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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

THURSDAY, December 2, 1875,
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 15 City Hall.

PRESENT:

ALDERMEN

Andrew Blessing,	Patrick Lysaght,	Peter Seery,
William L. Cole,	William H. McCarthy,	Edward J. Shandley,
Edward Gilon,	John J. Morris,	Stephen N. Simonson,
Magnus Gross,	Robert Power,	Chester H. Southworth,
John W. Guntzer,	John Reilly,	Joseph P. Strack,
Henry E. Howland,	John Robinson,	Samuel B. H. Vance.

The President being absent at roll-call, on motion of Alderman Reilly, Alderman Shandley was appointed Chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the meetings of November 22 and 23, 1875, were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Reilly—

Petition of owners of property for change of grade of Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, from Avenue A to East river.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By the President—

De mand of Henry Craikshaak, agent for Henry Mason, for payment of rent of premises 694 Broadway, occupied by the Eighty-fourth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

By the same—

Petition of the Board of Trade, for permission to use temporarily, for meeting purposes, the room in the City Hall (now vacant) formerly used as a Chamber of the Board of Aldermen.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

By Alderman Reilly—

Petition of the United Order of American Bricklayers, asking that the city government supply them with work during the winter.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Blessing—

Application and consent of a majority of owners of property on Forty-second street, for the establishment of a new line of omnibuses connecting the Grand Central Depot with the Elevated Railroad.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Simonson—

Resolved, That Benjamin A. Moran be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to take effect from and after the expiration of his present term, which will be on the 5th day of January, 1876.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, and Strack—15.

By Alderman Robinson—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Henry Blendersmann to erect and keep an ornamental clock on a post near the outer edge of the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 102 West street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Subsequently, on motion of Alderman Robinson, the above action was reconsidered, and the resolution placed on file.

By Alderman Strack—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George Reinhart to erect and keep an ornamental clock on a post on the outer edge of the sidewalk, in front of his premises, No. 65 Bowery, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Subsequently, on motion of Alderman Strack, the above action was reconsidered, and the resolution placed on file.

By Alderman Gilon—

Resolved, That the resolution to light Thirteenth avenue, from Gansevoort street to Little Twelfth street, which became adopted October 22, 1875, be and it the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "west" before the word "side" in said resolution, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "east."

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Morris—

Resignation of Francis L. Wandell, as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

Resolved, That Leonard Gallman be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Francis L. Wandell, who has resigned.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—16.

By the same—

Resignation of Myer Elsas, as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

Resolved, That Martin S. Meyer be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Myer Elsas, who has resigned.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—15.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the property-owners to regulate and grade the north side of Ninety-eighth street, from the Boulevard to Broadway, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Seery—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Arthur Seyffert to retain a storm-door in front of No. 378 Third avenue, on the southwest corner of Twenty-fifth street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Guntzer—

Resolved, That Abraham Kling be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—16.

By Alderman Gross—

Resignation of Walter H. Mead as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

Resolved, That S. L. H. Ward, Jr. be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New York, in place of Walter H. Mead, resigned.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—16.

(G. O. 580.)

By the President—

Resolved, That on the east side of West street and the Tenth avenue, from Gansevoort to Little West Twelfth street, curbs and gutter stones be set and reset to the established grade, and the sidewalks flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 581.)

By Alderman Gilon—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to substitute Boulevard lamps for the ordinary street-lamps now on the posts placed in front of the different churches in this city.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 582.)

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of chapter 477, Laws of 1875, the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to lay 12-inch Croton water-pipes across the transverse road across the Central Park, at Eighty-fifth street, connecting with the high service pipes on the Boulevard, in order to supply all that portion of the city included between the Third and Fifth avenues, Eighty-second and Ninety-fourth streets, and between Sixty-fourth and Seventy-third streets, Third and Fifth avenues, with an adequate and necessary quantity and force of Croton water.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 583.)

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That two Boulevard lamps be substituted for the ordinary street lamps now on the lamp-posts in front of the Washington Square M. E. Church, in Fourth street, between MacDougal street and the Sixth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 584.)

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to lay a 20-inch pipe in William street, from Chambers to Wall street, with large hydrants, pursuant to the provisions of section 2, chapter 477, Laws of 1875.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 585.)

By the same—

Resolved, That two lamps be placed on the steps of the First Precinct Police Station-house, similar in all respects to those now in front of the Eighth Precinct Station-house, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 586.)

By Alderman Robinson—

Resolved, That two Boulevard lamps be placed and lighted in front of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the north side of One Hundred and Eleventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 587.)

By Alderman Seery—

Resolved, That the streets bounded by Third and Fifth avenues, and One Hundred and Second street and the Harlem river, be renumbered, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Cole—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of Seventy-ninth street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues, be fenced in, 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 Police and Health Departments.

(G. O. 588.)

By Alderman Seery—

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

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 589.)

By Alderman Simonson—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Fifty-fifth street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North river, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 590.)

By Alderman Simonson—

Resolved, That Fifty-eighth street, from the Tenth to the Eleventh avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that all 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 laid over.

By Alderman Lysaght—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Felix Closey to retain the stand now on the sidewalk in front of No. 6 West street, he having the consent of the property-owners in front and adjoining premises; the permission hereby granted to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, } NEW YORK, November 30, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return the resolution permitting Henry Spohn to erect and keep a stand on the sidewalk, in front of No. 204 Greenwich street, etc., from which I feel constrained to withhold my signature.

Independent of the question as to the power of the Common Council to grant such permission as is by this resolution proposed to be given to the individual named, the question of the policy and propriety of so obstructing the streets, stands, as to me, an insuperable objection to such a resolution as this is.

In the particular case, a stand, as proposed, in front of 204 Greenwich street, would be very objectionable. The spot indicated is on the corner of Vesey street—the sidewalk there is crowded with people—it is a busy locality. The width of the street is already insufficient for travel and traffic there, and an obstruction, such as the proposed stand, would be open to objection as a nuisance to the neighborhood, and to all who are obliged to pass there.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

Which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in the minutes, and published in the CITY RECORD.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, } NEW YORK, November 30, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return to you, without my signature, the resolution permitting Richard D. Cooke to retain a stand to be erected upon the line of the curb-stone in front of No. 32 New Church street.

I cannot approve of such an obstruction to the street as this resolution would attempt to authorize.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in the CITY RECORD.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the acting Mayor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, } NEW YORK, December 2, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Comptroller.

Very respectfully, SAMUEL A. LEWIS, Acting Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, } COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, } November, 1875. }

Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, 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 March 31, 1875.

Very respectfully, ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, } COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, } November 19, 1875. }

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller :

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a statement of all accounts audited and allowed on City and Trust Accounts, for which warrants upon the Chamberlain have been drawn during the quarter ending March 31, 1875.

Very respectfully, DANIEL JACKSON, Auditor of Accounts.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in document form. (For which see Document No. 17.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Public Parks :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, } 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), } November 27, 1875. }

Hon. SAMUEL A. LEWIS, President Board of Aldermen :

SIR—The following is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board governing this Department, at a meeting held on the 24th inst., in reference to the grading of Third avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to the Harlem river, viz. :

“Resolved, That no further action be taken in the matter of regulating and grading Third avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to Harlem river, until ordered by the Board. That the Civil and Topographical Engineer report to the Board what, if any, changes he would recommend to be made in the established grade of said portion of Third avenue; and that the Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Board of Aldermen.”

Respectfully, WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

Which was ordered on file.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following communication from the Counsel to the Corporation :

LAW DEPARTMENT, } OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, } NEW YORK, November 23, 1875. }

The Honorable Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—I have received a copy of a resolution adopted by your Honorable Body on the 18th instant, which is as follows :

“Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to report to this Board if the provisions of law contained in chapters 137 and 383 of the Laws of 1870, except sections 27 and 29 of the last-mentioned act, are not repealed by the act Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873.”

Chapters 137 and 383 of the Laws of 1870, except sections 27 and 29 of the last-mentioned act, are expressly repealed by section 119 of the Charter of 1873.

I am, gentlemen, yours, very respectfully, WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was ordered on file.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following communication from the State Comptroller :

STATE OF NEW YORK—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, } ALBANY, November 29, 1875. }

To the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New York :

SIR—In addition to the State tax of six mills, directed to be levied, as per circular from this office, October 2, 1875, amounting to \$7,233,189.48, the Board of Supervisors of the County of New York is hereby required to raise the sum of \$1,861.88, for the compensation of the Shore Inspector, from the 21st day of July, 1875, the date said Inspector took the oath of office, to the 30th day of September, 1876, as authorized by the provisions of chapter 604, Laws of 1875.

