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# BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1877.

The Board of Education held a stated session, at the Hall of the Board, corner of Grand and Elm streets, on Wednesday afternoon, March 21, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—William Wood, Esq., President, and Commissioners Baker, Beardslee, Cohen, Dowd, Goulding, Halsted, Hazeltine, Place, Schell, Traud, Vanderpoel, Vermilye, Walker, Watson, West, Wetmore, and Wheeler—18.

Absent—Commissioners Kane, Kelly, and Wilkins—3.

The minutes were amended and approved.

The President laid before the Board communications from the Trustees of the several Wards, as follows:

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From the Fourth, Thirteenth, and Seventeenth Wards, relative to absence of teachers. Referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power.

From the Third Ward, relative to repairs to school premises. Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Warming and Ventilation.

From the Sixth Ward, relative to the pay of a teacher in Female Evening School No. 24. Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

From the Ninth Ward—On the award of contracts for repairs to Primary School No. 18, and asking for an appropriation of \$4,421 for said purpose. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also, for a special appropriation of \$197; to pay for repairing and painting roofs. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Tenth Ward, asking permission to advertise for proposals for sliding doors in Grammar Schools Nos. 20 and 42, and Primary School No. 1. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From the Thirteenth Ward—To excuse absence of a teacher in Evening School. Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

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From the Sixteenth Ward, asking for a special appropriation of \$140, to pay bills for furniture repairs. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Nineteenth Ward, asking for blinds for rear windows of Grammar School No. 59. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

Also, relative to the proposed non-payment of clerks of local Boards.

Also, for authority to build on the lots corner of Sixty-eighth street and Lexington avenue. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From the Twenty-second Ward, for authority to rehire premises for Primary School No. 41. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

Also, for authority to purchase a lot in West Fortieth street, adjoining Grammar School No. 28. Referred to the Committee on Sites and New Schools.

From the Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward, asking that several teachers be paid for services. Referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power.

Also, for additional seats in Grammar School No. 60. Referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

Furniture.

From the Twenty-fourth Ward—To rehire premises occupied by Primary School No. 48.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

Also, to pay bill of H. & C. Clark, \$125.15, for repairs to stairway of Grammar School No. 64.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also, to pay bill of P. McDermott, \$94.50, for removing heating apparatus from Grammar School No. 63. Referred to the Finance Committee.

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No. 63. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The President laid before the Board the report of the City Superintendent for February. Ordered

Also, relative to a violation of the By-law on corporal punishment by a teacher. Referred to the

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The President laid before the Board the following communications:
From Theodore F. Sanxay, relative to school property in East Thirty-seventh street, Grammar School No. 49. Referred to the Committee on By-Laws, Elections, and Qualifications.
From citizens of the Tenth Ward, relative to disorderly houses in the vicinity of schools. Referred to the Committee on By-Laws, etc.
From Ivison, Blakman, Taylor & Co., relative to reduction of price for certain supplies. Referred to the Committee on Supplies.
From P. G. Thurston, Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Historical Society, acknowledging documents of the Board. Ordered to be placed on file.
Reports from Standing Committees were presented, as follows:
Commissioner Halsted presented a report from the Committee on Teachers, relative to a violation of the By-law on corporal punishment by a teacher. Adopted.
Also, adverse to the appeal of a teacher from the action of the Trustees. Adopted.
Commissioner Vanderpoel presented reports from the Committee on Sites and New Schools, as follows:

To purchase the lot adjoining Grammar School No. 28, West Fortieth street. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also, adverse to purchase of property corner of Houston and Norfolk streets. Adopted.

Also, adverse to purchase of certain premises in Pitt street. Adopted.

Commissioner Vanderpoel presented reports from the Committee on Buildings, as follows:

Adverse to leasing Brevoort Hall, East Fifty-fourth street, for school purposes. Adopted.

Relative to releasing Nos. 194 and 196 Seventh street. Adopted.

To release No. 32 City Hall place for school purposes. Adopted.

Commissioner Goulding presented a report from the Committee on School Furniture to purchase a piano for the female departments of Grammar Schools Nos. 1, 7, and 37. Adopted.

Also, to appropriate \$475, for new desks, etc., to certain schools in the Nineteenth Ward.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Referred to the Finance Committee. Also, to appropriate \$150 for furniture in Female Department, Grammar School No. 23.

Adopted.

Commissioner Beardslee presented a report from the Committee on Supplies, relative to a

re-award of contracts for certain supplies, at reduced prices, etc. Adopted.

Commissioner Baker presented a report from the Auditing Committee, recommending the payment of bills for printing. Adopted.

Commissioner Dowd presented reports from the Finance Committee, as follows:

To appropriate \$8,500 to purchase the lot adjoining Grammar School No. 28, in West Fortieth street. Adopted.

To appropriate certain moneys for the payment of salaries, etc., for the month of March, amounting to \$229,000. Adopted.

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To appropriate \$262.40 for payment of bills in Grammar School No. 36. Adopted.

To apportion certain moneys for the ward and corporate schools. Adopted.

Commissioner Vanderpoel presented a report from the Committee on Buildings, to authorize

Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward to advertise for proposals to alter Grammar School No. 28, t Fortieth street. Adopted, Commissioner Hazeltine presented the report of the Committee on Evening Schools, to pay certain West Fortieth street.

teachers for services. Adopted.

Commissioner Vanderpoel offered a resolution relative to agents, dealers in fruit, etc., on school premises. Referred to the Committee on By-Laws, etc.

