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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

TUESDAY, January 21, 1879, }
2 o'clock P. M. }

The Board met in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. Jordan L. Mott, President;

ALDERMEN

Michael W. Burns,
John Cavanagh,
Frederick Finck,
Robert Foster,
Robert Hall,
Nicholas Haughton,

J. Graham Hyatt,
John W. Jacobus,
Bernard Kenney,
Terence Kiernan,
John J. Morris,

Henry C. Perley,
William R. Roberts,
Thomas Sheils,
Matthew Stewart,
Joseph P. Strack.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received to attend the sixth annual ball of the United Waiters' Society, "Columbia," at Turner Hall, on Saturday, the 25th inst. Which was accepted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Washington Parker and associates to fire a salute of one hundred guns in Washington Park, on Tuesday afternoon or evening, the 21st inst. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby directed to cause the snow and ice now incumbering and rendering walking in the public parks both difficult and dangerous to be removed as soon as possible. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to cause the provisions of the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate the use of snow ploughs and sweeping machines by railroad companies and others in the City of New York," passed February 26, 1875, to be rigidly enforced, particularly the provisions relating to the removal of snow from the streets in which the rails of every such company are laid. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Frederick Kormann to retain the barber-pole now in front of No. 346 Hudson street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William O. Robbins to place and keep a sign across the sidewalk in front of Nos. 45 and 47 Bowery, to be twelve feet in the clear above the sidewalk; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Hyatt—

Resolved, That all structures on any and every dock or pier in this city shall be wholly of fire-proof material, and every lease hereafter made by the Department of Docks, a clause shall be inserted requiring the lessee to conform to the provisions of this resolution. Which was referred to the Committee on Ferries and Docks.

By the same—

Whereas, The surface railroads in this city are in the enjoyment of valuable franchises, while but few of them contribute anything toward the support of the City Government, which, through its Police and Street Cleaning Departments, are constantly called upon to come to their aid and protection; and

Whereas, This anomalous condition of affairs arises from an incongruity in the various laws passed by the State Legislature and by this Board relative to said railroads; therefore be it Resolved, That the Law Committee be and they are hereby directed to examine the charters of said railroads and the laws bearing upon the same, and report to this Board what action is necessary upon the part of this Board, or upon the part of the Legislature, to secure from all surface railroads the payment to the city treasury of a uniform license fee for each and every car used by them for the transportation of passengers. Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That Andrew M. Clute be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York. Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman R. Hall—

Petition for gas in Washington avenue, from Morris to Talmage street, as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of New York City:

We, the undersigned, owners and residents along the line of Washington avenue, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to authorize the erection of lamp-posts along said avenue, from Morris street northwardly to Talmage street, about 1,500 feet in length.

Wm. Clarke, 177th st.
Eveline H. Flink.
Mrs. S. Waterman.
D. L. Marks.
J. S. Saulpough.
T. W. Lewis.
H. A. Shannon.
Sarah A. Hardy.
Church E. Gates & Co.

John Kerby.
Albert McDonald.
William Bogart.
William W. Osborn.
J. D. Lindor.
Henry A. Loderhose.
The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, Henry L. Hogue, President.
Wm. F. Dugan.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Strack—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Andrew Gray to retain (2) signs (inside the stoop line) in front of No. 52 Third avenue, the work to be done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That George W. Kershaw be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Keenan—

Resolved, That Sampson Lachman be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to M. Eschwege to place and keep a sign-post and sign in front of No. 92 Avenue C; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cavanagh—

Resolved, That Alexander B. Smith be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Jacobus—

Resolved, That John E. Hartley be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Henry Fisher to retain the meat-rack now in front of No. 187 East Houston street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Burns—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Holbrook Manufacturing Company to erect two (2) platforms on their premises on the southwest corner of Vestry and Washington streets; said platforms to be within the stoop line, and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman R. Hall—

Resolved, That Robert Kyle be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Pierre F. Dierckx be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Haughton—