Respectfully yours, N. K. HOPKINS, Comptroller.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following communication from the County Clerk :

BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS, } COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, } NEW YORK, November 17, 1875. }

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

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with a resolution of the Board of County Canvassers, I have the honor to transmit to your Honorable Body the annexed preamble and resolution, adopted by the Board of County Canvassers of this County at a meeting of said Board convened to canvass the votes cast at the late general election in this County.

I am, yours, most respectfully, WM. WALSH, Secretary.

Supervisor Cole offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Experience has clearly demonstrated the fact that the present method of correcting errors or discrepancies found in the election district returns is liable to great abuse, and susceptible of inflicting great wrong, as the District Inspectors who make the errors, and who alone under the law have power to correct them, do so in almost, if not all cases, simply from memory or other imperfect data; and as it not unfrequently occurs that the correction of such errors determine the election of a candidate, the greatest care should be exercised in making them, and the Board of County Canvassers should have the means at its disposal of determining for itself the correctness of such corrections. This can only be done by having all the ballots cast at the election preceding such canvass of votes preserved inviolably until all the returns are canvassed, and the result declared by the Board of County Canvassers; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Board of County Canvassers hereby request the Common Council of this city to make application to the Legislature, when it next convenes, for the passage of an amendment to the present registry law, providing for the preservation and care by the Police authorities, or the Mayor, with proper restrictions and safeguards, of all the ballots cast at every election held in this city until after the statement and declaration of the result of every such election is made by the Board of County Canvassers; the said amendment also to be so framed as to permit the Board of County Canvassers, under like restrictions and safeguards, to recorrect such ballots, when necessary, in order to determine and correct finally, and with certainty, any error or discrepancy that may appear during the canvass of the returns from the several election districts by the said Board of County Canvassers.

Which was adopted. (A true copy.)

WM. WALSH, Secretary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Public Works :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, } COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, } NEW YORK, December 2, 1875. }

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

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a resolution which is said to have been adopted by you on the 23d ult., and which is in terms as follows :

Whereas, This Common Council has ordered, by unanimous vote, that the pay of laborers shall be \$2.00 per day, and as it is important that this Board should be informed by the heads of the several Departments of the city government if it is intended by them to conform to the direction thus given by the Common Council; be it therefore

Resolved, That the heads of the several Departments of the city government be and they are hereby required to report to this Board, at its next meeting, if they intend to obey the order of this Common Council, making such increase in the daily wages of laborers, or if they still intend to persist in refusing to comply with the said order so increasing the pay of laborers in the employ of the city government.

I quote in full the copy received by me for the purpose of thus inviting your attention to expressions in it which seem peculiar, and which were, perhaps, adopted by the Board inadvertently, if, indeed, the copy be a correct transcript of the resolution as passed.

With all proper respect for the Board of Aldermen, and with entire readiness to defer always to any direction, request, or suggestions made by the Board as to any matter in which the law and my duty as a public officer allow me a discretion, I am, in this matter, constrained to report that the Department of Public Works cannot, under present circumstances, advance the rate of wages beyond the figures now paid.

On the 9th of June last, after an interview with a Committee of your Board, I addressed a letter to that Committee stating the reasons which had caused the present rate of wages to be adopted, and I now inclose a copy of that communication for your information. These reasons now make it impracticable to advance the rates—indeed they are stronger now because the market rates of labor are now, I am told, even lower than they were then and considerably lower than the figures by this Department allowed.

You are aware that the law makes it incumbent, not upon the Common Council, but upon each of the several Executive Departments of the city government to fix for itself the rates of wages by it paid. That function has been exercised by me as Commissioner of Public Works with a profound sense of the obligation which is upon me so to administer my trust as to fulfil my duty to the whole community and to all classes.

It is not likely that any individual member of the Board habitually pays to such laborers or workmen, as may be employed by him at his own expense, wages very considerably in excess of the market rates, except where he gives away his money as a gratuity or in charity, and I am unwilling to suppose that any member of the Board, if filling the responsible office now occupied by me, would administer it otherwise than under a sense of duty, or would allow public moneys under his charge to be disbursed as gratuities or otherwise than in payment at a reasonable approximation to the market rates for services performed or material furnished to the city.

In that manner I must continue to perform my functions as the head of this Department.

Very respectfully, FITZ JOHN PORTER, Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, } COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, } ROOM NO. 19, CITY HALL, } NEW YORK, June 9, 1875. }

Messrs. PETER SEERY, HENRY D. PURROY, E. J. SHANDLEY, MAGNUS GROSS, and JOHN REILLY,

Committee of the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—Since I had the pleasure of meeting you in person a few days ago, I have received a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 3d instant, in reference to the change recently made in the rate of wages to persons employed upon the public works.

In deference to your wishes I now repeat, as briefly as possible, the remarks made at our interview and in reply to your inquiries on the subject.

The rate of wages recently announced was not established without careful and long consideration. During the administration of my predecessor in office, and some months ago, it was found to be not only proper and wise, but necessary in the public interests, to adopt such a measure, and to put it in operation as soon as it could be done without unnecessary hardship to the laborers. The rate of reduction was actually fixed at that time, and the decision then reached was not immediately enforced, only because the winter was of such unusual severity, and because the “hard times” had brought such unaccustomed privations to so many of the classes from which our laborers come, as to render the members of the city government reluctant to do anything which should reduce the amounts payable to the men during the season when the days were short, and when the weather was often so inclement as to render any out-of-door work impossible.

Those reasons for delay in the matter had all ceased to exist before the present rates were published.

The prices generally paid for labor, of the kind which is affected by the recent regulations, have for a long time been much lower than the rates heretofore paid for it by this and other Departments of the city government. And the tendency has been steadily towards lower and lower wages, as the country has been recovering from the disturbing influences of the war and of the ill-management of our finances, which unsettled all prices by inflating the currency.

Under such circumstances, a continuance by this Department of the high rates heretofore paid, cannot be justified by any rule of honest administration or of fair dealing.

Officers of government are but agents and trustees of the tax-payers, in making disbursements of public moneys. And the tax-payers of the city should not be compelled by action of mine, or by any neglect to act, to pay, whether for supplies or for labor, prices which are much higher than those paid for the same things by individual citizens in transacting their own affairs.

In so far as the wages paid by government to laborers upon public works are in excess of the current wages for similar work generally paid at the time by individuals employing labor in the same locality, they would appear to be mere gratuities. And I do not know what right or justification I, as a public officer, can have for giving away public moneys. Indeed, I am informed that a number of our tax-payers, observing the great difference between the rates which were until recently paid by the city and those which are paid by individuals for the same kind of labor, were, at the time the reduction was made, actually in consultation with counsel with a view to proceedings in the courts to enjoin and restrain this and the other Departments from paying rates which might properly have been called wasteful had they been continued.

The resolutions of the Board of Aldermen very properly call attention to the fact that it is the laboring man who is the real tax-payer. When the public treasury is plundered, and when taxes are increased, it is the laboring man who is the most certain to feel the weight of the public burden; everybody else can shift it and shift it, until it settles down upon him at last, and he must carry the load by paying higher prices for rent and for all the necessaries of life. It is the laboring man who is thus the real party in interest in securing an honest and economical administration of government.

But when we say the “laboring man” in that connection, we mean not merely the three or four thousands of individuals actually employed upon the public works, but the many tens of thousands who constitute the great laboring class, and whose own money it would be that would thus be robbed and wasted by me, for only the temporary benefit of the few of their numbers who should actually receive the excessive wages I might pay out under the circumstances of the present situation.

I am doing everything in my power to reduce the expenditures of this Department, and so to reduce the rate of taxation. And it was only after getting everything else as far as possible in train to secure that result, that I finally assented to enforcement of the reduced rates of wages which, as I have above stated, had been previously determined upon by my predecessor in office.

And, that the reduction thus made is not now improper, or a real hardship upon the persons immediately affected by it, is manifest from these two considerations :

First.—That, even under the present reduced rates, unskilled labor is paid twenty cents per hour, and that it is optional with the laborer himself, under reasonable provisions, how many hours per day he shall work. The days are now long ; the weather is generally good at this season ; and nearly every day is available for work in the open air. To the men who work only eight hours per day, one dollar and sixty cents are paid. But to those who labor upon the Public Works the ten hours per day which are exacted by individual employers of the same class of labor, two dollars are paid. This is in excess of the wages allowed by the contractors who are carrying on large works at present, and some of our men are already showing their appreciation of the fact by working the ten hours and so earning the extra pay ; and

Second.—That, notwithstanding the reduction of which complaint has been made to you, the applications for employment upon the public works, from laborers, and indeed from all classes of persons who have never heretofore worked as day laborers, are by thousands in excess of any ability the city has to pay them. And this Department is, during every hour of the day, under the painful necessity of refusing to employ hungry men who are eager for work.

The laborers themselves understand these things, and some of them have, during the last few days, taken the trouble to assure me that, in what I have done towards a reduction of the rates, I have been but performing my plain duty.

