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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Report for the Quarter ending March 31, 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST),
NEW YORK, April 8, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor of the City of New York:

SIR—In pursuance of section 27, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, I have the honor to transmit the following report of the transactions of the Department of Public Parks for the three months ending March 31, 1879:

The Commission of Engineers, appointed in December last to examine the work on the Riverside Avenue Improvement, submitted a report in relation to the same.

In view of the conclusions of this report, the Superintending Engineer in charge of the work was directed to appear before the Board and present in writing his reasons why he should not be removed.

The Superintending Engineer, in accordance with the order of the Board, submitted a statement in answer to the report of the Board of Engineers appointed to examine the work.

These statements were received, printed and ordered filed, a copy of both being transmitted to the Mayor and Comptroller.

Mr. Franklin, the Engineer, was subsequently relieved from the charge of this work and transferred to other duties, and Mr. William J. McAlpine was appointed Superintending Engineer in his place and stead, and the contractors ordered to proceed with their work in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The power to purchase supplies and materials for use in the Department was vested in the President until the further order of the Board.

The President was authorized to sign an agreement with the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company for the use of the telegraph line to the Central Park for the year 1879, at a sum not exceeding \$720, the Company replacing the old with new instruments containing all recent improvements.

In return for the compliment paid the Department by the Prefect of the Seine, Paris, France, this Department has forwarded, through the State Department at Washington, two large albums, containing views taken in the Central Park, together with a large illustrated and descriptive map of the Central Park and copies of the several reports issued by the Department.

The President was authorized to sign a lease for the year 1879 for the offices now occupied by the Department, 36 Union Square, at a rental of \$2,500 per annum.

Working plans and drawings for the cases for the Museum of Art have been prepared in accordance with the views and wishes of the trustees of the Museum.

The pay of blacksmiths' helpers was fixed at the rate of \$1.80 per day.

The following action was taken in relation to the proposed suspension bridge north of the High Bridge:

Whereas, By act of the Legislature, passed in the year 1871 (chapter 534), it is provided that the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks "may forthwith commence the building or construction of a suspension bridge north of the bridge known as High Bridge, but not more than half a mile therefrom;" and

Whereas, This act was passed in recognition of a long-existing and conspicuous public necessity for the means of crossing the Harlem river; and

Whereas, The land for the approaches to the bridge on both sides of the river has long been taken and paid for by the city, and the amount thereof has been assessed on the property owners, and its construction will immediately connect an extensive system of highways now in actual use on both sides the river; and

Whereas, This proposed bridge has this especial advantage, that the shores which it is to connect are, at the proposed place of construction, bold and elevated, so that the bridge will be of a height that will not impede the navigation of the Harlem river, as proposed to be improved by the United States Government; and

Whereas, The unprecedentedly low prices of iron and the reduced rates to wages render this an especially fitting time for this Board to discharge the duty which was so many years since imposed upon it; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That in pursuance of the provisions of section 3, chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and section 16, chapter 329, Laws of 1874, and for the purpose of providing for the expense of constructing the bridge over the Harlem river, in the City of New York, described in said section 3, chapter 534, of the Laws of 1871, as "a suspension bridge, north of the bridge known as High Bridge, but not more than half a mile therefrom," the Department of Public Parks of said city, and the Board of Commissioners thereof, hereby make requisition on the Comptroller of said city to issue in the name of and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of said city, bonds to the amount of five thousand dollars; said bonds are to be issued in sums of even hundreds of dollars, shall be payable in not less than two nor in more than twenty years after the respective times at which they are issued, and shall bear such rate of interest, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, as shall be determined by said Comptroller.

Resolved, 2d, That the said department, and the said Commissioners thereof, hereby certify that said amount, namely, five thousand dollars, is necessary to be raised for said purposes.