Resolved, That Thomas J. Moore be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the place and stead of Thomas J. Moore, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Frank R. Houghton be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Glen Cove Starch Manufacturing Company to keep a temporary bridge or platform in front of their premises Nos. 29, 31, and 33 Park place, for the receipt and delivery of merchandise; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That Hiram B. Ferguson be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Eighty-first street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue, be regulated, graded, curbed, and paved, and that the sidewalk on the north side of said street be flagged, said street to be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

To the Board of Aldermen:

The undersigned, owners of lands situated on the north side of Eighty-first street, between the Eighth and Ninth avenues, in the City of New York, hereby respectfully apply for the passage of an ordinance by your Honorable Body for the regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and paving of Eighty-first street, between the Eighth and Ninth avenues, and for flagging the sidewalk on the north side of said street.

New York, January 21, 1879.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS—36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }
NEW YORK, January 21, 1879. }

Hon. JORDAN L. MOTT, President Board of Aldermen:

SIR—On the third day of July, 1878, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners governing this Department, namely:

"Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and is hereby respectfully requested to direct that Eighty-first street, from Eighth avenue to Ninth avenue, be graded, curbed, and paved, and that the sidewalk on the north side of said street be flagged."

The above work comes within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully,

JAS. F. WENMAN, President Department of Public Parks.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Foster—

Resolved, That Charles G. Koss be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Thomas MacKenzie, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Burns, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sheils, Stewart, and Strack—17.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Fee to retain the lamps now in front of No. 738 Sixth avenue; also the storm-door over the entrance to said premises; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 5.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed petition in favor of setting curb and gutter stones in Elton avenue, from Third to Brook avenue, where not already done, and reset where not conforming to grade, respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That curb and gutter stones be set in Elton avenue, from Third avenue to Brook avenue, where not already done, and reset where not conforming to grade, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
TERENCE KIERNAN, } on
JOSEPH P. STRACK, } Public Works.
F. FINCK, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 6.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of laying a crosswalk across Lexington avenue, at the northerly and southerly intesections of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth 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 a crosswalk be laid across Lexington avenue, at the northerly and southerly intersections of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
TERENCE KIERNAN, } on
JOSEPH P. STRACK, } Public Works.
F. FINCK, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 7.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging sidewalks on Hudson street and on Thirteenth street, extending about 150 feet on each from the northwest corner of Hudson and Thirteenth streets, full width, where not already done, 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 sidewalk on Hudson street and on Thirteenth street, extending about 150 feet on each from the northwest corner of Hudson and Thirteenth streets, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
TERENCE KIERNAN, } on
JOSEPH P. STRACK, } Public Works.
F. FINCK, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 8.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging sidewalk and setting curb in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Willis avenue and Brown place, 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 sidewalk be flagged and curb set in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Willis avenue and Brown place, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
TERENCE KIERNAN, } on
JOSEPH P. STRACK, } Public Works.
F. FINCK, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 9.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed petition in favor of erecting lamp-posts and lighting street-lamps in Marion avenue, from Kingsbridge road north to a point three hundred feet beyond William street, respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted in Marion avenue from Kingsbridge road north to a point three hundred feet beyond William street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
TERENCE KIERNAN, } on
JOSEPH P. STRACK, } Public Works.
F. FINCK, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 10.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging and reflagging full width, where not already done, the sidewalks on both sides of Thirty-fourth street, from the Third avenue to the East river, 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 sidewalks on both sides of Thirty-fourth street, from the Third avenue to the East river, be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
TERENCE KIERNAN, } on
JOSEPH P. STRACK, } Public Works.
F. FINCK, }

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed petition of stonecutters, asking that the cutting of stone used in the construction of docks and piers in this city be given to resident stonecutters, with a resolution requesting his Honor the Mayor to compel the Department of Docks to conform to the provisions of a resolution heretofore passed, directing the Department to have the stone used in this city, on the docks and piers, cut by resident stonecutters, respectfully

REPORT :

That, in the opinion of your Committee, the work alluded to should be done by workmen resident in the City of New York, provided the cost will be the same as if done out of the city ; in fact, even if a little more expensive, the preference should be given to our own mechanics. Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend for your adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to take such measures as he may deem best calculated to induce the Commissioners of the Department of Docks to conform to the provisions of the resolution, which was approved February 25, 1875, directing the Commissioners of the Dock Department to have the work of cutting stone, to be used in the docks and piers of this city, performed in this city, and by stonecutters resident within its corporate limits.