Commissioner Walker presented a resolution relative to a contingent reduction of three and a half per cent. from salaries for March. Referred to the Committee on By-Laws, etc.

Commissioner West presented a report from the Committee on By-Laws, Elections, and Qualifications, recommending that three and a half per cent. be deducted from the Salaries for March, subject to being restored in December if the funds of the Board allow. Adopted.

Commissioner Walker presented a resolution instructing the Committee on By-Laws, etc., to report on the question of corporal punishment and any required modification of the By-Law forbidding it, etc. Referred to Committee on By-Laws, etc.

On motion the Board adjourned.

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L. D. KIERNAN, Clerk.

#### APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That Edward B. O'Donnell be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Edward B. O'Donnell, whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 15, 1877. Approved by the Mayor, March 23, 1877.

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

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 15, 1877. Approved by the Mayor, March 23, 1877.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Twenty-third street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 15, 1877. Approved by the Mayor, March 24, 1877.

# COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Abstract of the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at the meeting held March 23, 1877.

Present—Hon. Smith Ely, Jr., Mayor (Chairman); Hon. John K. Hackett, Recorder; Hon. John Kelly, Comptroller; J. Nelson Tappan, Esq., Chamberlain; and Patrick Keenan, Esq., Chairman Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, as requested by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted March 16, 1877, in relation to the ferries belonging to the City of New York, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK-DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 23, 1877.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

In answer to the annexed resolution:

In answer to the annexed resolution:

"Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to ascertain and report to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund all the material facts relative to the ferries belonging to the City of New York, stating in detail what existing leases or franchises of terries have been granted, by whom and to whom, and under what terms, as to dates and periods, terms, and conditions of the leases or franchises, what amount or amounts have been paid to the city by each ferry, and what amount remains due by each, and the reason why the rents have not been paid regularly and in full, if any so remain, and what legal proceedings have been taken, if any, for the collection of unpaid rents, and the enforcement of the terms of the leases, particularly with reference to the lease or leases of the Union Ferry Company, as to the proceedings now pending to set aside any lease or leases made to said company by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the year 1870; and whether in the opinion of the Comptroller any further legislation is necessary to enable the Commissioners of the Department of Docks and of the Sinking Fund to simplify the method of leasing terry franchises, to secure the rights and best interests of the city, and avoid future difficulty with lessees in the premises"—

The Comptroller has the honor to

REPORT:

REPORT:

That the following ferries have been established from the City of New York across the East and North rivers, and to Staten Island:

FERRY FROM THE FOOT OF WHITEHALL STREET TO STATEN ISLAND, leased to the Staten Island Railroad Company for the term of ten years from May 1, 1867, at an annual rent of \$1,000. Rent paid to February 1, 1877.

A FERRY WAS ESTABLISHED TO RUN FROM THE BULKHEAD AT THE FOOT OF WHITEHALL STREET, NEW YORK CITY, TO STATEN ISLAND by resolution, approved by the Mayor, November 3,

Pursuant thereto, such ferry was advertised to be sold on sealed bids, to be opened January 4.

John H. Starin offered to pay fifty per cent. of the gross income.

William H. Pendleton, on behalt of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company, which had leased the pier from the foot of Whitehall street from the Department of Docks at \$10,000 per annum, offered to pay 10 per cent. on the gross income, with satisfactory security; and John J. Stephens, Secretary of the Staten Island Railway Company, offered five per cent. on

John J. Stephens, Secretary of the Staten Island Rahway Company, the gross income.

The franchise was awarded to John H. Starin by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the lease for the ferry was prepared and tendered to him, but he has neglected to take the same or to execute the counterpart to the city.

The New York and Staten Island Ferry Company have applied for a mandamus that the ferry should be given to such company at their bid.

This application was refused on December 4, 1876, and the matter is now on appeal.

An action was brought by the city to restrain the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company from using the property which it had leased from the Department of Docks for ferry purposes, and it was decided that the Department of Docks could not authorize said company to run a ferry from said property. A suit was also brought by the city to set aside the said lease on the ground that it was not made at public letting as required by law. not made at public letting as required by law.

The Company demurred, but such demurrer was overruled both at Special and General Term,

and the case is now on appeal.

The Counsel to the Corporation advises that no action be taken in regard to the leasing of this

ferry until the termination of the suit now pending.

The New York and Staten Island Ferry Company are now running boats on this ferry to Staten

Boats run to Staten Island from Pier No. 8, North river, foot of Rector street, and from Pier No.

North river, foot of Dey street. No ferries, however, have ever been established by the City of New York, to run from these

3. FERRY FROM LIBERTY STREET, NORTH RIVER, TO COMMUNIPAW, IN THE STATE OF NEW TERSEY.

A ferry has been running from this place for 12 years, but has never been established by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and the city receives no income from the same.

4. FERRY FROM CORTLANDT STREET, NORTH RIVER, TO JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.

Leased to the Associate Jersey Company, on sealed bids having been opened April 29, 1876, for the term of five years from May 1, 1876, at 2½ per cent. on the gross receipts, subject to a rent of

\$7,510 to the Department of Docks, for the south one-half of Pier No. 18, North river, foot of Cortlandt street.

The lease has never been executed.

This company refuses to pay except on the gross receipts on the New York side, and declines to execute the lease for that reason

5. Ferry from Barclay Street, North River, to Hoboken, New Jersey.

Leased to the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company on sealed bids having been opened, September 23, 1875, for the term of two years from October 1, 1875, at 21/2 per cent. on the gross

The city does not own any landing at this ferry. The lease has never been executed.