Resolved, 3d, That a certified copy of the memorial of Messrs. L. G. Morris, Gustave Schwab, Franklin Edson, and others, presented to the Department on the 11th day of December, 1878, be transmitted, with the foregoing resolutions, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Resolved, 4th, That the Engineer of Construction be requested to transmit to this Board, elevations, plans and specifications of said bridge, and an estimate of the cost thereof, all of which shall be subjected to the approval of the Board.

Permission was granted to the New York Elevated Railroad Company to erect the stairs to the South Ferry Station of said railroad on the sidewalk on the southeast corner of the Battery park.

An inventory of all the property belonging to this Department on the first day of January, 1879, has been prepared and placed on file.

A report has been received from the director of the menagerie, and a request made to the Board of City Record to print the same.

The salaries of the various employees of the Department, consisting of Engineers, Clerks, and Superintendents, have been revised and fixed.

Temporary offices for the use of the Engineers, Superintendents, etc., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards have been located at the corner of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Third avenue.

A bill having been presented to the Legislature appropriating a portion of the Central Park to the use of the military, the Department adopted the following preamble and resolutions, and transmitted them to the Legislature:

Whereas, A bill has been presented to and is now before the Legislature, the provisions of which direct that the Department of Public Parks shall establish a parade ground on the ball ground on the Central Park, and

Whereas, The Central Park, by its formation and the purposes for which it was intended and are now used, that of a pleasure ground for all classes of our citizens, has made almost universal the sentiment of the great injustice and irreparable wrong that would be done by introducing military parades within its boundaries, and

Whereas, By years of careful thought and consideration of this subject, by each successive administration governing the Central Park, as well as by many of the highest military officials of

this city and State, including the present Major-General Commanding the First Division N.G.S.N.Y., it has been conceded that the plan and organization of the Central Park are not calculated for military purposes, as sufficient grounds within the Park cannot be appropriated for such purposes without diverting them from the use for which they were intended, and have been for years guaranteed and enjoyed; therefore,

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks has learned with much concern of the proposition now before the Legislature for the taking of a portion of the grounds of the Central Park for a military parade ground, and fully recognizing the great injustice that such action would entail to the park, feel it their duty not only on their own behalf, but on behalf of the citizens of the city of New York, to earnestly protest against the enactment of any such measure, and earnestly pray that the bill now before the Assembly may not become a law.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Honorable the Legislature.

The painting of Mount St. Vincent and the Casino buildings has been duly authorized.

The buildings standing in the line of the Riverside improvement have been authorized to be sold and removed.

The subject of laying the Croton water pipes in the Riverside avenue during the course of construction has received attention, and concert of action had with the Department of Public Works relative to the same.

CENTRAL PARK.

The maintenance work of the Central Park, as well as the City Parks, has been carefully attended to during this period as well as the severity of the winter weather has permitted.

Much attention and labor has been bestowed upon the paths and walks to keep them free from snow and ice.

During the past season there has been forty-nine days of skating, which necessitated the attention of the maintenance force at least one-half of their time in keeping the ice in condition for skating.

The constant increase of travel to the Central Park demonstrated the fact of the lack of expansion at the Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street entrance for vehicles.

Frequent collisions occurring at this point, the Department has had the centre row of trees planted at this entrance removed, making one wide unobstructed roadway.

The rolling stock of the Department has been thoroughly overhauled during the winter and is now in good condition for immediate use.

The signs in all the Parks have been repainted and lettered, and over one hundred new ones made to take the place of those worn out.

The pruning of trees and shrubs has been attended to; a new set of frames made for the hot-beds at Mount St. Vincent, and a large quantity of straw matting made for covering the same.

The plants in the propagating and greenhouses have received careful attention, and are now presenting a fine appearance.

A new drinking fountain has been set in the rear of the Mount St. Vincent building.

The old Sea Lion tank, near the Arsenal, has been removed, and the ground regraded.

The Park benches have been put in good order, repainted, and are now ready for summer use.

The slopes along the West Drive having been considerably washed out during the past autumn and winter, have received attention—reshaped and sodded.