HENRY C. PERLEY, } Committee
TERENCE KIERNAN, } on
JOSEPH P. STRACK, } Public Works.
F. FINCK, }

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Health Department :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET, }
NEW YORK, January 14, 1879. }

JACOB M. PATTERSON, Jr., Esq., Clerk, etc. :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, the following preamble, etc., were adopted :

Whereas, The Sanitary Superintendent and City Sanitary Inspector has certified, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 566 of the Laws of 1871, and of chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875, amendatory thereof, that it is necessary for the protection of the public health that the parts and parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York, hereinafter described, need to be drained by other means than by sewers ; it is hereby

Ordered, That the said certificate be filed among the records of the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, and that duplicates thereof, duly signed by the said Sanitary Superintendent and City Sanitary Inspector, be forwarded to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York for their designation of the Department to do the work required under and pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875 ; and it is further

Ordered and directed, pursuant to the provisions of the acts hereinbefore recited, that the following-named parts and parcels of land within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York shall be drained by other means than by sewers, by and under the direction of the Department of said city and county hereafter authorized and empowered to do such work by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City and County of New York, pursuant to section 1, chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875, said parts and parcels of land being situated as follows, viz. : Lands lying on Kingsbridge road, Fairmount avenue, Bronx river, Quarry road, and Fordham avenue. (A true copy.)

EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

SANITARY BUREAU—HEALTH DEPARTMENT, }
January 14, 1879. }

To the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York :

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 566 of the Laws of 1871, entitled "An act to provide for the proper drainage of lands within the corporate limits of the city and county of New York," and of chapter 549, Laws of 1875, amendatory thereof, I hereby certify that it is necessary for the protection of the public health that those parts and parcels of land lying and being within the corporate limits of the City and County of New York, and bounded as follows, viz. : On the north by the Kingsbridge road and the continuation of the line thereof easterly from the Boston road to the Bronx river ; on the south by Fairmount avenue and the continuation of the line thereof easterly from the Southern Boulevard to the Bronx river ; on the east by the Bronx river, and on the west by the Quarry road and a line parallel with Fordham avenue and 350 feet therefrom, need to be drained by other means than by sewers ; it is therefore respectfully recommended that this certificate be filed among the records of the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, as provided by the acts hereinbefore recited, and that the said Board of Health direct the said parts and parcels of land to be drained in the manner and by the Department authorized by and empowered by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York to do said work, under and pursuant to the provisions of said chapter 549 of the Laws of 1875.

WALTER DEF. DAY, M. D.,
Sanitary Superintendent and City Sanitary Inspector.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police and Health Departments.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Counsel to the Corporation :

LAW DEPARTMENT, }
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, January 14, 1879. }

JACOB PATTERSON, Jr., Esq., Clerk of the Common Council :

SIR—On the 28th of December ultimo the Common Council adopted a resolution authorizing William H. Webb and others to lay mains and pipes in the streets, avenues, and public places of the city, for the purpose of furnishing heat to the city and its inhabitants, for cooking and other purposes. The resolution so adopted was transmitted to his Honor the late Mayor, as I am informed, on the day of its adoption ; but his term of office having expired, said resolution was, on the 6th day of January instant returned to the Board of Aldermen by the present Mayor, the Hon. Edward Cooper, without his approval. On the 7th instant I received from F. J. Twomey, Esq., Clerk of the Common Council, whose term expired on the 6th instant, the letter of his Honor the Mayor returning said resolution without his approval, with the following indorsement thereon :

"Board of Aldermen, January 6, 1879. Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.—F. J. Twomey, Clerk.