This company refuses to pay except on the gross receipts on the New York side, and declines to execute the lease for that reason.

6. Ferry from foot of Chambers street, North River, to Pavonia avenue, New Jersey.

Leased to the Eric Railway Company on sealed bids having been opened April 29, 1876, for the term of one year from May 1, 1876, at 2½ per cent. on the gross receipts, subject to a rent of \$15,000 per annum to the Department of Docks for Pier No. 30, North river, foot of Chambers street.

The lease has never been executed, and the term will expire May 1, 1877.

Rent paid to February 1, 1877.

7. FERRY FROM DESBROSSES STREET, NORTH RIVER, TO HARSIMUS STREET, JERSEY CITY, NEW

Leased to Associate Jersey Company on sealed bids having been opened October 28, 1875, for the term of one year from November 1, 1875, at 2½ per cent. on the gross income, subject to a rent of \$3,000 per annum to the Department of Docks for pier at the foot of Desbrosses street.

This bid was made under protest claiming that this company owned the pier at that point under

a deed, and that the city had no rights therein. This lease was never executed.

The company refuses to pay, except on the gross receipts on the New York side, and declined to execute the lease on that account.

The term expired November 1, 1876.

8. Ferry from Clarkson street, North River, to Communipaw, New Jersey.

A ferry is being run from this point by the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, but no ferry franchise has ever been established by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York

The New Jersey Central Railroad Company pay \$5,000 per annum rent, for part of Pier No. 48, North river, which is owned by the city.

The Mayor and Common Council, in 1876, directed that measures should be taken to enjoin the operation of this ferry until the requirements of law are complied with and the rights of the city protected, and an action was commenced July 10, 1876, in the United States Circuit Court, for that

9. Ferry from foot of Christopher Street, North River, to Hoboken, New Jersey.

Leased to the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company on sealed bids, having been opened April 30, 1874, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1874, at 2½ per cent. on the gross receipts, subject to an annual rent of \$15,000 to the Department of Docks, for the landing place at the foot of

Christopher street.

The lease has never been executed, and no rent has been paid by the company, except to the

Department of Docks.

The lessees claim that under their contract with the Department of Docks, they are only to pay \$15,000 per annum, and whatever becomes due under the franchise shall be included in such amount, the company not to pay more than \$15,000 for the rent and franchise together.

10. FERRY FROM FOOT OF TWENTY-THIRD STREET, N. R., TO PAVONIA AVENUE, NEW JERSEY. Leased to the Eric Railway Company, on sealed bids, having been opened May 11, 1876, for the term of 5 years from May 1, 1876, at 2)2 per cent. on the gross income, subject to whatever rent may be fixed and charged by the Department of Docks, for the slip at the foot of Twenty-third street, N. R.

This lease has never been executed, rent however is paid up to February 1, 1877.

11. Ferry from foot of Forty-second Street, North River, to Weehawken, New Jersey. The lease of this ferry was sold at public auction on May 15, 1866, for the term of ten years from

Ine 1, 1866, at \$330 per annum.

Rent has been paid to August 16, 1870, and nothing since that date. A tender, however, was made of the rent at various quarters. The lease was never executed, and the term expired on June 1,

This same ferry was leased by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to William D. Harris, for the term of ten years from July 20, 1870, at \$500 per annum, by indenture dated July 20, 1870. Rent has been paid to August 1, 1875, which is now due since that date.

12. FERRY FROM WHITEHALL STREET TO HAMILTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN.

13. FERRY FROM WHITEHALL STREET TO ATLANTIC STREET, BROOKLYN, KNOWN AS THE SOUTH FERRY.

- 14. FERRY FROM WALL STREET, NEW YORK, TO JORALEMON STREET, BROOKLYN.
- 15. Ferry from Fulton Street, New York, to Fulton Street, Brooklyn.
- 16. FERRY FROM CATHARINE STREET, NEW YORK, TO MAIN STREET, BROOKLYN.

All of these ferries were leased to the Union Ferry Company for ten years from May 1, 1871, with all bulkheads, docks, and landing places, on both sides of the river, which belongs to the City of New York, at SI per annum, by indenture bearing date June 22, 1870.

At the time this lease was made, the former lease had one year to run, at an annual rent of \$103,000. One year's rent of \$103,000 under such lease is still unpaid. A counter-claim, however, has been filed by the company for filling in city property on the Brooklyn side of the river, amounting to more than such tent

ing to more than such rent.

The Counsel to the Corporation gave an opinion that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at that date had no power to give this lease without publication or advertisement, and proceedings were commenced to set the same aside on April 6, 1876. The case is set down for trial on the first Monday in April, 1877.

17. FERRY FROM ROOSEVELT STREET, EAST RIVER, TO SOUTH SEVENTH STREET, BROOKLYN, E.D. Leased to the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company for ten years from November 1, 1 8 67, at an annual rent of \$6,400, including Pier No. 30, East river. Rent on this ferry is paid to February 1, 1877.

18. FERRY FROM JAMES SLIP TO HUNTER'S POINT, LONG ISLAND CITY.

Leased at public auction to the East River Ferry Company for ten years from May 1, 1868, at

\$4,600 per annum.

This lease has never been executed

Rent is paid to February 1, 1877.

Ferries were established from James street, East river, to Bridge street, Brooklyn.

The leases in these cases expired on May 1, 1874, and such ferries have not been operated since

19. FERRY FROM GRAND STREET, EAST RIVER, IN NEW YORK, TO GRAND STREET, BROOKLYN,

Leased at public auction pursuant to chapter 73, Laws of 1876, to the People's Ferry Company for ten years from April 18, 1876, at \$1,100 per annum, subject to annual rent of \$3,000 for Pier No. 55, East river, etc., payable to Department of Docks. Rent paid to February 1, 1877.

