874. NEVIN W. BUTLER, WILLIAM BARNES, WILLIAM R. MARTIN, Commissioners.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Docks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the acquirement of right and title to certain bulkhead or wharf property south of and adjoining the foot of Barrow street, on the North river, in the City of New York.

The Commissioners of the Department of Docks, in the name and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to reorganize the City of New York,' passed April 5, 1870," passed April 15, 1871, three-fifths being present; and of an act of said Legislature, entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and of an act of said Legislature, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York, into one act,'" passed April 20, 1839; and of an act of said Legislature, entitled "An act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York, into one act," passed April 9, 1835; and of an act of said Legislature, entitled "An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1807. Hereby give notice that they will apply through the Council to the Corporation of the City of New York to the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a special term of said Court, to be held in the New Court House, in the City of New York, on Monday, the twenty-third day of March, 1874, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon on that day, or as soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquiring of right and title to seventy-five feet and nine inches of bulkhead or wharf property south of and adjoining the foot of Barrow street, on the North River, in the City of New York, as said parcel of bulkhead or wharf property is shown and delineated on a map made by Charles K. Graham, Engineer-in-Chief, and now on file in the Department of Docks, in the City of New York.

Dated New York, March 2, 1874.
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of "Fort Washington Ridge Road," between the Boulevard on the west, Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road on the east, and running from Eleventh avenue at One hundred and fifty-ninth street, in a generally northerly direction, to a point on said Kingsbridge road near Inwood street, with a branch thereof running easterly to said Kingsbridge road, as laid out by the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York.

Pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby give notice that the Council to the Corporation of the City of New York, will apply on their behalf to the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a special term of said Court, to be held at the chambers thereof, in the Court House, in the City of New York, on Monday, the twenty-third day of March, 1874, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter, in the place and stead of Henry H. Anderson, Esq., heretofore, on the 9th day of February instant, appointed by said Court a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter, but who, on being notified of his appointment as such Commissioner, declined to act in the matter. The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of "Fort Washington Ridge Road," between the Boulevard on the west, Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road on the east, and running from Eleventh avenue at One hundred and fifty-ninth street in a generally northerly direction to a point on said Kingsbridge road near Inwood street, with a branch running easterly to said Kingsbridge road, in the City of New York, as the same is shown and delineated on a certain map made by William H. Grant, civil and topographical engineer, filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the 7th day of April, 1873.

Dated New York, March 2, 1874.
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL POLICE,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET,
New York, February 25, 1874.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY CLERK 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Several lots furniture, billiard table, lot cotton, trunks, harness, revolvers, tea, wine, boats, rubber, lead, oride jewelry, theatrical clothing, and several lots of cash.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE,
300 Mulberry street, New York, Jan. 26, 1874.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY CLERK, 300 Mulberry street, room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: One boat and lot pig iron, lot of leaf tobacco, lot of tea, revolvers, drum boots, clothing, and several small lots of 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 3 1/2 o'clock, P. M., in the chamber of the Board, room No. 15, City Hall.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE OBTAINED AT No. 2, City Hall, (N. W. corner basement.) Price five cents each.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
346 and 348 Broadway,
New York, March 5, 1874.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING ONE STEAM FLOATING DERRICK OF A CAPACITY FOR LIFTING TEN TONS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING ONE Steam Floating Derrick as above will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 11 o'clock, A. M., of Tuesday, March 17th, 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 opening of the bids.

The time allowed for doing the work is thirty days from the date of signing the contract.

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

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties 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.

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 must be endorsed 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,
New York, February 25, 1874.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A STEAM TUG.

SEALED PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING A STEAM Tug will be received at the office of the Department of Docks, until 11 o'clock A. M. of Monday, March 9, 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 opening of the bids.

The time allowed for doing the work is ninety days from the date of signing the contract.

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

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties 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.

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.

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JACOB A. WESTERVELT,
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WILLIAM BUDD,
Commissioners of the Department 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, viz:

No. 1. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, 120th street from 3d to 6th avenue.

No. 2. For building underground drains between 73d and 81st streets and between 1st and 5th avenues.

No. 3. For building sewer in 1st avenue between 3d and 6th streets and between 9th and 10th streets.

No. 4. For building sewer in 110th street between 5th and 8th avenues.

No. 5. For building sewer in Elm street between Grand and Broome streets.

No. 6. For building sewer in 5th avenue between 40th and 41st streets.

No. 7. For building sewer in 10th avenue between Lawrence and 130th street.

No. 8. For alteration of sewer in Thomas street between Church street and West Broadway.

No. 9. For building sewer in 111th and 112th streets between 1st avenue and avenue A.

No. 10. For building sewer in Little West 12th street between 10th avenue and Hudson river.

The limits embraced by such Assessment, include all the several Houses and Lots of Ground, vacant Lots, pieces and parcels of Land, situated on

No. 1. Both sides of 120th st, from 3d to 6th ave., to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.

No. 2. The property bounded by 73d and 81st streets and 1st and 5th avenues.

No. 3. Both sides of 1st avenue between 3d and 6th sts., and between 9th and 10th streets.

No. 4. North side of 110th st., between 5th and 8th avenues and west side of St. Nicholas ave., between 110th and 111th streets.