TOMPKINS SQUARE.

The works on this square were all suspended during the first two months of the quarter, with the exception of planting of trees.

In the early part of March, all other works, such as grading the grass plots, setting the blue-stone edging in the southwest and northeast corners, grading and laying foundation for the remaining walks, were resumed as the weather permitted, with the view of pushing the work forward to an early completion.

FOURTH AVENUE PARKS.

The work on these parks, which was suspended last fall, was resumed early in March, when the Engineers were employed in giving grades and lines for foundation walls and granite copings.

In prosecuting this work it has been discovered that an error was made in setting the coping around the openings into the tunnel.

This Department has communicated with the railroad company, with the view of having them reset their coping on a proper grade, so soon as this is done the work on these parks will be pushed rapidly forward.

MANHATTAN SQUARE.

A topographical and drainage map of this square has been prepared, as well as all the necessary drawings for the drainage of the same, and the engineers are now engaged in staking out the lines and grades for the sewers.

WASHINGTON SQUARE.

Plans have been prepared for the improvement of the square, the westerly roadway now running across the square to be discontinued.

UNION SQUARE.

An alteration has been made in the fountain basin at the square, the muck bottom and rank planting to which it has heretofore been treated having been considered unhealthy; an interior wall has been built, forming an inner basin.

MUSEUM OF ART BUILDING.

The plasterers', iron, plumbing, gas-fitting, heating, carpenters and tilers' work for the large hall and adjoining rooms in the basement story have been in progress during the past three months.

In the early part of the present year orders were issued for the preparation of drawings and details for cases for main hall of principal story, and also drawings for iron doors to the basement staircases.

Orders have also been given to construct a temporary roadway from the Fifth avenue to the east entrance of the building, and to the elevator on the north side.

TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

Much care has been given to the roads, avenues, etc., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Jerome avenue has received a covering of sand and is now in excellent condition almost its entire length.

The culverts have been repaired and have been kept open and in a good condition.

The numerous bridges over Mill Brook have received careful attention, and wherever found necessary, repairs have been made to keep them in a safe condition.

The bridges over the Bronx river have been kept in thorough repair.

The old sleepers in Fleetwood bridge, which had become rotten and dangerous, have been removed and replaced by new ones, and the bridge is now in a superior condition.

During the early portion of the period embraced in this report, when no work could be done on the roads in this territory, the men were employed breaking stone, which is now being advantageously used in repairing Macadamized roads, thus obviating the necessity of purchasing stone for that purpose, and avoiding the delay in making repairs to the roads which would be otherwise inevitable.

The following is a statement showing the number of days employed in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the quarter ending March 31, 1879:

MONTHS.	Superintendent.	General Foreman.	Laborers.	Double Teams.	Carpenters.	Messengers.	Draw Tender.	Sewer Inspector.
January	31	31	574	76	16	27	31	26
February	28	28	141	26	3	24	28	23
March	31	31	197	47	18	26	31	26

The following is a statement showing the average working force per day employed in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the quarter ending March 31, 1879:

MONTHS.	Superintendent.	General Foreman.	Laborers.	Double Teams.	Carpenter.	Messenger.	Draw Tender.	Sewer Inspector.
January.....	1	1	19	3	1	1	1	1
February.....	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1
March.....	1	1	7	2	1	1	1	1
Present Force.....	1	1	15	4	1	1	1	1

BROOK AVENUE SEWER.

During the past quarter the work on this sewer has been mainly confined to excavation, pile driving, and laying timber foundations. The weather being favorable the rubble masonry on the side walls was commenced on the 18th March. The work on the brick masonry has been resumed.

- Details of work done during the quarter—
- 34,277 cubic yards of earth excavated.
- 1,517 cubic yards of rock excavated.
- 817 piles driven.
- 419 lineal feet of platform foundation laid.
- 325 cubic yards of rubble masonry laid.