Under these circumstances, I am at a loss to perceive how I can conform to the request to rescind the regulations just published. The persons in whose behalf the request is made have my hearty sympathy in any temporary distress they may feel ; but my duty as a public officer is clear, and that is, to protect the interests of the city and of the laboring men themselves as tax-payers, by adhering to the determination of paying only the reasonable and current rates for both the supplies used and the labor employed by this Department. When, for any reason, I cannot pursue this plain and honest policy, the day of my usefulness as a public officer will have passed.

As soon as it can be done, I shall give to the men who reside in the lower wards work nearer their homes, and so enable them to save the amount they now have to expend, as care fare, in reaching the upper end of the island, where most of the work is at present done. And I need hardly say to you, that I shall be most happy to co-operate in every way possible in measures to give full employment to all who will work ; and that no act or word of mine shall ever contribute to depress unnecessarily the prices paid by this Department for efficient labor.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
FITZ JOHN PORTER, Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was ordered on file.

The Chairman pro tem. laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Police :

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 2, 1875.

To the Hon. SAMUEL A. LEWIS, President Board of Aldermen :

SIR—Inclosed please find copy of preamble and resolutions, concerning the disposal of street-cleaning material, this day adopted by the Board of Police, which I am instructed to transmit to you, with the request that it be presented to the Honorable Board of Aldermen for consideration.

By order of the Board of Police,

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

Whereas, By the provisions of the statutes concerning street cleaning (chapter 677 of the Laws of 1872), the Board of Police is required to cause the streets of the city to be thoroughly cleaned and kept clean, and to remove from said city, daily, all the materials gathered in the process of street cleaning, except such parts thereof as in the judgment of the Board of Health may be suitable to fill low and sunken lots ; and

Whereas, There is no point adjacent to the City of New York, and outside thereof, either on land or water, where the materials in question can be placed without trespassing upon the independent jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey, Staten Island, Long Island, Westchester County, or the State of Connecticut, to conform to the mandate of the law requiring the material to be removed daily out of the city, the Board of Police have been compelled during the summer to waste the material in the open ocean, outside of Coney Island, at great expense to the treasury of the city. Even this method will not be practicable during the winter season, when storms and ice will render the towing of scows out to sea impossible ; and

Whereas, Lying near to and southeast of Randall's Island is an extensive area called "Sunken Meadows," which is now valueless, the Board of Police is informed that this area could be reclaimed and utilized by depositing thereon the street cleaning materials. If raised above high tide, it would add to the freehold estate of the city an area of valuable land equal to about one-half the present extent of Randall's Island. With the approval of the Board of Health this arrangement would afford to the Board of Police facilities for the lawful disposition of street cleaning materials during the winter, without which the business of street cleaning can only be done at great cost and risk ; therefore

Resolved, That the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York be and are hereby respectfully requested to take such measures and action as shall seem to be appropriate and effective to enable the Board of Police (with the approval of the Board of Health) to bring into use for the purpose above mentioned, and to reclaim and fill up the area of land under water, adjacent to Randall's Island, known as "Sunken Meadow."

Adopted by the Board of Police, December 2, 1875.

WM. H. KIPP, First Deputy Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS,
40 BURLING SLIP,
NEW YORK, December 2, 1875.

To the Police Commissioners, New York :

GENTLEMEN—In answer to your verbal message, received to-day per Captain Gunner, I would say, that I see no objection whatever to the city authorities filling in the harbor behind a bulkhead line established by the Legislature.

Yours, respectfully,
GEORGE W. BLUNT, Secretary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

(G. O. 591.)

By unanimous consent, Alderman Howland offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease from Mrs. M. A. Schanck, executrix of the estate of D. S. Schanck, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and to affix the seal of the city thereto, for the term of five years from the 1st day of May, 1875, of the second and third stories and front half of fifth floor of the building No. 27 Chambers street, New York, at an annual rental of \$12,000, for the use of the Marine Court, upon condition that the court-room furniture, fixtures, carpeting, etc., now in the second story be transferred to the uses of the Marine Court during the continuance of the said lease, the said rental to be paid quarterly on the usual quarter days by the Comptroller from the proper appropriation.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 592.)

By the same—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease, and to affix the seal of the city thereto, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, from the Trustees of the New York Dispensary, of the building situated on the northwest corner of Centre and White streets, except such portion of the said premises as are now occupied and used by the New York Dispensary, for a period of five years, from the 1st day of May, 1875, at an annual rent of nine thousand five hundred dollars, payable quarterly on the usual quarter days, the said premises so leased to be occupied and used by the Department of Charities and Correction as a Reception Hospital.

Which was laid over.

REPORTS.

(G. O. 593.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed petition of owners of property on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Fourth avenue, to compel the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad Company to lower their tracks to the proper grade, at the intersection of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Fourth avenue, respectfully

REPORT :

That your Committee have ascertained from personal investigation that the statements contained in the petition are true, and that the tracks are, as represented, a serious obstruction to the free uses of the said street and avenue, and steps should be taken at once to compel the company owning the tracks to lower them immediately to the proper grade. The following resolution is therefore respectfully offered for your adoption :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever steps he may deem necessary to compel the railroad company using One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to lower their rail-tracks to the proper grade, at and near the intersection of Fourth avenue ; and in the event of a neglect or refusal on the part of said company to comply with his directions, that he remove the rails, and restore the street to a condition free for public uses.

ANDREW BLESSING,
JOHN W. GUNTZER, } Committee on
HENRY E. HOWLAND, } Railroads.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 594.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of laying crosswalks at Fourth avenue and Sixtieth street, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid across Fourth avenue, at the intersection of Sixtieth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

J. W. GUNTZER,
S. N. SIMONSON, } Committee on
PATRICK LYSAGHT, } Streets.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Mary Clark, asking permission to erect two bay-windows on premises No. 138 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mary Clark to erect two bay-windows on premises No. 138 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, in accordance with the annexed diagram, the necessary consent of the adjoining property-owners having been received, the work to be done at her own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

JOHN W. GUNTZER,
S. N. SIMONSON, } Committee on
PATRICK LYSAGHT, } Streets.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 595.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of changing the grade of Seventy-eighth street, between the Boulevard and Ninth avenue, together with a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works in relation thereto, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted, as the proposed change of grade has been advertised for objections as required by law, and none have been made thereto, and the required number of owners of property have asked for the change of grade.

Resolved, That the grade of Seventy-eighth street, between the Boulevard and Ninth avenue, be changed, so as to conform to the red lines and figures on the accompanying diagram, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, who is hereby authorized and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this resolution.

JOHN W. GUNTZER,
S. N. SIMONSON, } Committee
PATRICK LYSAGHT, } on
Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 596.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed message from the Mayor, and communication from the Department of Public Parks in relation to sewers in the annexed territory, asking the passage of resolution and ordinance for that purpose, respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving-basins, culverts, and manholes, be built and constructed, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in the following streets and avenues, namely : One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Third avenue to Mill Brook ; Third avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-third street to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street ; Willis avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-third street to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, as said streets and avenues are located on the map, filed by the Commissioners appointed by or in pursuance of an act entitled "An act for the laying out, opening, and closing of streets, roads, and avenues in the town of Morrisania, in the county of Westchester," passed May 19, 1868 ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN W. GUNTZER,
S. N. SIMONSON, } Committee
PATRICK LYSAGHT, } on
Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 597.)

The Committee on Police and Health Departments, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of fencing vacant lot and flagging sidewalk on northeast corner of Second avenue and Eighty-second street, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Second avenue and Eighty-second street be fenced in, and the sidewalks in front thereof, both on the avenue and the street, be flagged, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

WM. L. COLE,
JOHN J. MORRIS, } Committee on
AND. BLESSING, } Police and Health
Departments.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 598.)

The Committee on Lands, Places, and Park Department, to whom was referred the annexed petition and memorial of property-owners on Third avenue, from Harlem Bridge to One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, against grading the said avenue, respectfully

REPORT :

That, in pursuance of a resolution, adopted November 18, 1875, your Committee communicated with the Department of Public Parks, and in reply received the following :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST),
NEW YORK, November 20, 1875. }

To the Committee of the Board of Aldermen on Lands, Places, and Park Departments :

GENTLEMEN—This Department is in receipt of a copy of the resolution adopted by the Honorable the Board of Aldermen on the 18th inst., with relation to a petition and memorial of property-owners in opposition to the regrading of Third avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to Harlem river.

The facts connected with this portion of Third avenue are as follows : By chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, a special commission was appointed to lay out and establish the grades of the streets and avenues of the late town of Morrisania. This commission completed the work assigned to it, and filed their map establishing the grades, etc., on the 23d day of February, 1871.