20. Ferry from Grand street, E. R., north side, in New York, to South Seventh street, in Brooklyn, E. D.

Leased to the New York & Brooklyn Ferry Company on sealed bids having been opened April 30, 1874, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, at 8 per cent. on the gross receipts.

The city does not own any landing place at this ferry. Rent paid to February 1, 1877.

21. FERRY FROM HOUSTON STREET, E. R., NEW YORK, TO GRAND STREET, BROOKLYN, E. D. This ferry was advertised to be let by sealed bids on April 30, 1874, at a minimum rate of 2½ per cent. on the gross receipts, for five years, subject to an annual rent of \$6,500, to the Department of Docks, from May 1, 1874.

The Houston Street Associates bid 2½ per cent., subject as above, and the lease was awarded to them by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, December 10, 1874.

The lease never has been executed, and no cent has been paid for this force we described.

The lease never has been executed, and no rent has been paid for this ferry under such bid.

The Houston Street Associates owe rent for this ferry from May 1, 1872, and the matter has been placed in the hands of the Counsel to the Corporation for collection.

22. FERRY FROM THE FOOT OF TENTH STREET, EAST RIVER, TO GREENPOINT, LONG ISLAND.

Leased to Shepherd and E. S. Knapp on sealed bids having been opened October 28, 1875, for the term of 5 years from November 1, 1875, at 2½ per cent. on the gross receipts.

This lease has been prepared and tendered for execution, but the lessees refuse to execute because they decline to make a statement of such gross receipts for both sides of the river.

No rent has been paid under this lease, and the lessees are also indebted to the city for use of such ferry from May 1, 1875, to November 1, 1875.

23. FERRY FROM TWENTY-THIRD STREET, EAST RIVER, TO GREENPOINT, LONG ISLAND.

Leased to Shepherd and E. S. Knapp on sealed bids having been opened on October 28, 1875, for the term of 5 years from November 1, 1875, at 2½ per cent. on the gross receipts, subject to rent of \$3,000 per annum to the Department of Docks, for the pier at the foot of Twenty-third street.

The lease has been prepared and tendered for execution, but the lessees refuse to execute, because they decline to make a statement of the gross receipts for both sides of the river.

No rent has been paid under this lease. The lessees are indebted, also, to the city for use of

such ferry from May 1, 1874, to November 1, 1875.

24. Ferry from foot of Thirty-fourth street, E. R., to Hunter's Point, Long Island

Leased at public auction to the East River Ferry Company for ten years from November 1, 1867, at \$800 per annum.

This lease has never been executed.

Rent is paid to February I, 1877.

25. FERRY FROM NINETY-SECOND STREET, E. R., TO ASTORIA, QUEENS COUNTY, LONG ISLAND Leased at public auction to the East River Ferry Company for ten years from November I

1867, at \$50 per annum.

This lease has never been executed.

Rent paid to February 1, 1877.

A statement is appended showing the condition of each ferry, together with the amount of rent now due to the City of New York.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

(Statement filed.)

The Comptroller also submitted the report of the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, March 22, 1877.

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

Sir.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of March 16, desiring to be advised if any change can be made in the mode of granting ferry franchises, so as to simplify the matter and secure the rights and interests of the city therein more effectually, and whether any

to be advised if any change can be made in the mode of granting ferry franchises, so as to simplify the matter and secure the rights and interests of the city therein more effectually, and whether any further legislation is necessary for the purpose.

As at present arranged under the law, the method of disposing of ferry franchises, seems to me to be absurd. The city has two pieces of property to dispose of in most of these cases; one the franchise and the other the dock property, neither one of which is of any value without the other; and, under the present arrangement of the law, they are sold separately; the franchise, by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the dock property by the Dock Department, and in each case at auction, to the highest bidder. The result of this is, that whichever is put up first, the dock property or the franchise, bidding is necessarily discouraged by the fact that what is being sold is useless without the purchaser is able to acquire that which has yet to be sold, and whichever is sold last, of course, there can be but one bidder for, namely: the person who has bid off what was sold first; except blackmailers and strikers who see an opportunity to harass the person who has bid off the other property, which is useless without the acquisition of the property being sold.

In other words, there is at no time any fair competitive bidding among real parties, for that which constitutes a ferry, the franchise, and the property necessary for its enjoyment.

In my opinion the law should be so changed, that these two things should be sold at one and the same time, by the same officer or department of the city government.

The method which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have adopted for selling the franchise, fixing a minimum price of two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts, is also liable to very considerable abuse in practice. When a franchise is sold, without dock property, in my opinion the minimum price should be specified in money.

The difficulty in reference to the two an

The effect of making the limit, a certain percentage of gross receipts, is illustrated in the sale of the ferry franchise of the Staten Island Ferry, sold in January of last year.

I called the attention of the then Comptroller to the danger involved in fixing such a limit some

At that sale Mr. John H. Starin bid fifty per cent. of the gross receipts for the franchise, but another party held the dock property necessary to the enjoyment of the franchise and running of the terry, and though Mr. Starin was the highest bidder for the franchise, it was difficult to see in what way he could be compelled to run a ferry under it, and the city has, so far, received no income from that franchise as the result of that sale. f that sale.

I am, sir, yours, respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel 1

Counsel to the Corporation.