I also received with said letter the original petition of William A. Prall and others for the right to supply heat, etc., and to lay mains and pipes, etc., in the streets of the city, together with the original resolution adopted by the Common Council.

There is nothing in the papers transmitted to me indicating upon what point my opinion is desired. I observed, however, by the public newspapers, that when the letter of the Mayor, returning the resolution, without approval, was presented, the point was raised by a member of the Board that the Mayor had no jurisdiction over that Board, and had no right to transmit the resolution to it without his approval. I presume, therefore, that it was upon this point that the Board intended to obtain my opinion. I had already advised his Honor the Mayor, before he returned the resolution without his approval, that he had a right to do so, and I see no reason to doubt the correctness of that advice. As the Board of Aldermen which referred this matter to me has gone out of office, I suppose that in strictness no response is necessary from me ; but, as it is my duty to return the papers to you as their lawful custodian, it is also, perhaps, proper that I should communicate to you, as the Clerk of the present Common Council, my opinion, as above expressed, in regard to the right of the present Mayor to veto the resolution. By reason of the fact that the term of office of the old Board of Aldermen did not expire with the expiration of Mayor Ely's term, it followed that the old Board was the legal Board for a portion of Mayor Cooper's term, and his right to communicate with them in the manner referred to necessarily followed. The papers transmitted with your letter are herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

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

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Coroner Moritz Ellinger :

CORONERS' OFFICE—40 EAST HOUSTON STREET, }
NEW YORK, January 18, 1879. }

Hon. JORDAN L. MOTT, President Board of Aldermen :

DEAR SIR—On the 15th instant I held an inquest at this office on the body of John Hanley, aged 15 years, who came to his death by being crushed by an elevator on the 31st ultimo. The jury summoned upon the inquest rendered the following verdict :

"That the said John Hanley came to his death by injuries accidentally received by being crushed by an elevator, in the Elise apartment house, No. 952 Eighth avenue, on the 31st day of December, 1878 ; and we recommend that a law be passed by the Common Council preventing the running of elevators by boys, or persons under age, and censure the employer of deceased for employing boys under age to run the elevator."

In compliance with said verdict, the action necessary to be taken by your Honorable Board is submitted to you for consideration.

Very respectfully,
MORITZ ELLINGER, Coroner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police and Health Departments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Hyatt called up G. O. 1, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Whereas, The State taxes for the current year due from this city is \$3,751,062, a sum far greater than what justly belongs to her under an equitable adjustment of the said taxes throughout the State ; and

Whereas, This city, the most populous and wealthy in the State, paying as she does nearly one-half the State taxes, and at the same time denied representation on the State Board of Assessors and Apportionment ; and

Whereas, The Tax Commissioners of this city still maintain the inflated values of real estate incident to war times and a redundant currency ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen, in behalf of the tax-payers of this city, respectfully and earnestly urge upon the attention of his Excellency Gov. Robinson the importance of giving this city a representative on the State Board of Assessors and Apportionment, and that we recommend to our representatives in the Senate and Assembly to give their support in behalf of the same ;

Resolved, That said Tax Commissioners of this city are hereby requested to take action looking to a reduction of taxable values in accordance with the great fall in price of real estate, so that it may be brought down to actual cash, specie payment basis, which in many cases is fifty per cent. below the present appraisement ;

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board cause to be printed copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution, and transmit one each to his Excellency Gov. Robinson, Members of Senate and Assembly, and Tax Commissioners of this city.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Hyatt moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday next, the 28th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JACOB M. PATTERSON, Jr., Clerk.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

JANUARY 8, 1879.

The Board of Education held a stated session at the Hall of the Board, corner Grand and Elm streets, at 4 P. M., on Wednesday, January 8.

Present—Commissioners Beardslee, Bell, Cohen, Donnelly, Dowd, Halsted, Jelliffe, Katzenberg, Kelly, Manierre, Moriarty, Place, Traud, Vermilye, Walker, Watson, West, Wetmore, Wickham, and Wood—20.
Absent—Commissioner Wheeler—1.