The Amended Annexation Act (chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874) confirmed this map and the grades established by it, subject, however, to be altered by the Commissioners of this Department whenever they shall deem such change necessary. This Department has not altered the grade on this avenue.

On December 21, 1874, his Honor the Mayor approved of an ordinance of the Common Council directing this Department to grade Third avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to Harlem river, in accordance with the grade established by the map above mentioned.

This ordinance was defective in some particulars, and on the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation this Department applied to the Common Council for a supplemental ordinance to enable the work to be proceeded with.

This supplemental ordinance was passed and approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 21st August, 1875.

This Department at once proceeded with the work. A City Surveyor was appointed, the necessary surveys made, the specifications and contract prepared, printed and approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation, and the advertisements calling for proposals for the work are ready to be published.

The Surveyor's estimate of the whole cost of the work is between \$12,000 and \$13,000.

Yours, very respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS, President D. P. P.

Your Committee, believing that the said Department have greater facilities to ascertain the needs and requirements of that portion of the city than this Committee or your Honorable Body, they therefore suggest that the subject-matter of the petition and memorial be left entirely to the Department of Public Parks for action thereon, and your Committee respectfully requests to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PATRICK LYSAGHT, } Committee on Lands, Places,
AND. BLESSING, } and Park Departments.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 599.)

The Committee on Roads, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of regulating, grading, etc., Ninety-eighth street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Ninety-eighth street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

WM. H. McCARTHY, } Committee on JOHN REILLY, } Roads.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 600.)

The Committee on Roads, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Ninth street, from Third to Fifth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That One Hundred and Ninth street, from Third to Fifth avenue, be regulated and graded, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

WM. H. McCARTHY, } Committee on JOHN REILLY, } Roads.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Printing and Advertising, to whom was referred the annexed report of the Committee on Markets, in favor of paying bill of proprietors of the Windsor Hotel, for expenses incurred in the reception and entertainment of King Kalakaua; also, notice of a bill of Edward Van Ranst, for coaches supplied on the same occasion, which at the meeting of the Board of August 5, 1875, was ordered to be paid, when the bill first referred to was referred to your Committee, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee, while unable to comprehend why a bill that had previously been reported to your Honorable Body, this year, by two other Committees, viz., Finance and Markets, should have been referred to them, nevertheless undertook to perform the duty assigned them, from a conviction that simple justice to the proprietors of the Windsor Hotel demanded that action should be taken, definitely, upon the bill by the city authorities, who incurred the expense, and the city at once be relieved of the approach of receiving and entertaining a foreign dignitary, and then refusing or neglecting to pay the bills.

In order that they might have some authentic information to guide them in their investigation, your Committee determined to correspond with the Special Committee of the Common Council of last year, under whose direction the entertainment and reception were given and the bills incurred, and with a view also of obtaining an expression of opinion from each of the members of the Committee, as to the correctness of the bill, instructed the Clerk to address to each of the said Special Committee the following:

"The undersigned, one of the Special Committee of the Common Council of 1874, appointed to receive King Kalakaua, is of the opinion that the bill of the proprietors of the Windsor Hotel, for receiving and entertaining the king and suite, is correct, and should be paid. The amount of the bill is \$6,286.91.

"If you sign the above, please return it in the inclosed envelope; if not, please give your reasons or opinions, in writing, for the use of the Committee now in charge of the subject."

Members of the Committee, viz., Alderman Gilon, and Assistant Aldermen Keating and Brucks, approved the above, thereby approving of the bill; the opinion of five of the Committee, viz., Aldermen McArthur, Koch, and Ottendorfer, and Assistant Aldermen Kehoe and Keenan, are herewith submitted; and two, viz., Alderman Falconer and Assistant Alderman Kreps, failed to make any response.

The replies received are as follows:

650 FIFTH AVENUE, November 13, 1875.

F. J. TWOMEY, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of yours of the 10th instant, inclosing a note setting forth that the Committee having charge of the bills incurred on the reception of King Kalakaua, indorsed the correctness of the bill of the Windsor Hotel, and asking that if I approved the same I return it signed.

Before the arrival of the king, a sub-committee of the joint committee was appointed, consisting of Aldermen Gilon and Koch, Assistants Brucks and Keating, to whom was given the direction of all expenses connected with the king's reception, and the proprietors of the Windsor Hotel, through Mr. Wilkinson, their general manager, were notified by me that no orders were to be honored except the same came from the said sub-committee, or some member thereof.

Therefore I have no knowledge of the correctness of the bill of the Windsor Hotel, but from my belief in the integrity of the proprietors of the hotel and that of the sub-committee, I am inclined to believe that it must be correct.

Respectfully yours, ROBERT McCAFFERTY, 69 PRINCE STREET, NEW YORK, November 13, 1875.

F. J. TWOMEY, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—My statement in reply to your communication of the 10th inst. is, that I cannot see how I can conscientiously sign my name to any document certifying the correctness of the amount named in your letter, when I have no detailed statement of bill of items.

During King Kalakaua's stay at the Windsor Hotel, the Committee, of which I was a member, issued strict order, that nothing should be delivered except through a certificate from some member of the Committee, and I have no recollection of certificates being given amounting in the aggregate to the sum you mention.

I am at any time ready to sign a paper certifying as to the correctness of this bill, but in the absence of a bill of items I cannot do so.

I regret that this bill still remains unpaid, and that it has not been paid long ago, nor do I wish to throw any obstacles in the way to prevent a speedy payment, but I must first be convinced of its correctness before I can affix my signature.

I remain, very respectfully, yours, GEO. KOCH.

OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK STAATS-ZEITUNG, "TRYON ROW," COR. CENTRE AND CHATHAM STS., NEW YORK, November 12, 1875.

DEAR SIR—I cannot certify to the correctness of the bill of the Windsor Hotel for entertaining King Kalakaua at the time of his visit to our city. At the first meeting held by the Special Committee of the Common Council, it was resolved to inquire of the proprietors of several hotels at what prices they would be willing to entertain the king and his suite during their stay in our city. Alderman McCafferty, if I remember correctly, undertook to make the inquiry. I was never invited to any meeting of the Committee where it was decided to select the Windsor Hotel, nor was my consent asked or given for any of the other arrangements. I don't know anything of the particulars or merits of the bill presented by the Windsor Hotel; but, considering the number of persons belonging properly to the suite of the king, and the number of days they stayed in the hotel, it is, in my opinion, exorbitant.

Respectfully, OSWALD OTTENDORFER.

F. J. TWOMEY, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

NOVEMBER 12, 1875.

FRIEND TWOMEY—I was not one of the Special Committee who received or entertained his sable majesty, and, therefore, cannot say as to the correctness of the amount charged. The Committee who were appointed to take charge and make all arrangements, I think, were Aldermen Keating and Brucks, from the lower house, and Aldermen Koch, Gilon, and McCafferty, from the upper story. I will call at your office on Monday, and would be glad to do what is in my power to have what is just paid.

Truly yours, etc., JOHN J. KEHOE, No. 138 First avenue, NEW YORK, Nov. 12, 1875.

F. J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

F. J. TWOMEY, Esq., Clerk, etc.:

DEAR SIR—In answer to your communication relative to the expenses attached to the reception given to King Kalakaua, I would most respectfully state that, as one of the Special Committee, I have no personal knowledge of what was done by the Committee, not having acted with them. I was not present but once with them, and that was upon the occasion that the king was at St. Stephen's Church.

I am of the opinion there was a majority of the Committee that took charge of the matter, and they know all that was done in relation to the matter.

Not having acted with the Committee, it is impossible for me to sign.

Yours, very respectfully, PATRICK KEENAN.

Your Committee learn from an interview with the hotel proprietors that the Committee insisted upon being assigned a suite of rooms upon the first floor of the hotel, and, in order to obtain them, a gentleman, who occupied them with his family, and for which he paid three hundred and fifty dollars per week, was obliged to vacate. Dinners for twelve persons were ordered every day by the Committee, and, on an average, sixteen others were daily invited and attended, and the most costly wines, cigars, etc., supplied. Delegations of army and navy officers, the Board of Trade, and other associations were constantly presented and received, and, on one occasion, the carpeting on the Committee's room was entirely spoiled and cost six hundred dollars to replace it. At the public reception, which was attended by nearly two thousand persons, the public parlors were used, and the effect of such a promiscuous gathering upon the carpeting, furniture, etc., can be well imagined. An extra dining-room and a state dinner was supplied every day, and not the usual and ordinary dining-room of the hotel, which greatly added to the expense of the reception of the king. In fact, all that could be done was done to impress the king with the splendor and magnificence of a civic reception in the City of New York, and it would appear that even all former precedents were set aside, and the degree of extravagance indulged in was in keeping with the dignity of the recipient of the city's hospitality, in this instance being nothing short of royalty itself.