After a general discussion of the subject, the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller,

After a general discussion of the subject, the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, the Recorder dissenting, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to draft a law to be submitted to the Legislature of this State now in session, to authorize and direct the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to transfer to the Department of Docks the authority to dispose of the leases of the ferry franchises of the City of New York, at public auction, in connection with the docks and premises belonging to the city now occupied and used for ferry purposes.

The Comptroller submitted the following report in reference to the proceedings had by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in relation to the claims of the city against the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Amongst the papers now on file in this Department, I find a statement of account of the amount due from the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company to July 20, 1876, together with two offers of the Twenty-third Street Railway Company to pay the sum of \$37,500 on such date, and \$40,000 on November 1, 1876, in full discharge of all claims of the city against the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, but no disposition of the matter or final arrangement as to settlement and discharge appears to have been arrived at.

1 would therefore present such offers and account for the consideration and action of this Board.

Respectfully.

Respectfully, JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

R'S OFFICE, March 23, 1877. (Papers referred to filed.)

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted,

viz. : Resolved. That the matter of the indebtedness of the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad

Resolved, That the matter of the indebtedness of the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company be referred to the Comptroller, and that he be authorized to adjust and settle so much of this claim as is, by law, under the jurisdiction of this Board, on such terms and conditions as, in his judgment, will be most advantageous to the city, and to consult with the Corporation Counsel relative to the same, and to report his action to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, before the terms of settlement may be concluded, for their confirmation and adoption.

The petition of James Wrigley, for remission of balance of rent on premises No. 61 Chatham street, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

The matter of the application of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company to be awarded the franchise of a ferry from Pier No. 1, East river, to Staten Island, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration: George W. Wingate, Esq., appeared on behalf of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company and the North Shore Ferry Company; James McNamee, Esq., on behalf of the North Shore Railroad Company and J. H. Starin; and Dwight Townsend, Esq., on behalf of the Staten Island Railroad Company, and severally presented their cases in behalf of their respective clients; after which, on motion, adjourned.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk. W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

#### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, Office of Superintendent, No. 2 Fourth Avenue, New York, March 26, 1877.

The following comprises the operations of the Lepartment of Buildings for the week ending March 24, 1877.

W. W. ADAMS, Superintendent of Buildings.

BUREAU OF INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS. New Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed, etc	. 1
No. of buildings embraced in same	
Classified as follows:	
First-class dwellings	Q
Second alone dwellings	7
Second-class dwellings	
	2
Tenement houses 2	3
Hotels and boarding-houses	_
First-class stores	
Second-class stores	
Third along stores	
Third-class stores	
Office buildings	
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School-houses	
Churches	
Public buildings	
Public buildings	
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Frame buildings (in upper districts)	2
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Total	. 1
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Classified as follows:	
First-class dwellings	
Second-class dwellings 12	
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Tenement houses 14	
Hotels and boarding-houses	
First-class stores	

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Second-class stores	I	4
Third-class stores		į
Office buildings		4
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Respectfully submitted, ANDREW OWENS, Chief of Bureau.

Total...... 42

(not approved).....

BUREAU OF FIRE-ESCAPES AND IRON WORK	
Operations for the week ending March 24, 18	77:
Buildings reported for fire-escapes	43
Fire-escapes provided	43
Arch girders tested (approved)	15

Iron beams tested (approved)	6
" (not approved)	
Iron lintels tested (approved)	2
" (not approved)	
Notices for fire-escapes served	107
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution	
Buildings provided with iron shutters	2
Respectfully submitted,	
CHAS. K. HVDE.	

# Chief of Bureau.

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

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Mayor's Marshal, No. 7, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT. Board of Aldermen and Supervisors, No. 9, City Hall, office hours from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, No. 8, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

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NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 F. M.
Comptroller's Office, second floor, west end.

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

2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park.

3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents, first floor, west end.

4. Auditing Bureau, second floor, west end.

5. Bureau of Licenses, first floor, west end.

6. Bureau of Markets, first floor, west end.

7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer, second floor, west end.

8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, Rotunda, south side.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, Staats Zeitung Building third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 1c

A. M. to 4 P. M.

Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8½

A. M. to 4½ P. M.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN.

Commissioners' Office, second floor.
Superintendent's Office, first floor.
Inspectors' Office, first floor.
Chief Clerk's Office, second floor, 8 a. m. to 5 P. m.
Property Clerk, first floor (rear) """
Bureau of Street Cleaning, Avenue C, from Sixteenth
to Seventeenth street, 8 a. m. to 5 P. m.
Bureau of Elections, second floor (rear), 8 a. m. to 5 P. m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY HALL, 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.
Commissioner's Office, No. 19.
Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.
Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.
Engmeer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.
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Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.

" Lamps and Gas, No. 13.

" Incumbrances, No. 13.

" Street Improvements, No. 11.

" Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct, No. 11½

" Water Register, No. 10.

Water Purveyor, No. 4.

" Streets and Roads, No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Commissioners Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A M.

to 5 P. M.
Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, al ways ope 1, entrance on Eleventh street.
Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth street and Tenth avenue, always open.
Bellevue Hospital, foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, always open.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 153, 155 AND 157 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M. Commissioners' Office. Chief of Department. Inspectors of Combustibles. Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 301 110TT STREET.

Commissioners' Office, second floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Attorney's Office, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Sanitary Superintendent, always open, third floor.
Register of Records, third floor, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M., and on Sundays, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.
missioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS. Commissioners' Office, 117 and 119 Duane street, 9
A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.
Commissioners' Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall
Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. on Saturday, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Board of Assessors,

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS. Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M.