The Clerk called the Board to order, when, on motion, Commissioner Manierre was elected President pro tem.
The President pro tem. announced that the first business in order was the election of a President of the Board.

Commissioners Cohen and Traud were appointed tellers. The Clerk called the roll and twenty members deposited their ballots. The tellers submitted their report, whereupon William Wood, LL. D., was declared President for the ensuing year.

The President announced that the Board would proceed to elect a clerk, and Lawrence D. Kiernan was elected Clerk of the Board.

John Davenport was re-elected for Auditor of the Board.
Other appointments were laid over.

On motion of Commissioner Donnelly, the By-laws and Rules of the Board were adopted by the present Board.

On motion of Commissioner Halsted, all unfinished business was referred to the appropriate Committees.
Commissioner Bell offered a resolution that all Committees consist of five members. Referred to the Committee on By-laws, etc.

Commissioner Bell moved that the rules of order be suspended during this session for the expediting of the necessary business.

The President laid before the Board the following communications from the several wards:
From the First Ward, notifying the Board of a vacancy in the Trustees. Referred to the Committee on Nomination of Trustees.

From the Eighth Ward, nominating Miss Mary A. Nash for Primary Department, Grammar School No. 38, in place of Miss Frances A. Stevens, deceased. Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

From the Tenth Ward, relative to salaries of teachers. Referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power.

From the Eleventh Ward, asking to change the location of water-closets, Primary Department, Grammar School No. 22. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From the Eleventh and Twenty-second Wards, asking for additional teachers. Referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power.

From the Eleventh, Thirteenth, and Nineteenth Wards, relative to absences. Referred to the Committee on Teachers, with power.

From the Eleventh Ward, asking for two teachers' desks in Grammar School No. 36. Referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

From the Twelfth Ward, reporting a violation of the by-law prohibiting corporal punishment. Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

From the Fifteenth Ward, to suspend the By-laws and pay a bill. Referred to the Committee on By-laws, Elections, and Qualifications.

From the Seventeenth Ward, asking for a suspension of the By-laws, and to pay bills. Referred to the Committee on By-laws, etc.

Also, to rehire premises for school purposes. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From the Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward, to pay Janitor of Grammar School No. 28 for cleaning, etc. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

The President laid before the Board a report from Charles A. Stadler, Inspector of the Sixth District, for 1878. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

Also, the report of the Superintendent of Truancy for December, 1878. Entered in the minutes.

Also, from Hon. V. C. King, President of Board of Fire Commissioners, relative to the license of two janitors. Referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

From Herman Couch, relative to Primary School No. 15, in Stone street. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

From J. D. Taylor, a bill for extra work of Grammar School No. 53. Referred to the Committee on Buildings.

Commissioner West offered a resolution referring any needed amendments of section 51 of the By-laws to the Committee on By-laws. Which was adopted.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented, as follows:

By Commissioner Manierre, from the Committee on By-laws, Elections, and Qualifications, recommending several changes and transfers of teachers in colored schools, etc. Adopted.

By Commissioner Halsted, from the Committee on Teachers, relative to an appeal by Miss Ida L. Everitt, of Grammar School No. 7. Recommended for further investigation.

Also, to appoint Miss A. V. Sitten for Principal of Grammar School No. 56. Adopted.

By Commissioner Watson, from the Committee on Buildings, adverse to adding \$156 to the salary of one of the janitors. Adopted.

Also, to appropriate \$169 to divide the assembly room of Grammar Department, Grammar School No. 61. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also, to pay Mahony Brothers for repairs to Grammar School No. 31. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also, to make last payment on contract with Edward Morrissey for Grammar School No. 70, and \$518.59 for extra work under the contracts. First part adopted; second part referred to the Finance Committee.

By Commissioner Dowd, from the Auditing Committee, to pay sundry bills for incidentals. Adopted.