THIRD AVENUE, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH STREET SEWERS.

The brick work of the sewer in Third avenue is completed. During the quarter there was laid in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street—

- 240 lineal feet of 18-inch pipe sewer.
- 200 lineal feet of 12-inch pipe sewer.
- 4 manholes built.

Operations were recommenced on this sewer on March 26, and the work is progressing rapidly.

WOODSTOCK DRAINS.

The plans for the drainage of the district "bounded by George street on the north, Union avenue and White's lane on the east, Delmonico and Concord avenues on the west, thence southerly to Long Island Sound," commonly called the "Woodstock Drains," have been completed and with the specifications submitted for the consideration of the Board, and received its approval.

This much needed work it is expected will be commenced at an early day. Surveys have been made, and plans and specifications submitted to and approved by the Board, for sewers in the following streets, viz:

One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from 410 feet east of Willis avenue to Brook avenue, with branch in Brown place.

One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Alexander avenue to Brook avenue, with branches in Alexander and Willis avenues.

One Hundred and Forty-second street, from Alexander avenue to Brook avenue, with branches in Alexander and Willis avenues.

Maps have been partly prepared for assessment lists for sewers in Mott and Brook avenues.

Surveys have been made preparatory to the taking up of the curb, gutter, flagging, etc., of Third avenue, with a view to the regulating and grading of the avenue between the bridge and One Hundred and Forty-seventh street.

Detailed plans have been prepared for piers and abutments of the proposed bridge over the Harlem river, between Madison avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, together with specifications for the work.

Detailed plans have also been prepared for an iron bridge over the Bronx river at Woodlawn, together with specifications for the same.

A careful inspection of the Central bridge over the Harlem river has been made, with a view to determining the extent of the repairs necessary to render it safe for the coming season.

Maps restoring the lines of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets, from Third to College avenues, as they existed previous to the adoption of the map by the Commissioners appointed by chapter 841, Laws of 1868, have been ordered prepared for filing.

A map or plan of Sewerage District No. 33 B, comprising a portion of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, has been approved and filed.

Eight monument points and thirty-one monuments have been set in the Hunt's Point district, defining on the ground some 11,160 lineal feet, or about 2 11-100 miles of streets.

All existing monuments on Third avenue have been located from the Harlem river to Teasdale place.

CENTRAL PARK METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY.

During the past quarter, the Meteorological Observatory at the Central Park has supplied information to the Courts, Health Department, Bureau of Street Cleaning, and Bureau of Sewers, for legal and other purposes. It has supplied the newspapers with such data as they have desired. There have been issued nearly one hundred monthly reports to home and foreign observatories and societies each month. These reports have been printed at the observatory with Edison's Electric Pen process. There have been sent weekly statements to the CITY RECORD for publication, and also to the Health Department for comparison with the mortality of the city.

Instruments have been brought to be compared with the standards, and their errors determined and tabulated for the persons applying. Correspondence and wishes from other institutions have been attended to and answered, among these may be mentioned: An inquiry from the Astronomer Royal of England, as to the feasibility of establishing earth thermometers at this observatory; from Dr. Buys Ballot, of the Royal Observatory of Holland, and the Statistical Society of London, in reference to storms crossing the Atlantic, and also from the Toronto Meteorological offices in reference to health and the normals of different meteorological elements.

The self-recording instruments have worked in a satisfactory manner, so that the observatory has a complete record for every instant for the past quarter, and the following tables are for the first quarter, not only of this year, but for the past ten years, so that persons interested in these topics can make comparisons for themselves.

I.—BAROMETER (Reduced to Freezing).

TABLE showing Comparisons of the First Quarter of 1879 with the same period for the past Ten Years.