That the proprietors of the hotel acted in good faith there can be no question, as there can be none. That the bill submitted, in view of all the circumstances attending the extravagant reception and entertainment is but fair, and should be paid.

The Committee on Markets of this Board, who last investigated the subject, and reported in favor of paying the bill, effected a reduction in one or two of the items, and asked that it be paid at the sum of \$6,058.91, in lieu of \$6,286.91, the sum first claimed. In the correctness of the recommendation your Committee fully agree, and therefore respectfully offer for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer from any appropriation of former years six thousand and fifty-eight dollars and ninety-one cents, that amount being the sum required to pay the annexed bill of the proprietors of the Windsor Hotel for expenses of the Joint Special Committee of the Common Council of last year, incurred in the reception and entertainment of King Kalakaua and suite; and the Comptroller, after such transfer shall have been made, is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Hawk and Wetherbee for the said sum of six thousand and fifty-eight dollars and ninety-one cents, and charge the same to the proper appropriation, when made, as above requested, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

E. J. SHANDLEY, } Committee on S. N. SIMONSON, } Printing and Advertising.

Which was recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Gilon called up Special Order No. 6, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That in pursuance of chapter 477, section 2, Laws of 1875, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to lay such water-pipes, mains, and fixtures as have been ordered or may be ordered by the Common Council to be laid, and such other pipes, mains, and fixtures as he may deem necessary to extend and enlarge the distribution of Croton water through the City of New York, including the two new wards, and to furnish a sufficient supply thereof to the institutions in charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, located on Blackwell's Island, Ward's Island, and Randall's Island, and in laying mains necessary to deliver said water at higher levels and in greater quantities.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected not voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, and Strack—13.

Negative—Aldermen Howland, Morris, Simonson, Southworth, and Vance—5.

On motion of Alderman Reilly, the above vote was reconsidered, and the resolution again laid over.

Alderman Gilon called up G. O. 566, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the following named persons for the sums respectively set opposite their names, for services rendered to the Board of County Canvassers, and charge the amount to the appropriation for "Election Expenses":

Table listing names and amounts: Thomas F. Gilroy, Assistant Clerk... \$200 00; Thomas Hodgins... 100 00; Richard Castell... 100 00; John T. Spies... 100 00; John H. Fagan... 100 00; Thomas McKernan... 100 00; Edwin Madan... 150 00; John N. Outwater, Accountant... 200 00; J. B. Franier, Doorkeeper... 50 00; Henry Peters... 50 00; James Pryor... 50 00; Louis C. Parker, Messenger... 50 00; Julius Bohe... 50 00; Alphonse Singer, Sergeant-at-Arms... 50 00.

Alderman Cole offered the following amendment:

Table listing names and amounts for amendment: Thomas F. Gilroy, Assistant Clerk... \$75 00; Thomas Hodgins... 75 00; Richard Castell... 50 00; John T. Spies... 50 00; John H. Fagan... 50 00; Thomas McKernan... 50 00; Edwin Madan... 50 00; John N. Outwater, Accountant... 100 00; J. B. Franier, Doorkeeper... 50 00; Henry Peters... 50 00; James Pryor... 50 00; Louis C. Parker, Messenger... 50 00; Julius Bohe... 50 00; Alphonse Singer, Sergeant-at-Arms... 50 00.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Cole, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Cole and Gross—2.

Negative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Gilon, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—16.

The Chairman pro tem. then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, and Strack—13.

Negative—Aldermen Cole, Howland, Morris, Southworth, and Vance—5.

Alderman Cole called up G. O. 565, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the following named persons, for the sums respectively set opposite their names, for services rendered by them to the Board of County Canvassers, and charge the amount to the appropriation for "Election Expenses":

Table listing names and amounts: Anthony T. Gallagher, Assistant Clerk... \$200 00; James M. Miller... 200 00; John E. Wade... 150 00; Thomas F. Penny... 150 00; John Murphy, Messenger... 50 00; Michael Conway... 50 00.

Alderman Cole offered the following as an amendment:

Table listing names and amounts for amendment: Anthony T. Gallagher, Assistant Clerk... \$100 00; James M. Miller... 100 00; John E. Wade... 75 00; Thomas F. Penny... 75 00; John Murphy, Messenger... 50 00; Michael Conway... 50 00.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Cole, Gross, Howland, and Simonson—4.

Negative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Gilon, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—14.

The Chairman pro tem. then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, and Strack—13.

Negative—Aldermen Cole, Howland, Morris, Southworth, and Vance—5.

Alderman Cole called up G. O. 485, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Third to Sixth avenue, be flagged 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.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—17.

Alderman McCarthy called up G. O. 570, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That both sides of Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Second to One Hundred and Tenth street, except on the west side, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, be regulated and graded, curb and gutter stones set, and sidewalks flagged a space 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.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman McCarthy called up G. O. 571, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid across Madison avenue, at each of the intersections of Eighty-sixth, Eighty-seventh, Eighty-eighth, and Eighty-ninth streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman Robinson called up G. O. 541, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert, be built on the southeast corner of Grand and Essex streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman Robinson called up G. O. 550, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Boulevard lamps be placed on the lamp-posts now in front of the church corner of Morton and Bedford streets; also, in front of the church and chapel corner of West Washington place and Sixth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman Southworth called up G. O. 369, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Fifth street, from Lewis street to the East river, be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman Southworth called up G. O. 563, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Harlem river to Hudson river, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged a space of four feet wide, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman Guntzer called up G. O. 572, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid at the intersection of Lexington avenue and Seventy-eighth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman Guntzer called up G. O. 574, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-second street, from Tenth to Eleventh 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.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The Chairman pro tem., Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Simonson, Southworth, Strack, and Vance—18.

Alderman Blessing called up G. O. 564, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Eleventh avenue, from Seventy-ninth to One Hundred and Sixth street, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and sidewalks flagged a space of four feet wide, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman Blessing moved that the resolution be placed on file.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Reilly called up G. O. 578, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Twelfth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirtieth to One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman Reilly moved to amend, by striking from the resolution and ordinance, wherever they occur, the words "One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-third street."

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative, and the resolution and ordinance again laid over.

Alderman Seery called up G. O. 575, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of Thirty-seventh street, commencing at the corner of Lexington avenue and extending easterly two hundred feet, be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman Seery moved that that the resolution be placed on file.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS.

Alderman Guntzer moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The Chairman pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the Chairman pro tem. announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 10th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, TUESDAY, November 30, 1875—11 o'clock A. M.

The Board met, pursuant to an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz.:

William H. Wickham, the Mayor of the City of New York; Andrew H. Green, the Comptroller of the City of New York; Samuel A. Lewis, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held November 23, 1875, were read and approved.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments presented a communication from the "Institution of Mercy," East Houston street, asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund. Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Contingencies—Comptroller's Office," 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation for "Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs," 1875, the same being insufficient.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Election Expenses" for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books" for 1875, the same being insufficient.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Chairman moved that the Board adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, which, on being agreed to, he stated that he had received a communication from the Common Council, and moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon he presented the following:

OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, No. 8 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, November 26, 1875.

To the Hon. the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—As provided in section 112 of the act, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the "objections to and rectifications of the Provisional Estimate" for the year 1876, made by the Board of Aldermen, at a meeting held to consider the same, on Tuesday the 23d instant, are hereby respectfully transmitted to your Honorable Board. They are as follows:

The item of Salaries—Clerks and Officers, Board of Aldermen, increased from \$15,000 00 to \$20,000 00
The item of Contingencies—Mayor's Office, reduced from 5,000 00 " 2,500 00
Salaries—Department of Finance, reduced from 200,000 00 " 151,320 00

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Comptroller's Office (Total \$57,900) and Auditing Bureau (Total \$23,500).

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Bureau of Arrars (Total \$20,500).

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Bureau of Collection of Taxes (Total \$27,020 00).

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Bureau of City Revenue (Total \$6,900 00).

OFFICE CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL, No. 8 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, January 9, 1875.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE CONTROLLER, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Corporation Counsel, and the President of each Department of the City Government, pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, that the Board of Aldermen have designated Thursday of each week, at 2 o'clock P. M., as the time for holding the regular meetings of the Board.

The Board meets in Room No. 15, City Hall. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

OFFICE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, No. 8 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, January 20, 1875.

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE ON STREET Pavements of the Board of Aldermen will meet hereafter every Wednesday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall, for the consideration of such subjects as may have been referred to the Committee.

PETER SEERY, WM. H. MCCARTHY, CHESTER H. SOUTHWORTH, Committee on Street Pavements. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, February 27, 1875.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WILL MEET hereafter every Wednesday, at 3 o'clock P. M., at No. 9 City Hall, for the transaction of such public business as may be referred to the Committee.