By Commissioner West, from the Committee on By-laws, relative to admission to the Cornell University. Laid over and entered in full in the minutes.

The Board adjourned.

LAWRENCE D. KIERNAN, Clerk.

BOARD OF REVISION AND CORRECTION OF ASSESSMENTS.

A meeting of the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments was held at the Comptroller's Office, in the New Court-house, on Wednesday, January 15, 1879, at 12:15 o'clock P. M.

Present—Hon. John Kelly, Comptroller; Hon. William C. Whitney, Counsel to the Corporation.
Absent—Hon. John K. Hackett, Recorder.

The minutes of the meeting held December 20, 1878, were read and approved.

The Comptroller presented to the Board the following assessment lists received from the Board of Assessors, with communications dated December 30, 1878, viz.:

- 1. Eighty-second street—Paving, with Belgian pavement, between Third and Madison avenues.
 - 2. Ninth avenue—Sewer between One Hundredth and One Hundred and First streets; and in One Hundred and First streets, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
 - 3. Seventieth street, crossing Fourth avenue—Paving with Belgian pavement.
 - 4. Fourth avenue—Sewer, west side, between One Hundred and Twenty-third and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets.
 - 5. Seventy-sixth street—Sewer between Boulevard and Eleventh avenue.
 - 6. One Hundred and Fourth street—Sewer between Fourth and Fifth avenues.
 - 7. Seventy-eighth street—Regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging between Boulevard and Ninth avenue.
 - 8. Greenwich street—Sewer between West Houston and Clarkson streets.
 - 9. Receiving-basin on northwest corner of Sixty-fifth street and Fifth avenue.
 - 10. Receiving-basin on north side of Fifty-seventh street, between Madison and Fourth avenues.
 - 11. Fencing vacant lots on south side of Fifty-seventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.
 - 12. Sewer in East Broadway or Chatham square, east side, between Oliver and Catharine streets.
 - 13. Flagging full width in front of No. 411 East Thirty-fourth street.
 - 14. Madison avenue, flagging east side of, from Fifty-sixth street to Fifty-seventh street, and on north side of Fifty-sixth street, from Madison to Fourth avenue.
 - 15. Eighty-fifth street—Flagging, between First avenue and Avenue A.
- The foregoing assessment lists being in proper form, and no objections having been filed, on motion, they were severally confirmed—all the members of the Board present voting in the affirmative.
- The assessment list for regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging in One Hundred and Twelfth street, from Madison avenue to a point 175 feet easterly, and for flagging and reflagging the rest of the sidewalks where not already done, with objections of John and James Wood, was presented to the Board by the Comptroller, having been received from the Board of Assessors with a communication dated December 30, 1878.

After hearing Mr. John Wood, on motion, the objections filed were overruled, and the assessment list was confirmed—all the members of the Board present voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for flagging on south side of Fortieth street, between First and Second avenues, accompanied with objections of Daniel McLean and a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works in reply thereto, was presented to the Board by the Comptroller, the same having been received from the Board of Assessors with a communication dated January 10, 1879.

Upon consideration of the objections and the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, on motion, the said objections were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed—all the members of the Board present voting in the affirmative.

The assessment list for regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging Ninety-ninth street, from Eighth to Eleventh avenue, and awards for damages to buildings by change of grade, and applications and objections of Ann McManus, Richard Byron, and others, as to the awards in said matter, ordered to be returned to the Board of Assessors, at meeting of October 22, 1878, for a re-examination of the said awards, were presented by the Comptroller, the same having been retransmitted by the Board of Assessors with a communication dated December 30, 1878, in which they state that having given the matter their special attention and consideration, and after visiting and inspecting the property in question minutely, and having obtained the views of competent experts thereon, they "are satisfied that the awards, as originally determined, are amply sufficient to cover whatever loss may have been incurred or damage sustained."

After hearing Mr. Roswell D. Hatch, attorney for Ann McManus, on motion, the said assessment list was laid over.