YEARS.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		MAXIMUM.	TIME.	MINIMUM.	TIME.
	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.				
1869.....	29.941	29.881	29.956	30.415	2 P. M., Mar. 22	28.932	7 A. M., Feb. 4			
1870.....	30.005	29.812	29.834	30.528	2 P. M., Jan. 14	28.998	4 P. M., Jan. 2			
1871.....	30.117	29.969	29.910	30.610	9 A. M., Jan. 19	29.264	2 P. M., Feb. 18			
1872.....	29.912	29.872	29.883	30.490	7 P. M., Feb. 7	29.260	4 P. M., Mar. 31			
1873.....	29.981	29.866	29.848	30.596	9 A. M., Mar. 6	29.006	2 P. M., Feb. 21			
1874.....	30.060	30.059	29.887	30.644	3 A. M., Feb. 2	29.351	2 P. M., Mar. 10			
1875.....	30.105	29.981	29.976	30.673	9 A. M., Jan. 1	29.210	5 P. M., Feb. 20			
1876.....	30.017	30.008	29.916	30.924	9 P. M., Feb. 5	28.938	5 A. M., Feb. 2			
1877.....	30.013	29.922	29.864	30.484	2 P. M., Jan. 17	29.001	8 A. M., Mar. 9			
1878.....	29.936	29.843	29.847	30.623	9 A. M., Jan. 8	29.001	1 P. M., Mar. 24			
Average.....	30.008	29.921	29.892	30.598	29.096			
1879.....	29.898	29.941	29.988	30.705	9 A. M., Feb. 28	29.142	7 P. M., Jan. 9			

The average of the Barometer for this quarter is .002 inch higher than the average for the past ten years.

II.—THERMOMETER (Open Air, Shade, Dry).

TABLE showing Comparisons of the First Quarter of 1879 with the same period for the past Ten Years.

YEARS.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		MAXIMUM.	TIME.	MINIMUM.	TIME.
	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.				
1869.....	35.07	34.47	34.77	61.	2 P. M., Feb. 13	4.	4 A. M., Mar. 4			
1870.....	37.45	31.27	34.09	58.	4 P. M., Jan. 23	9.	4 A. M., Feb. 22			
1871.....	28.30	30.20	44.16	65.	3 P. M., Mar. 16	0.	6 A. M., Jan. 23			
1872.....	28.78	29.85	30.53	62.	3 P. M., Mar. 29	3.	9 A. M., Mar. 5			
1873.....	28.58	29.53	35.71	55.	5 P. M., Mar. 23	- 1.	7 A. M., Feb. 24			
1874.....	34.20	31.26	37.10	72.	4 P. M., Feb. 23	3.	4 A. M., Feb. 2			
1875.....	23.84	25.17	34.10	60.	4 P. M., Mar. 30	- 3.	7 A. M., Jan. 10			
1876.....	36.55	31.79	34.36	68.	4 P. M., Jan. 2	5.	7 A. M., Feb. 24			
1877.....	27.73	36.99	35.84	58.	4 P. M., Feb. 22	10.	4 A. M., Mar. 19			
1878.....	30.26	32.20	44.14	69.	3 P. M., Mar. 7	7.	7 A. M., Jan. 3			
Average.....	31.07	31.27	36.48	62.8	3.7			
1879.....	26.90	27.95	39.95	69.	4 P. M., Mar. 10	- 4.	7 A. M., Jan. 3			

The average of the dry thermometer for the quarter is 1.34 degree lower than the average. The maximum temperature is exceeded by that of 1874, which is 3 degrees higher, being 72 degrees. The minimum temperature is one degree lower than that of 1875, which was 3 below zero.

III.—THERMOMETER—(Open Air, Shade, Wet).

TABLE showing Comparisons of the First Quarter of 1879, with the same period for the past Ten Years.