BOARD OF EXCISE. Commissioners' Office, first floor, 299 Mulberry street,

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

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE. Office, Room B, third floor, northwest corner County Court-house.

THE CITY RECORD. Office, No. 2 City Hall, northwest corner basement, A M. to 6 P. M.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M. HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Coroners' Office, 40 East Houston street, second floor.
Sheriff's Office, first floor, southwest corner of New
County Court-house.
County Clerk's Office, first floor, northeast corner of
New County Court-house.
Surrogate's Office, first floor, southeast corner of New
County Court-house.
Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park.
District Attorney's Office, second floor, Brown-stone
building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

#### THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE obtained at No. 2 City Hall (northwest corner basement). Price three cents each.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Monday, the 2d day of April, 1877, and until 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, for enlarging Grammar School-house No. 62, on Third avenue, near One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

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

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting," "Proposal for Furniture."

niture."

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 party submitting a proposal and the parties proposing to become sureties must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

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

WILLIAM HOGG.

WILLIAM HOGG, ALONZO CARR, JOHN L. BURNETT, GEORGE C. MANNER, NATHAN S. KING,

Board of School Trustees, Twenty-third Ward. Dated New York, March 19, 1877.

#### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE COMMITTEE ON LAW DEPARTMENT will meet every Monday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 16, City Hall.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS, GEORGE HALL, HENRY E. HOWLAND, Committee on Law Department.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WILL MEET in Room No. 16, City Hall, every Monday, at 3 o'clock P. M.

PATRICK KEENAN, WILLIAM L. COLE, SAMUEL A. LEWIS, JOHN I. MORRIS, JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Committee on Fnance.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS WILL meet in Room No. 16, City Hall, every Tuesday, at 1 o'clock P. M.

THOMAS SHEILS, WILLIAM JOYCE, WILLIAM SALMON, STEPHEN N. SIMONSON, JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Committee on Public Works.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, New York, March 13, 1877.

ENCAUSTIC TILING FOR MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY BUILDING.

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED INVELOPES, WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York City, until Wednesday, the 28th day of March, 1877, at the hour of halpast nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened by the head of the said Department and read—
For the tiling work to be done in the building known as the Museum of Natural History, situate on Manhattan square, in Central Park, in the City of New York.

The work to be executed in accordance with the terms of the contract and specifications, and the plans prepared by said Department therefor.

The time allowed for the completion of the work will be determined by the said Department after the contract is awarded.

Each proposal must state, both in figures and in writing

determined by the said Department after the contract is awarded.

Each proposal must state, both in figures and in writing, a gross sum for the whole work.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal, and that if the said person or persons making the proposal shall omit or refuse to execute said contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council, head of a Department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent by

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The Department reserves the right to reject any or all roposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent by

affidavit.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the terms of the contract (including the specifications). settled as required by law, seen at the office of the Secretary, as above.

The plans can also be seen at the office o the Depart-

ment.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Tiling, Museum Natural History," and shall also be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same and the date of presentation.

WM. R. MARTIN, President;
H. G. STEBBINS,
JAMES F. WENMAN,
WM. C. WETMORE,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN, Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, New York, March 13, 1877.

CONSTRUCTION, REMODELLING, AND REMOVAL OF CASES FOR THE MU SEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY BUILD

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York City, until Wednesday, the 28th day of March, 1877, at the heur of half-past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened by the head of the said Department and read—

For the construction, remodelling, and removal of cases for the Museum of Natural History, situated on Manhattan Square, in the Central Park, in the City of New York.

The work to be executed in accordance with the terms.

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The work to be executed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and specifications and the plans prepared by said Department therefor.

The time allowed for the completion of the work will be determined by the said Department after the contract is awarded.

Each proposal must state, both in figures and in writing, a gross sum for the whole work.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal, and that if the said person or persons making the proposal shall omit or refuse to execute said contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting.

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Commissioners D. P. P.

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#### DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, New York, March 23, 1877.

# PROPOSALS FOR COAL

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENvelope, indorsed as above, with the name of the bidder, will be received at this office until Thursday, April 5, 1877, at 12 o'clock M, at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department, and read, for furnishing the Department of Public Works with

TWELVE HUNDRED (1,200) GRASS TONS, EGG SIZE, LEHIGH ANTHRACITE COAL.

Six hundred tons of which to be delivered during the month of April, 1877, and six hundred tons during the month of August, 1877, on the Department dock at High Bridge, Harlem river, and stored in coal shed, or along-side of railroad track, in such manner as may be directed by the Chief-Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained on application to the Contract Clerk, at his office, room 21 City Hall.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if in his judgment the same may be for the best interests of the city.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Public Works.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHAR-ITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
New York, March 21,1877.

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 Almshouse, Blackwell's Island, March 19, 1877— Edward McGrath; age 47 years. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary,

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH St.,
NEW YORK, March 23, 1877.

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 Com-missioners of Public Charities and Correction report as

At Homocopathic Hospital, Ward's Island, March 20, 1877—Jacob Miller; age 42 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted, dark sack coat, striped pants, gray vest, overshoes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

James Fitzpatrick; age 36 years; 5 feet 3 inches high; blue eyes; black hair. Had on when admitted, dark coat and pants, felt hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

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At Hart's Island Hospital, March 22, 1877—Margaret Clark; age 28 years; 5 feet 3 inches high; black hair; gray eyes. Had on when admitted, brown sack, calico skirt, brown straw hat, laced shoes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
RNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH St.,
NEW YORK, March 23, 1877.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, STRAW, HAY, PAINTS.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Thursday, April 5, 1877, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering, at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, tree of all expense to the Department. Department-

GROCERIES.