MAGNUS GROSS, W. L. COLE, PATRICK LYSAGHT, S. B. H. VANCE, JOHN J. MORRIS, Committee on Finance. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

OFFICE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, No. 8 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, April 6, 1875.

THE COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every Tuesday, at 2 P. M., in room No. 9, City Hall, for the consideration of such subjects as may have been referred for its action.

ANDREW BLESSING, J. WILLIAM GUNTZER, HENRY E. HOWLAND, Committee on Railroads. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NEW YORK, January 30, 1875.

THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday, at 2 o'clock P. M., at No. 9 City Hall, for the transaction of such business as may be referred to the Committee.

I. W. GUNTZER, PATRICK LYSAGHT, S. N. SIMONSON, Committee on Streets. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC Works of the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday, at 3 P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall, for the consideration of such subjects as may have been referred for its action.

JOHN REILLY, EDWARD J. SHANDLEY, JOHN J. MORRIS, Committee on Public Works. FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING Assessment Lists have been received by the Board of Assessors, from the Commissioner of Public Works, for—

- No. 1. Building receiving-basin on the southwest corner of Ninety-third street and Lexington avenue. No. 2. Building receiving-basin on the northwest corner of Ninety-first street and Lexington avenue. No. 3. Building receiving-basin on the northwest corner of Fulton and Sixth streets. No. 4. Building outlet sewer in One Hundred and Sixth street, between Hudson river and Fifth avenue, with branches in First, Second, Third, and Fourth avenues, and in One Hundred and Third street. No. 5. Building outlet sewer in One Hundred and Eighth street, from Hudson river to Boulevard, to One Hundred and Tenth street to Tenth avenue, with branches in Boulevard, One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Seventh streets. No. 6. Building basin on the northwest corner of Sixty-first street and Eighth avenue. No. 7. Curb, gutter, and flagging Fifty-seventh street, between Second and Third avenues. No. 8. Flagging east side of Fourth avenue, from Forty-second to Forty-fourth street. No. 9. Flagging Sixty-third street, from First to Second avenue. No. 10. Belgian pavement in Second avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth to One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street. No. 11. Belgian pavement in Sixty-first street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue. No. 12. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Thirty-first street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue. No. 13. Flagging west side of Mangin street, between Rivington and Stanton streets. No. 14. Setting curb and gutter stones on west side of Mangin street, between Rivington and Stanton streets. No. 15. Basin on southeast corner of Sixty-first street and Avenue A. No. 16. Regulating and grading Seventy-sixth street, from Fifth avenue to East river. No. 17. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Twenty-second street, from Avenue A to Second avenue. No. 18. Belgian pavement in Sixty-second street, from First avenue to Avenue A. No. 19. Sewer in One Hundred and Twenty-third street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, connecting with end of present sewers. No. 20. Sewer in One Hundred and Twenty-third street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. No. 21. Underground drains, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Eighty-third streets, and between Kingsbridge road and Harlem river. No. 22. Belgian pavement in Fifth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirtieth street to Harlem river. No. 23. Regulating and grading Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Sixteenth to One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, that lies on each side of the improvement now making for railroad purposes. No. 24. Basin in the southeast corner of Ganesvoort street and Thirtieth avenue. No. 25. Basin in the northeast corner of Ganesvoort street and Thirtieth avenue. No. 26. Basin in the northwest corner of West and Bogart streets. No. 27. Basin in the southwest corner of West and Bogart streets.

- No. 28. Outlet-sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Boulevard and Hudson river. No. 29. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Fourth to Sixth avenue. No. 30. Regulating, grading, and setting curb and gutter, and flagging Thirty-sixth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues. No. 31. Basins on the northwest corners of Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets and Avenue A. No. 32. Basin on the northeast corner of Clarkson and Washington streets. No. 33. Basin on the northeast corner of Watts and Washington streets. No. 34. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging in Thirtieth avenue, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets. No. 35. Flagging northeast corner of Eighty-fifth street and Fifth avenue. No. 36. Belgian pavement in Fifty-seventh street, from Eleventh avenue to Hudson river.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, No. 19 CHATHAM STREET, NEW YORK, Nov. 22, 1875. JOHN R. MUMFORD, Secretary.

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: For—

- No. 1. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter, and flagging New avenue, East, and New avenue, West, from One Hundred and Twentieth to One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street. No. 2. Regulating and grading Eighty-fifth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue. No. 3. Regulating and grading Ninth avenue, from Eighty-third to Ninety-second street, to conform with the new grade established under authority of chapter 226, Laws of 1871. No. 4. Building sewers in Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and in Ninth avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, with branches in Telford-macadam roadway pavement, and setting and resetting curb on Seventy-second street, from the east side of Eighth avenue to the North river. No. 5. Belgian pavement in the centre portion of Second avenue, between Forty-second and Sixty-first streets, between the railroad tracks. No. 7. Belgian pavement in Fifty-fifth street, from Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river. No. 8. Belgian pavement in Sixty-sixth street, from Avenue A to the Third avenue. No. 9. Belgian pavement in Seventy-first street, between Second and Third avenues. No. 10. Belgian pavement in Ninety-third street, from Second to Fourth avenue. No. 11. Setting curb and gutter and flagging north side Fifty-sixth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue. No. 12. Flagging both sides Seventh street, from Lewis street to East river. No. 13. Flagging north side of Fifty-sixth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. No. 14. Fencing vacant lots on the block bounded by One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, between First and Second avenues. No. 15. Fencing vacant lots on northeast corner of Fifty-fifth street and Broadway, 75 feet on Broadway, and 121 feet 3 inches on Fifty-fifth street. No. 16. Fencing vacant lots on north side of Sixty-ninth street, between Third and Lexington avenues; and on east side of Lexington avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets. No. 17. Building sewers in Ninth avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Seventy-fifth streets, with branches. No. 18. Belgian pavement in Thirty-sixth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues. No. 19. Regulating and grading Ninth avenue, from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Tenth street. No. 20. Flagging west side of Third avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets. 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 New avenue, east, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets; also both sides of New avenue, west, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets. No. 2. Both sides of Eighty-fifth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. No. 3. Both sides of Ninth avenue, from Eighty-third to Ninety-second street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets. No. 4. The property bounded by Eighty-third and Eighty-fifth streets, and Ninth and Tenth avenues; also property bounded by Eighty-second and Eighty-fifth streets, and Eighth and Ninth avenues. No. 5. Both sides of Seventy-second street, from east side of Eighth avenue to the North river, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets. No. 6. Both sides of Second avenue, between Forty-second and Sixty-first streets, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets. No. 7. Both sides of Fifty-fifth street, from Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river, and on west side of Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-sixth streets. No. 8. Both sides of Sixty-sixth street, from Avenue A to Third avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues. No. 9. Both sides of Seventy-first street, between Second and Third avenues, and to the extent of half the block at the intersection of Second and Third avenues. No. 10. Both sides of Ninety-third street, between Second and Fourth avenues, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues. No. 11. North side of Fifty-sixth street, from Sixth to the Seventh avenue. No. 12. Both sides of Seventh street, from Lewis street to the East river. No. 13. North side of Fifty-sixth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. No. 14. North side of One Hundred and Fourteenth street and south side of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, between First and Second avenues. No. 15. Northeast corner of Fifty-fifth street and Broadway, 75 feet on Broadway and 121 feet 3 inches on Fifty-fifth street. No. 16. North side Sixty-ninth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, and on east side of Lexington avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets. No. 17. East side of Ninth avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Seventy-fifth streets, and west side of Ninth avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Seventy-fifth streets, and the blocks bounded by Sixty-fifth and Seventy-fifth streets and Eighth and Ninth avenues. No. 18. Both sides of Thirty-sixth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, and to the extent of half the block at the intersection of Tenth and Eleventh avenues. No. 19. Both sides of Ninth avenue, from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Tenth street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets. No. 20. West side of Third avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets. All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, JOHN MULLALLY, EDWARD NORTH, WILLIAM L. WILEY, Board of Assessors. OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, No. 19 CHATHAM STREET, NEW YORK, November 22, 1875.