No. 5. Both sides of Elm street between Grand and Broome streets.

No. 6. The property known as Ward Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.

No. 7. West side of 10th avenue, between Lawrence and 130th streets.

No. 8. Both sides of Thomas street between Broadway and West Broadway.

No. 9. Both sides of 111th and 112th streets between 1st avenue and avenue A to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.

No. 10. Both sides of Little West 12th street between 10th and 13th avenues, east side of 13th avenue between Gansevoort and Little West 12th street.

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 Thomas 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,
VALENTINES WOODRUFF,
Board of Assessors.

Office, Board of Assessors, New York, Feb. 25, 1874.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, February 16th, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS

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

Confirmed Jan. 30, 1874.—Paving 24th st., bet. 10th and 11th aves.

" " Paving 31st st., bet. 2d ave. and East River.

" " Paving 31st st., bet. 4th and 5th aves.

" " Paving 32d st., bet. 2d ave. and East River.

" " Paving 47th st., bet. 3d and 4th aves.

" " Paving 52d st., bet. 2d ave. and East River.

" " Paving 40th st., bet. Madison and 3d aves.

" " Paving 60th st., bet. 1st and 3d aves.

" " Paving 70th st., bet. 4th and 5th aves.

" " Paving 83d st., bet. 3d and 5th aves.

" " Paving 87th st., bet. 2d and 4th aves.

" " Underground drains bet. 56th and 57th sts., 4th and Lexington aves.

" " Underground drains bet. 57th and 58th sts., 5th and Madison aves.

" " Sewer in Ave. A, bet. 59th and 61st sts., with branches in 59th st.

" " Sewer in 104th st., bet. 2d and 3d aves.

" " Sewer in Greenwich st., bet. Leroy and Morton sts.

" " Sewer in Dry Dock st., bet. 10th and 12th sts.

" " Sewer in Horatio st., continuation through Greenwich ave., etc.

" " Sewer in Hudson st., E. S., bet. Vandam and Charlton sts.

" " Sewer in Lexington ave., bet. 60th and 70th sts.

" " Sewer in Broadway, bet. 27th and 28th sts.

" " Basin N. E. cor. Pearl st. and Peck slip.

" " Basin N. E. cor. 69th st. and Lexington ave.

" " Regulating and grading 117th st., from 7th to 8th aves.

" " Regulating and grading 121st st., from 7th to 8th aves.

" " Regulating and grading, curb and gutter in 40th st., from 1st to 2d aves.

" " Curb, gutter and flagging Lexington ave., from 61st to 66th sts.

" " Curb, gutter and flagging S. E. cor. 7th ave. and West 12th st.

" " Flagging N. S. 37th st., from 7th to 8th aves.

" " Flagging N. S. 53d st., from 5th to 6th aves.

" " Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging in 51st st., from 6th to 7th aves.

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.

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

Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, are interested in providing themselves with all the facilities for expediting their work, and reducing the cost of examinations and searches.

The attention of the Managers of Banks and Insurance Companies and of others is invited to the

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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, 1873:

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 have 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 un-

paid 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 my person applying for the same.

A. S. CADY,
Clerk of Arrears.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Twelfth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1874, and until 4 o'clock, P. M., on said day, for fitting up, for school purposes, premises on the south side of 88th street, between 2d and 3d avenues, and premises on the north side of 124th street, between 5th and 6th avenues.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the time and place above named, for the desks, seats and other furniture required for the schools that are to occupy said premises.

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

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

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

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

DAVID H. KNAPP,
JOSEPH P. FALLON,
LAWSON N. FULLER,
ANDREW SMITH,
GRANVILLE P. HAWS,
Board of School Trustees, 12th Ward.

Dated New York, March 2, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY

the School Trustees of the Nineteenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm street, until Tuesday, the 17th day of March 1874, and until 3 1/2 o'clock P. M., on said day, for fitting up, premises Nos. 222 and 224 Seventy-fifth street, between Second and Third avenues, for Primary School No. 33.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the time and place above named, for the Desks and other furniture required for said school.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the time and place above named, for dividing the gallery rooms in Primary Department of Grammar Schools Nos. 27 and 53.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand Street, third floor.

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

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

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Board of School Trustees, 19th Ward.

Dated New York, March 2, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY

the School Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Monday, the 16th day of March 1874, and until 4 o'clock P. M., on said day, for fitting up and furnishing a part of the building Nos. 15 and 17, Third street, for Primary School No. 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2 FOURTH AVE.,
New York, Jan. 2, 1874.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

WHEREAS, THE TOWNS OF MORRISANIA, West Farms and Kings Bridge, have been annexed, and are now known as the 23d and 24th Wards of the City of New York, it becomes my duty, as Superintendent of Buildings, to extend the operation of the building laws over said territory, and to superintend the construction, alteration, repair and removal of buildings therein.

I therefore give notice to builders and property owners that plans and specifications for all new buildings, alterations, repairs and removals must be presented to this Department for examination and approval, prior to the commencement of the projected work.

All necessary blank forms, and any desired information pertaining to the building laws, will be furnished on application at this office, or to either of the inspectors, at their temporary office, Police Headquarters, Tremont.

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
Office No. 2 Fourth av., opposite Sixth st.

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