20,000 pounds Brown Sugar.

100 barrels Oatmeal.

300 barrels good sound Irish Potatoes, to weigh 168 pounds to the barrel net, to be delivered at Store-house dock, Blackwell's Island.

250 bags Fine Meal.

250 bags Coarse Meal.

Meal to be delivered as required.

STRAW AND HAY. 500 bales Long Bright Rye Straw.
100 bales best Timothy Hay.
Above to be delivered in quantities as required.

250 pounds Patent Dryer in 5s. 250 pounds Burnt Umber in 5s. 20 barrels Paris White.

The quality of the goods furnished must conform in every respect to the samples of the above to be seen at this office.

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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 to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, 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

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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 fur-

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

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, MARCH 16, 1877.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, GROCE-RIES, ETC.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until o o'clock A. M., of Thursday, March 29, 1877, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering, at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, free of all expense to the Department: Department:

500 Toilet Quilts.
25 pieces R. N. Duck, No. 3.
10 pieces Table Linen, 60 inches wide.

GROCERIES.

5,000 galls, Molasses.
20 bbls, Wheaten Grits.
500 lbs, Pure Mustard.
30 bbls, Pure Cider Vinegar.
250 bbls, Fine Flour. Empty barrels to be returned and deducted from the price of flour.

HAY. 100 bales best Timothy Hay.

50 bbls. Jointa Lime.
100 bbls. Common Lime.
25 bbls. Plaster Paris.
20 bbls. Chloride of Lime, containing not less than
30 per cent. chl rine.
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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, March 20, 1877.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF
the Common Council. "In relation to the

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

At Randall's Island Hospital, March 16, 1877—Margaret Kelly; age 30 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; blue eyes; author hair; pitted with small-pox. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island, March 17, 1877—James Degnan; age 33 years; 5 feet 3 inches high; gray eyes; dark hair. Had on when admitted, brown sack coat, striped pants, black felt hat, gaiters. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

#### JURORS.

#### NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS, New County Court-House, New York, June 1, 1876.

A PPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 9 to 4 daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

Those who have not answered as to their liability, or proved permanent exemption, will receive a "jury enrollment notice," requiring them to appear before me this year. Whether liable or not, such notices must be answered (in person, if possible, and at this office only) under severe penalties. If exempt, the party must bring proof of exemption; it liable, ne must also answer in person, giving full and correct name, residence, etc., etc. No attention paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called

paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines, received from those who, for business or other reasons, are unable to serve at the time selected, pay the expenses of this office, and it impaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delignator.

the delinquents.

All good citizens will aid the course of justice, and secure reliable and respectable juries, and equalize their duty by serving promptly when summoned, allowing their clerks or subordinates to serve, reporting to me any attempt at bribery or evasion, and suggesting names for enrollment. Persons between sixty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States and District Court juriors are not exempt.

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THOMAS DUNLAP, Commis County Count-house (Champers street entrance)

#### 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 One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive, near the Harlem river, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue; One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road to the Hudson river; and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive, near the Harlem river, to the easterly line of Eleventh avenue, 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:

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 April, 1877, 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,

report be confirmed,
Dated New York, March 3, 1877.
SMITH E. LANE,
JOHN T. McGOWAN,
DENNIS O'DONOGHUE,
Commissioner

# POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department of the City of New York, 300 Mulberry Street, March 20, 1877.

# PUBLIC NOTICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Central Department of Police, until 10 o'clock A. M. of the third day April, 1877, at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for furnishing a low pressure Steam Heating Apparatus for the station-house, lodging-house, and prison on East Fifty-first street, in the City of New York.

York.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Board of Police, be indorsed "Proposals for Steam Heating," and must contain the name and address of the parties making the same.

Two responsible sureties, freeholders in this city, will be required with each proposal, who must justify in the sum of two thousand dollars each.

Plans may be examined and specifications and blank proposals obtained by application to the undersigned, at his office in the Central Department.

By order of the Board,

S. C. HAWLEY,

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POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET, New YORK, Febraary 26, 1877.

WANTED BY THE

Owners Wanted By The Property Clerk of the Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property, now in his custody without claimants: Boat, male and female clothing, gold and silver watches, revolvers, coffee, rope, brooms, and several small amounts of cash taken from prisoners.

C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

#### CORPORATION NOTICES.

A LL PARTIES PRESENTING CLAIMS FOR DAM A age to property by reason of closing the Blooming dale road, are required in filing such claims, to produce their title deeds to said property.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, JOHN MULLALY, EDWARD NORTH, WILLIAM L. WILEY, Board of Ass

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW YORK, February 27, 1877.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses nd lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, hat the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.

No. 1. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter tones and flagging, Sixty-eighth street, from Third ave-ue to the East river, except between First and Third

No. 2. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging, Avenue A, from Fifty-fourth to Fifty-seventh street.

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No. 3. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging, Forty-third street, from First avenue to the East river.

No. 4. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth treet, from Eighth avenue to St. Nicholas avenue.

No. 5. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from Second to Seventh avenue.

No. 6. Belgian pavement in Fifty-ninth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue.

No. 7. Belgian pavement in Fiftieth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue.

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No. 9. Belgian pavement in Fifty-eighth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue.

No. 10. Belgian pavement in Bogart street, from West street to Thirteenth avenue.

No. 11. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, from Third to Sixth avenue.