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: For—

- No. 1. Regulating and grading and superstructure of Avenue St. Nicholas, from the intersection of One Hundred and Tenth street, Sixth avenue, and Avenue St. Nicholas, to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. No. 2. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging One Hundredth street, from Eighth avenue to Broadway. No. 3. Regulating and grading Seventy-sixth street, from Fifth avenue to East 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 St. Nicholas avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting street. No. 2. Both sides of One Hundredth street, from Eighth avenue to Broadway and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues. No. 3. Both sides of Seventy-sixth street, from Fifth avenue to East river, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

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 the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, JOHN MULLALLY, EDWARD NORTH, WILLIAM L. WILEY, Board of Assessors. OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, No. 19 CHATHAM STREET, NEW YORK, November 27, 1875.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE PROPERTY-OWNERS IN EIGHTY-FOURTH street having claims for damages by the change of grade, in the regulating and grading said street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, are requested to present the same, at the office of the Board of Assessors, No. 19 Chatham street, within ten days from the date hereof.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, JOHN MULLALLY, EDWARD NORTH, WILLIAM L. WILEY, Board of Assessors.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, December 2, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "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 Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

- At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, November 29, 1875—from off Port Morris, unknown woman; age about 65 years; 5 feet 3 inches high; grey hair and blue eyes. Had on brown calico dress, dark grey flannel skirt, brown and white striped skirt, two grey and white striped aprons, unbleached muslin chemise, grey jacket, brown and white mixed stockings, heavy laced shoes, red scarf. No effects found on her person. At N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, November 30, 1875—Michael Barnhardt; age 54 years; grey hair and eyes. This patient was transferred from Workhouse, November 16, 1875, and had on dark cloth coat, pants and vest, straw hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person. At Charity Hospital, November 30, 1875—Thomas Murphy; age 45 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; dark hair, black eyes, greyish goatee. Had on when admitted, black coat, grey pants, white shirt, knit undershirt, army shoes, grey woolen socks. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, November 30, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "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 Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

- At Workhouse Hospital, November 28, 1875—Mary Powell, age 36 years. Committed November 23, 1875. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, December 1, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "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 Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

- At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island, November 29, 1875—Bridget Donnelly, age 60 years. Committed August 25, 1875. Nothing known of her friends or relatives, except a daughter, to whom the usual death notice has been sent. No effects found on her person. At Riverside Hospital, Blackwell's Island, November 30, 1875—David Briggs, transferred from School-ship Mercury, has no friends or relatives.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, November 22, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "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 Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

- At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, November 20, 1875—James Cavanagh; age 36 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; black hair; hazel eyes; sandy goatee and moustache. Had on when admitted, black sack coat, dark pants and vest, white cotton shirt, black felt hat, calf shoes, woolen socks. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person. November 21, 1875—Frances Bode; age 63 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; hazel eyes; gray hair. Had on when admitted, black sacque, gray skirt, white chemise, white stockings, gaiter shoes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, November 27, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "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 Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

- At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, November 25, 1875—Louis Kerston, age 40 years, 5 feet 8 inches high, hazel eyes, dark hair. Had on when admitted, black frock coat, gray pants, gaiter shoes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person. Jacob Delaker, age 63 years, 5 feet 7 inches high, blue eyes, gray hair. Had on when admitted, gray coat and vest, black pants, two undershirts, black felt hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, November 24, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "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 Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

- At Alms House, Blackwell's Island, November 17, 1875—Eliza Conkling; age 55 years. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person. At Charity Hospital, November 22, 1875—William Dalton; age 30 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; hazel eyes; dark hair. Had on when admitted, grey coat, corporation pantaloons, white shirt, heavy shoes, black felt hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

- At N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, November 20, 1875—R. S. Richards; admitted November 15, 1875; age 35 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; brown eyes and hair. This patient was transferred from Workhouse and had on corporation clothing. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, November 29, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "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 Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

- At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, November 24, 1875—Patrick McEvoy, age 32 years, 5 feet 10 inches high, dark hair, hazel eyes, sandy moustache. Had on when admitted, black frock coat, striped pants, gray cardigan jacket, two white knit undershirts, army shoes, black hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person. At Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island, November 27, 1875—Peter Hausen, an inmate of Insane Ward, age 26 years, brown hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 6 inches high. Had on when admitted, brown pants with white stripe, blue soldier's blouse, low cut shoes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, November 24, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, STRAW, SHIRTS.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, until 10 o'clock A. M., of the 8th day of December, 1875, at which time they will be publicly opened, for furnishing and delivering as required, at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, free of all expense to the Department—

- 15,000 pounds Brown Sugar. 200 bushels Rye. 25 barrels Oatmeal. 25 barrels Hominy. 150 bales Long Rye Straw. 400 Men's Knit Undershirts.

Samples of the above can be seen at this office. The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

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 in the estimated amount of fifty per cent. 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 surety required. The sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

ISAAC H. BAILEY, THOMAS S. BRENNAN, TOWNSEND COX, Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, June 12, 1875.

SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC CHARITIES and Correction purpose opening a School for Nurses, at Charity Hospital, on the first day of August next. It is their design to offer to worthy young women, between the ages of twenty and thirty-five, the opportunity to acquire proficiency in a pursuit, which is at once honorable, useful, and remunerative, by educating them in the profession of Nursing. Every effort will be made to elevate the occupation, by a course of careful instruction from competent teachers, and by considerate and generous treatment of the pupils. The course of training will occupy two years, and will embrace lectures upon nursing, food, ventilation, midwifery, and all subjects connected with nursing. The lectures will be given by Physicians connected with the Hospital, and will include a course of twelve lectures upon each subject every six months, and frequent instruction at the bedside.

At the expiration of two years the Nurses will be examined by a Committee of Physicians, and those who are competent and qualified will receive a diploma, signed by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction and the Examining Committee.

Applications, stating name in full, age, and names of Clergyman and Family Physician should be addressed to JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE School Trustees of the Ninth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and E m streets, until Wednesday, December 15, 1875, and until 3 o'clock A. M. on said day for Carpente's work and materials to be furnished for the Male and Female Grammar Department, of Grammar School No. 3, corner of Hudson and Grove streets.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the same time and place for the Desks and Seats for four class-rooms for the school above named.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 140 Grand street, third floor.

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

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

CHARLES S. WRIGHT, DAVID H. EARLE, E. DENNISON, M. D., HENRY DAYTON, WILLIAM H. ELY, Commissioners.

Board of School Trustees, Ninth Ward, Dated New York, December 1, 1875.

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 a new street (known as One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, though not yet named by proper authority), distant 2,644 32-100 feet north from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, at Tenth avenue, and running from the road or Public Drive, east of Tenth avenue, to the Boulevard, near the Hudson river. Also a new street, sixty feet wide and curved, starting at a point on the southern line of the above-mentioned street, distant 1,844 23-100 feet westerly from the easterly line of Tenth avenue, and running thence southerly and westerly across the Boulevard, to a line one hundred (100) feet easterly from and parallel to the bulkhead line, as established by the Commissioners of the Central Park, under chapter 197 of the Laws of 1867. Also that portion of Tenth avenue, lying between a line running parallel with the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and distant 10,233 6-12 feet northerly therefrom, and a line also running parallel with the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, distant 10,353 6-12 feet northerly therefrom, as established by 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:

I.—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 the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 1st day of January, 1876; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 1st day of January, and for that purpose, will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 3 o'clock P. M.

II.—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 twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1876.

III.—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, bounded by, included, and contained within the following limits, that is to say: Beginning at the point of intersection of the centre line of Eleventh avenue with the centre line of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, and running thence westerly on a line at right angle to Eleventh avenue, to the bulkhead line on the Hudson river; thence southerly along said bulkhead line to a point intersecting the southern line of Farm No. 6; thence southerly along the Hudson river to the centre line of the Boulevard; thence easterly along the centre line of the Boulevard to a point distant three hundred and ten feet and six inches; thence southerly to a point distant ninety-three feet east of the easterly line of the Boulevard aforesaid; thence northerly three hundred and twenty-six feet; thence southerly to a point at Tenth avenue intersecting the centre line of One Hundred and Sixty-second street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Sixty-second street, to a point distant two hundred feet east of the easterly line of the Boulevard, near the Harlem river; thence northerly parallel to the said Boulevard to a point distant seven hundred and eighty-six feet and seven inches north of and at right angle to One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street; thence westerly on a line at right angle to Eleventh avenue to the point or place of beginning. All of those lots, pieces or parcels of land bounded and contained as follows: Beginning at a point distant five hundred and fifty-two feet and eight inches north of the extreme northerly line of Fort George avenue, and running thence southerly on a straight line to a point on the easterly line of Eleventh avenue, distant one hundred and forty-seven feet and eight inches northward from the northwesterly line of Fort George avenue; thence southerly along the easterly line of Eleventh avenue to a point distant three hundred and twenty-five feet seven and one-half inches south of the southerly line of Fort George avenue; thence easterly at right angle to Eleventh avenue three hundred and fifty-nine feet nine inches; thence northerly on a line nearly parallel to Eleventh avenue three hundred and five feet seven and one-half inches; thence easterly at right angle to Eleventh avenue, to a point distant one hundred and fifteen feet and six inches east of the easterly line of Tenth avenue, and thence northerly to the point or place of beginning, said premises appearing upon the maps or diagrams above mentioned.