The assessment list for paving, with Belgian pavement, Lexington avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, accompanied with objections of Elizabeth H. Theall, J. L. Morrell, and Martha McIntosh, and a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works in reply to the same, was presented to the Board by the Comptroller, the same having been received from the Board of Assessors with a communication dated January 10, 1879.

After hearing the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, and Mr. N. Gano Dunn, attorney for the objectors, on motion, the further consideration of the matter was postponed until the next meeting of this Board, and in the meantime the objectors being allowed the opportunity of filing any further briefs or statements in the matter for the consideration of the Board.

The assessment list for sewers in Tenth avenue, between One Hundred and Sixteenth and Manhattan streets, accompanied with objections of the New York Hospital, Messrs. Van Nest, Wheelock, and others, laid over at meeting of December 17, 1878, were, on motion, taken up for consideration.

Mr. John H. McCabe, a contractor on public works, was sworn, and examined by Mr. John C. Shaw, attorney for objectors, and also by the Board, as to prices for the work embraced in the assessment list at the time of the performance thereof.

Gen. Egbert L. Viele, a city surveyor, was also sworn, and examined by Mr. Shaw, and by the Board as to the current prices of the work at the date of the execution of the same.

On motion, the said assessment list was again laid over.

The assessment list for sewers in Tenth avenue, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, with objections of the Leake and Watt's Orphan Asylum, G. D. Braisted and William A. M. Culbert, laid over at meeting of December 17, 1878, was, on motion, taken up for action.

After consideration of the said objections, on motion, they were overruled and the assessment list was confirmed—all the members of the Board present voting in the affirmative.

At 1:13 o'clock P. M., on motion, the Board adjourned.

RICHARD A. STORRS,
Chief Clerk Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to W. Martin & Bro. to retain sign in front of their premises No. 379 Sixth avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 20, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted on one side of One Hundred and Ninth street, from First avenue to the East river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That two lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted in front of the Faith Methodist Episcopal Church, on the north side of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, commencing seventy-five feet east of First avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Thomas Canary for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full payment of the annexed bill for coaches furnished on the occasion of the funeral of the late Assistant Alderman Henry A. Linden; the amount to be charged to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Stephen Beeching for the sum of thirty-six 34-100 dollars, to be in full for annexed bill for newspapers furnished the office of the Clerk of the Common Council from July 1 to December 31, 1878, and charge the amount to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That a lamp-post be erected and boulevard lamp lighted in front of the Mission Church, Nos. 7 and 9 King street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That two lamp-posts be erected and boulevards placed and lighted in front of Trinity Church, also two similar lamp-posts and lamps in front of St. Paul's Church, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of D. T. Ames, for the sum of two hundred and ten dollars, to be in full payment for engrossing and framing preamble and resolutions passed by the Common Council in commendation of the crew of the Columbia College Rowing Club for winning the "Visitors' Cup" at the Henley Regatta, July 4 and 5, 1878, the amount to be charged to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to B. K. Murphy to erect a watering-trough in front of No. 319 Seventh avenue, the water to be supplied and 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.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mark Levitaky to retain sign in front of No. 274 Bleecker street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George Rumbold to retain sign in front of No. 411 Canal street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 24, 1878.
Approved by the Mayor, December 30, 1878.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

REPORTED MORTALITY* for the week ending January 11, 1879, together with the ACTUAL MORTALITY for the week ending January 4, 1879.

V. DE F. DAY, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent and Register.

SIR—There were 569 deaths reported to have occurred in this city during the week ending Saturday, January 11, 1879, which is an increase of 14, as compared with the number reported the preceding week, and 6 more than were reported during the corresponding week of the year 1878. The actual mortality for the week ending January 4, 1879, was 542, which is 2.4 above the average for the corresponding week of the past five years, and represents an annual death-rate of 25.84 per 1,000 persons living, the population estimated at 1,090,637.

Table showing the Reported Mortality for the week ending Jan. 11, 1879, and the Actual Number of Deaths each day, from the Principal Causes, with the Ages of Decedents, for the week ending Jan. 4, 1879.