No. 12. Belgian pavement in Fifty-sixth street, from Second to Third avenue.

No. 13. Sewer in Tenth avenue, between Seventy-fifth and Seventy-seventh streets, with branches.

No. 14. Sewer in One Hundred and Fifth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

No. 15. Sewer in One Hundred and Sixteenth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

No. 16. Laying crosswalks in Lexington avenue at the intersection of Seventy-eighth street.

No. 17. Laying crosswalks at each of the intersections of Madison avenue and Eighty-sixth, Eighty-seventh, Eighty-eighth, and Eighty-ninth 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 Sixty-eighth street, from Third avenue to the East river, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of Forty-third street, from First avenue to the East river, and to the extent of half the block at the intersection of First avenue.

No. 4. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, from Eighth avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas.

No. 5. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, from Second to Seventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersection of First avenue.

No. 4. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, from Second to Seventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 5. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from Eighth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 7. Both sides of Fifty-inith street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, and to the extent of h

intersecting avenues.

No. 8. Both sides of Fiftieth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the mtersecting avenues.

No. 9. Both sides of Fifty-eighth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the

Eleventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 10. Both sides of Bogart street, from West street to Thirteenth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersection of West street and Thirteenth avenue.

No. 11. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, from Third to Sixth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

No. 12. Both sides of Fifty-stixth street, from Second to Third avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

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No. 13. Both sides of Tenth avenue, from Seventy-fifth to Seventy-seventh street, and blocks bounded by Seventy-fifth and Seventy-seventh streets, Ninth avenue and the Boulevard.

No. 14. Both sides of One Hundred and Fifth street, from Third to Fourth avenue, and west side Lexington avenue, between One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, and south side One Hundred and Sixth street, extending 100 feet westerly of Lexington avenue.

Sixth street, extending 100 feet westerly of Lexington avenue.

No. 15. Both sides of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.

No. 16. Both sides of Seventy-eighth street, extending half the block on either side of Lexington avenue.

No. 17. Both sides of Madson avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-ninth streets, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the abovenamed 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 MULLALY, EDWARD NORTH, WILLIAM L. WILEY,

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, New York, March 1, 1877.

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

# INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City and County of New York, due May 1' 1877, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at his office in the New Court-house.

insfer books will be closed from March 26 to May 1, 1877. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, New York, March 20, 1877.

# WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO THE CORporation of the City of New York, to be leased at auction, on Thursday, March 29, 1877.

The leases of the following described property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, will be sold at public auction at the New County Court-house, on Thursday, March 29, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the term of two years from May 1, 1877:

No. 160 Wooster street.

No. 93 Chatham street.

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No. 61 Thompson street.

No. 62 East Houston street.

Lots on south side Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, Nos. 12 to 16.

Lots on east side Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Nos. 22 to 25.

Lots on north side Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, Nos. 27 to 30.

Stables on south side Twenty-fourth street, 300 feet west of Tenth avenue, 50 x 98.9, in accordance with the following

TERMS OF SALE.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent; or forfeited, if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

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No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation. (Sec. 99 of Charter of 1873.)

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the city during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 19, 1877.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

#### REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to these Official Indices of Records, containing all recorded transfers of real estate in the City of New York from 1653 to 1857, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records. Grantors, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents and

JOHN KELLY,

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, New YORK, February 6, 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, February 21, 1877.

# NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTI-fied that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Burea for collection:

CONFIRMED FEBRUARY 14, 1877.

Confirmed february 14, 1877.

Sixty-minth street, regulating, curb, gutter, and flagging, from Third avenue to East river.

One Hundred and Fifty-minth street, grading, from Third avenue to Elton avenue.

Madison avenue, crosswalks, at each intersection with One Hundred and Twenty-first, One Hundred and Twenty-first, One Hundred and Twenty-first, One Hundred and Twenty-street, One Hundred and Thirty-first, and One Hundred and Thirty-first, and One Hundred and Thirty-second streets.

Fourth avenue, crosswalks, at intersection with Sixty-fifth street.

Bloomfield street, curb, gutter, and flagging, between West street and Thirteenth avenue.

Seventieth street, curb, gutter, and flagging, from Lexington to Madison avenue.

One Hundred and Sixteenth street, curb, gutter, and flagging, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.

Eleventh avenue, east side, curb, gutter, and flagging, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets.

One Hundred and Forty-lifth street, paving, curb gutter, and flagging, from Seventh avenue to Boulevard.

Thirty-sixth street, paving, from Eleventh avenue to North river.

Forteeth street, paving, from First to Second avenue Eighty-second street, paving, from Second to Third

Fortieth street, paying, from First to Second avenue Eighty-second street, paying, from Second to Third

Avenue. Manhattan street, paving, from Avenue St. Nicholas to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. Centre street, sewer between Pearl and Canal streets. Avenue A, sewer, between Eighty-ninth and Ninty-second streets, with branches. One Hundred and Sixteenth street, basins, northeast and southeast corners of Sixth avenue. Basin, southeast corner Forty-first street and Seventh avenue.

Basins, southwest corner Forty-fifth street and Broaday. Basins, northwest corner Fifty-third street and Sixth

Basins, northwest corner Physical Seasons.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before April 22, 1877, 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.

EDWARD GILON,

Collector of Assessments.

## DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, January 6, 1877.

New York, January 6, 1897. ]

Notice Is Herebry Given That The Books of Annual Record of the Assessment upon the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York for the year 1877, will be open for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 8, 1877, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1877, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate.

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

ALBERT STORER,

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