IV.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 17th day of February, 1876, 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, November 29, 1875. SMITH E. LANE, DOUGLAS A. LEVINE, WM. R. FARRELL, Commissioners.

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 Brook avenue, from the water to the Harlem Railroad, at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, in the City of New York.

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

I.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, 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 the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 21st day of December, 1875; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, within the ten week-days next after the said 21st day of December, and for that purpose, will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 3 o'clock P. M.

II.—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 4th day of January, 1876.

III.—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, bounded by, included, and contained within the following limits, that is to say: Beginning at the point of

Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 25th day of November, 1875; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 25th day of November, and for that purpose, will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at three o'clock P. 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 8th day of December, A. D. 1875.

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, bounded by, included and contained within the following limits, that is to say: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly line of Brook avenue with the easterly line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, and running thence westerly at right angle to Brook avenue four hundred feet; thence southerly on a line parallel to and distant four hundred feet west of the westerly line of Brook avenue to the Harlem river; thence easterly along the Harlem river to a point distant four hundred feet east of the easterly line of Brook avenue; thence northerly on a line parallel to and distant four hundred feet east of the easterly line of Brook avenue, to the northerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street; thence westerly along said northerly line to the easterly line of the Harlem Railroad; thence southerly along the last mentioned line 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 3d day of January, 1876, 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.

WM. C. TRAPHAGEN, FREDERICK SMYTH, CLINTON G. COLGATE, Commissioners.

Dated New York, October 19, 1875.

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 Fort Washington Ridge road, between the Boulevard on the west, and Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road on the east, and running from Eleventh avenue to 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 Parks, 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 the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 29th day of October, 1875; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 29th day of October, and for that purpose, will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at one o'clock P. 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 11th day of November, 1875.

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, bounded by, included and contained within the following limits, that is to say:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the centre line of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street with the centre line of the road or Public Drive, running thence northerly along the centre line of the road or Public Drive to a point at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, distant four hundred and ninety-five feet westerly from the westerly line of Fort Washington Ridge road; thence northerly in a straight line, to a point, at One Hundred and Eighty-first street, distant nine hundred and forty-two feet west of the westerly line of Fort Washington Ridge road; thence still northerly in a straight line to a point, distant two hundred and sixty-one feet west of the westerly line of Fort Washington Ridge road, and at right angle to the Kingsbridge road near Ellwood street; thence westerly to the centre line of the road or Public Drive; thence northerly along the centre line of the road or Public Drive to the centre line of D street; thence northerly along the centre line of D street to the centre line of Inwood street; thence southerly along the centre line of Inwood street to the centre line of Dyckman street; thence southerly along the centre line of Dyckman street to the centre line of Eleventh avenue; thence westerly along the centre line of Eleventh avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street; thence westerly along the centre line of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to the point or place of beginning—said premises appearing upon the maps or diagrams above mentioned.

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 6th day of December, 1875, 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, September 22, 1875. WILLIAM KENNELLY, JAMES M. OAKLEY, JOHN T. MCGOWAN, Commissioners.

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 a diagonal street or avenue intermediate the Tenth avenue and the Boulevard, from One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street to One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, in the City of New York.

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

I.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, 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 the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 21st day of December, 1875; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting, within the ten week-days next after the said 21st day of December, and for that purpose, will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 3 o'clock P. M.

II.—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 4th day of January, 1876.

III.—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, bounded by, included, and contained within the following limits, that is to say: Beginning at the point of

intersection of the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street with the centre line of Twelfth avenue; and running thence northerly along the centre line of Twelfth avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Fiftieth street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Fiftieth street to the centre line of the Boulevard; thence southerly along the centre line of the Boulevard to the centre line of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street; thence easterly along the centre line of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street to a point distant one hundred feet west of the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence northerly on a line parallel to, distant one hundred feet west of the westerly line of Tenth avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street; thence easterly along the centre line of "New Avenue" (next east of Tenth avenue); thence southerly along the centre line of said New Avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street; thence westerly along the centre line of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to the centre line of Tenth avenue; thence southerly along the centre line of Tenth avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street; thence westerly along the centre line of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, to a point distant one hundred feet east of the easterly line of the Boulevard; thence southerly on a line parallel to, distant one hundred feet east of the easterly line of the Boulevard to the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence westerly along the centre line of One Hundred and Thirtieth street to the place of beginning.

IV.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 25th day of January, 1876, 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, November 9, 1875. WILLIAM HAW, JR., JOHN D. NEWMAN, WASHINGTON Q. MORTON, Commissioners.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, COURT HOUSE, PARK, 32 CHAMBERS ST., December 1, 1875.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OMITTED TO PAY their taxes for the year 1875 are hereby notified, as required by law, to pay the same to the Receiver of Taxes, at his office, on or before the first day of January, 1876.

One per cent. will be collected on all taxes not paid before the fifteenth day of December, instant; and two per cent. on all taxes paid on or after that date, and interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, computed from the 15th of September last (the day on which the assessment rolls and warrants were delivered to the Receiver), on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after the said first day of January, 1876.

No money will be received after 2 o'clock P. M. Office hours from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M.

MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, November 30, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 22, 1875. Sewer in Manhattan street, between Twelfth and St. Nicholas avenues.

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875. Underground drains, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, and between Fifth and Eighth avenues.

CONFIRMED NOVEMBER 13, 1875. Grading One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, or Villa place, from Third avenue to Cottage street.

Grading One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Morris to Railroad avenues, City of New York.

Regulating and grading One Hundred and Fifteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.

Sewer on east side of Hudson street, between Spring and Vandam streets.

Sewer in Mangin street, between Delancey and Livingston streets.

Sewer in Twenty-fourth street, between Second and Third avenues.

Sewer in Fifty-third street, between First avenue and East river.

Sewer in Sixty-sixth street, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue.

Sewers in One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Sewer in Fourth avenue, between Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets, with branch in Ninety-first street.

Sewer in Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, and in Sixtieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

Receiving-basin on the north side of Twentieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 29, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the several dates of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, November 15, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 24, 1875. Paving Seventh avenue with Telford Macadam Pavement from One Hundred and Tenth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, also for setting the curb stone, and flagging a space, four feet wide, through the sidewalks thereof.

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Edgar street, from Church street to Green street.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 14, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, October 7, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following Assessment Lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 22, 1875. Flagging sidewalks on south side of Thirty-fourth street, between First avenue and East river.

Regulating, grading, curb, gutter, and flagging Fifty-fifth street, between Eleventh avenue and the North river.

Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Sixty-seventh street, from Tenth to Fifth avenue.

Regulating and grading One Hundred and Sixteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before December 6, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, October 20, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following Assessment List was received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 24, 1875. Regulating and grading Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before December 20, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, October 5, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following Assessment Lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 22, 1875. Paving Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-ninth street, with Belgain pavement.

Sewer on the east side of Hudson street, between Charlton and King streets.

Sewer on the west side of Hudson street, between Charlton and King streets.

Sewer on the west side of Hudson street, between Spring and Vandam streets.

Sewer in Greenwich street, between King and West Houston streets.

Sewer in Greenwich street, between Charlton and King streets.

Sewer in Greenwich street, between Clarkson and Leroy streets.

Sewer in Washington street, between West Tenth and Charlton streets.

Sewer in Sheriff street, between Grand and Broome streets.

Sewers in Ninety-fifth and Ninety-eighth streets, between First and Third avenues; and in First avenue, between Ninety-fifth and One Hundredth streets, with branches.

Receiving-basins in Cherry street, between New Chambers and Reoevelt streets.

Receiving-basin on the northwest corner of Stuyvesant street and Second avenue.

Receiving-basin on the west side of Tenth avenue, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets.

Receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Eleventh street and Avenue St. Nicholas.

Receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Twelfth street and Avenue St. Nicholas.

Receiving-basin on the southeast corner of One Hundred and Seventeenth street and Sixth avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before December 4, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, November 8, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875. Outlet sewer, in form of present sewer in Manhattan street, to and through One Hundred and Thirtieth street, to Hudson river; and sewers in the New avenue (between Eighth and Ninth avenues), from One Hundred and Fifth street to Manhattan street, and in One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, between Seventh avenue and Manhattan street, with branches.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before January 7, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation. The Collector's office is open from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, November 13, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 24, 1875. Paving Seventh avenue with Telford Macadam Pavement from One Hundred and Tenth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, also for setting the curb stone, and flagging a space, four feet wide, through the sidewalks thereof.

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2, 1875. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Edgar street, from Church street to Green street.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 14, 1876, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M., for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, November 15, 1875.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 13, 1875.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, of the Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following articles now in his custody without claimants: Two coats and caps, three horse blankets, eight revolvers, box raisins, six pieces muslin, seal sacque, let harness, two pieces dress goods, male and female clothing, gold chain, and small lot of money found in street.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.