Main table with columns for METEOROLOGY, CAUSES OF DEATH, DATE (Dec 29 to Jan 4), AGE BY YEARS (Under 1 year to 70 and over), SEX (Male, Female), and COLORED. Includes sub-tables for 'ACTUAL NUMBER OF DEATHS EACH DAY DURING THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1879' and 'Total Actual Mortality during the week ending January 4, 1879'.

* Refers to the number of death certificates received.

DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASES. NEW YORK.—DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX, MEASLES, SCARLATINA, DIPHThERIA, CROUP, WHOOPING COUGH, TYPHOID FEVER, TYPHOUS FEVER, MALARIAL FEVERS, PUERPERAL FEVER, ALL DIARRHOEAL DISEASES, CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER, OTHER ZYMOTIC DISEASES, AND OTHER ZYMOTIC DISEASES. Actual Mortality during the Week ending January 4, 1879. Includes columns for WARD, AREA IN ACRES, various disease categories, and REMARKS.

Very respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. NAGLE, M. D., Deputy Register of Records.

Births* reported during the week ending January 11, 1879.

Table with columns: COLOR, SEX, NATIVITY OF PARENTS, NAME OF CHILD. Rows include totals for White, Colored, Male, Female, Not stated, Foreign, Native, Foreign Father only, Foreign Mother only, and Native/Foreign for both parents.

Marriages* reported during the week ending January 11, 1879.

Table with columns: COLOR, NATIVITY, CONDITION. Rows include totals for White, Colored, Foreign, Native, Born at sea, Not stated, and various marriage conditions like First, Second, Third, Fourth.

* The returns of births, marriages, and still-births are incomplete.

Nativity of those who were Married, and the Parents of the Births and Still-Births, for the week ending January 11, 1879, and those who Died (actual mortality), week ending January 4, 1879.

Table with columns: NATIVITY OF DECEASED, COUNTRY, DEATHS, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, STILL-BIRTHS. Lists countries like Austria, British America, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Scotland, Switzerland, United States, etc.

Still-Births reported during the week ending January 11, 1879.

Table with columns: SEX, COLOR, NATIVITY OF FATHER, MOTHER, PERIOD OF UTERO-GESTATION. Rows include totals for Male, Female, Not stated, White, Colored, Native, Foreign, Not stated, and gestation periods from 1 to 10 months.

Deaths reported during the week ending January 11, 1879.

Table with columns: PLACE OF DEATH, RESIDENCE, CONDITION. Rows include totals for Institutions, Tenement-houses, Houses containing three families or less, Hotels and Boarding-houses, In Rivers, Streets, Boats, etc., Not stated, Basement, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Top, Not stated, New York City, Outside New York City, Not stated, Single, Married, Widowed, Not stated.

† Principally children and deaths in institutions.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENT

For the Week Ending January 4, 1879.

Barometer.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., Mean for the Day, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM. Rows include days from Sunday to Saturday with observed and reduced heights and times.

Mean for the week... 29.822 inches. Maximum... at 9 A.M., December 31... 30.299. Minimum... at 2 P.M., January 2... 29.303. Range... .996.

Thermometers.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., MEAN, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM. Rows include days from Sunday to Saturday with dry and wet bulb readings and times.

Mean for the week... 20.8 degrees. Wet Bulb... 18.9 degrees. Maximum for the week, at 4 P.M., 2d... 33. Minimum... at 7 A.M., 3d... 4. Range... 37.

Wind.

Table with columns: DATE, DIRECTION, VELOCITY IN MILES, FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT. Rows include days from Sunday to Saturday with wind direction, velocity, and force.

Distance traveled during the week... 1,533 miles. Maximum force... 23 pounds.

Table with columns: DATE, Hygrometer, Clouds, Rain and Snow. Rows include days from Sunday to Saturday with force of vapor, relative humidity, clear/overcast, and depth of rain/snow.

Total amount of water for the week... .29 inches.

DANIEL DRAPER, Director.