YEARS.	JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.		MAXIMUM.	TIME.	MINIMUM.	TIME.
	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.				
1869.....	32.36	32.11	31.81	51.	2 P. M., Feb. 13	4.	4 A. M., Mar. 4			
1870.....	34.85	30.37	32.57	54.	4 P. M., Jan. 23	9.	4 A. M., Feb. 22			
1871.....	27.00	28.80	39.10	60.	6 P. M., Mar. 3	0.	6 A. M., Jan. 23			
1872.....	27.31	28.35	28.81	50.	3 P. M., Mar. 29	3.	9 A. M., Mar. 4			
1873.....	26.11	26.95	32.50	48.	3 P. M., Mar. 29	- 1.	7 A. M., Feb. 24			
1874.....	31.41	28.22	33.22	61.	3 P. M., Feb. 23	2.	4 A. M., Feb. 2			
1875.....	22.85	23.13	31.74	52.	4 P. M., Mar. 30	- 3.	7 A. M., Jan. 10			
1876.....	33.71	29.74	31.26	61.	4 P. M., Jan. 2	5.	7 A. M., Feb. 24			
1877.....	26.00	33.68	33.42	53.	10 A. M., Mar. 9	10.	4 A. M., Mar. 19			
1878.....	28.28	29.78	39.69	62.	3 P. M., Mar. 10	7.	8 A. M., Jan. 23			
Average.....	28.98	29.11	33.41	55.1	3.6			
1879.....	24.78	25.82	36.63	60.	4 P. M., Mar. 10	- 4.	7 A. M., Jan. 3			

The average of the wet thermometer for this quarter is 1.43 degrees lower than the average. The maximum wet temperature is exceeded by that of the years 1874, 1876, and 1878, being 61, 61 and 62 degrees respectively, while that for this was 60 degrees. The minimum wet temperature of this quarter is 4 degrees below zero.

IV.—HUMIDITY AND WIND.

TABLE showing Comparison of the First Quarter of 1879, with the same period for the past Ten Years.

YEARS.	HUMIDITY.									WIND.					
	JANUARY.			FEBRUARY.			MARCH.			JANUARY.		FEBRUARY.		MARCH.	
	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	9 P. M.	Direction.	Velocity, in Miles.	Direction.	Velocity, in Miles.	Direction.	Velocity, in Miles.
1869.....	80	70	87	83	76	85	74	73	75	W	5.192	W	5.379	NW	5.869
1870.....	83	73	76	82	91	91	89	83	83	WSW	6.960	WNW	8.127	NW	8.947
1871.....	91	83	88	91	86	86	77	64	70	NNE	6.140	NW	5.256	NNW	5.994
1872.....	90	84	89	96	81	90	92	81	89	W	6.413	W	6.767	W	8.303
1873.....	69	62	73	75	68	72	78	66	74	W	5.664	W	6.223	W	8.293
1874.....	76	65	72	71	58	68	73	60	67	W	5.801	WNW	5.487	WNW	7.892
1875.....	88	73	87	77	63	72	83	69	76	WNW	4.803	W	6.128	W	5.500
1876.....	81	66	75	89	67	81	84	57	73	W	5.787	WNW	5.954	W	6.933
1877.....	93	72	81	84	59	71	89	69	81	SW	4.930	NW	5.078	W	6.884
1878.....	89	66	84	87	63	82	77	54	69	NW	6.084	NW	4.400	W	5.926
Average.....	84	71	81	83	71	79	81	67	75	W	5.777	W	5.879	W	7.059
1879.....	86	65	79	86	65	78	78	63	73	W	5.766	W	5.528	NW	4.587

The average humidity of this quarter is 3 less than the average. The velocity of wind for the past quarter was 15,881 miles, while the average for the past ten years is 18,715 miles. Most of this discrepancy occurred in the month of March.

V.—RAIN AND SNOW.

Table showing Comparison of the First Quarter of 1879, with the same period for the past ten years.

Table with columns for Years, January, February, and March. Sub-columns include No. of Stormy Days, Duration (Days, Hours, Minutes), Amount of Water, and Depth of Snow.

This quarter had three days less of rain and snow than the average. There was also 2.64 inches less water, but the snow was 7.39 inches above the average.

ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

A skylight has been placed over the buffalo enclosure, affording additional light and sun to the animals.

The wire enclosure containing the camels and birds has been painted and a poultry-house has been fitted up for the preservation of rare fowls.

DONATIONS.

- 1 Mottled Owl, presented by Mr. John Sutherland, New York City.
1 Horned Owl, presented by Mr. S. E. Wurst, Elyria, Ohio.
1 Red Fox, presented by Mr. William Fischer, New York City.

BIRTHS.

- 1 Zebu.
11 Southdown Lambs.

PURCHASED.

- 29 Grey Squirrels, which were placed at liberty in the Ramble and upper portions of the park.
1 Buffalo Cow and 1 Tiger were received in exchange for a Zebu Bull and some Sheep.

PLACED ON EXHIBITION.

56 Monkeys, 2 Lions, 2 Black Leopards, 2 Hyenas, 3 Bears, 6 Camels, 4 Elephants, 1 Eland, 1 Kangaroo, 1 Two Horned Rhinoceros, 13 Grey Parrots, 20 Rose Cockatoos, 47 Yellow Crested Cockatoos, 8 Boa Constrictors.

Among the rarest of these specimens were the Two Horned Rhinoceros from Africa, the first of the species ever exhibited in the menagerie, and a small Indian Elephant, three feet ten inches high.

Considering the unusually severe winter, the health of the animals has been good, the mortality being very slight, the deaths occurring were Buffalo (placed on exhibition), cause of death pulmonary congestion; Sheep, tubercular enteritis; Monkey (placed on exhibition), extensive tuberculous deposits in the lungs, liver, and spleen; Tapir (placed on exhibition), a large abscess on the right kidney containing about twelve ounces of pus; Deer, softening of the spinal cord; Leopard, fatty degeneration of the kidneys and spleen with extensive ascites; young Camel, convulsions.

APPOINTMENTS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, OCCUPATION, RATE OF PAY. Lists various employees and their positions from January to March.

REMOVALS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, OCCUPATION, RATE OF PAY. Lists removals of employees in January.

PROMOTIONS.

Table with columns: DATE, NAME, OCCUPATION, RATE OF PAY. Lists promotions of employees in January and March.

RESIGNED.

Table with columns: February 12, Name, Position, Salary. Lists William Irwin as Secretary.

LICENSES

have been granted to— Isaac Hall, to keep floating baths at the Battery. William Kyle, to keep boats for hire on the Harlem lake, Central Park. PERMITS GRANTED—TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS. 10 permits for sewer connections. 14 permits for placing building materials on street. 3 permits for repairing sewer connections.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Lists money deposited with Chamberlain and bills sent to Finance Department.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES F. WENMAN, President, D. P. P.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending April 5, 1879:

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Section: Deposits in the Treasury. Includes Sinking Fund and City Treasury.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Section: Bonds and Stock Issued. Includes Four and one-half per cent. Bonds, Five per cent. Bonds, and Five per cent. Stock.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Section: Warrants Registered and Ready for Payment. Lists various departmental expenses and salaries.

SUITS, ORDERS OF COURT, JUDGMENTS, Etc.

Table with columns: COURT, PLAINTIFF OR RELATOR, AMOUNT, NATURE OF ACTION, ETC., ATTORNEY. Lists legal cases in Supreme and Superior courts.

CLAIMS FILED.

NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
James McCafferty.....	\$83 33	For salary as Clerk to Commissioners of Accounts, March, 1879.....	
John D. Barry.....	672 01	For earth filling furnished Department of Public Works, between April and July, 1878, at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and McComb's Dam.....	A. H. Purdy.
Isidor Abrahams.....	575 00	For award for damage to Nos. 10 and 12 Baxter street, by reason of change of grade of Worth street.....	J. Lipman.
James Flynn.....	20,000 00	For damages for personal injuries received November 26, 1878, by being thrown from truck on Third avenue, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets.....	M. J. O'Brien.
James C. Quinn.....	1,200 00	For labor and services in examining bills for lumber, furnished by J. Bigelow & Co., in 1878.....	W. H. Weeks.
R. D. Dowling.....	800 00	For damages caused by defect in roadway.....	
William Clancy.....	525 00	For services as Janitor, Fifth District Court, October, 1878, to April 1, 1879.....	E. Sandford.
Michael O'Malley.....	10,000 00	For damages for personal injuries received May 21, 1877, by the falling of a block of stone from a derrick.....	
Robert Sillery.....	10,000 00	For damages for personal injuries received by falling on sidewalk, in front of No. 5 Morton street, on January 16, 1879.....	J. T. Patey.
Richard M. Collard.....		For services as Janitor, Third District Civil Court.....	E. Sandford.

CONTRACTS REGISTERED.

NO.	DATE OF CONTRACT.	DEPARTMENT.	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.
4540	Jan. 14, 1879	Public Charities and Correction.....	Henry M. Anthony.....	Furnishing 40,000 pounds hard soap. Total, \$1,992.
4541	Mar. 31, "	Public Works.....	John D. Crimmins (Special).	Regulating, grading, curb and gutter, and flagging Ninth avenue, from southerly line of Sixty-third street to northerly line of Boulevard. Estimate, \$661.80.
4542	Apr. 1, "	"	John S. Masterson (Special).	Flagging north side Seventy-second street, from Lexington to Third avenue. Estimate, \$309.92.
4543	" 1, "	"	"	Flagging east side Madison avenue, between Eightieth and Eighty-first streets. Estimate, \$159.04.
4544	" 1, "	"	"	Flagging south side Eighty-fifth street, 100 feet west of Lexington avenue. Estimate, \$67.20.
4545	" 1, "	"	"	Flagging north side Fifty-first street, from Broadway to Eighth avenue. Estimate, \$30.
4546	Mar. 20, "	"	R. D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia, B. G. Clarke, assignee (Special).....	Furnishing cast-iron water pipes, branch pipes and special castings. Estimate, \$39,330.

Opening of Proposals.

The Comptroller attended the opening of proposals at the following Departments, viz. :
 March 31. Department of Public Works—For constructing the sewers and for regulating and grading in the streets enumerated in the advertisement of the Department of Public Works, dated March 17, 1879.
 April 4. Department of Public Charities and Correction—For furnishing dry goods, groceries, hardware, codfish, hay, etc., for the use of the said Department.

Suspended.

Reuben H. Crombie, Assistant Clerk in Bureau for Collection of Arrears.

Appointed.

Robert Kelly, cartman at the public markets, in the place of Patrick Brice, deceased, with compensation at the rate of \$3.00 per diem.
 Hugh J. Kelly, Examiner in Auditing Bureau, Comptroller's office, with compensation at the rate of \$1,200 per annum.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Appointment of Commissioners.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
 NEW YORK, April 2, 1879.

It appearing by the application, made to me on the 4th day of March, 1879, by fifty reputable householders and taxpayers of the City and County of New York, in the State of New York, verified upon oath before a Justice of the Supreme Court, that there is need in said city and county of a street railway or railways for the transportation of passengers, mails and freight; and thirty days not having expired since said application, now, in pursuance of the provisions of the act entitled, "An Act further to provide for the construction and operation of a steam railway or railways in counties of the State," passed June 18, 1875, three-fifths being present, I, Edward Cooper, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby appoint the following five persons, residents of said city and county, to be commissioners under and in pursuance of the provisions of said act, namely: Henry F. Spaulding, Benjamin G. Arnold, Henry G. Stebbins, Lewis G. Morris, Samuel R. Filley.
 In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, the 2d day of April, 1879.
 EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
 300 MULBERRY STREET, March 28, 1879.

THOMAS COSTIGAN, Esq., Supervisor City Record:

SIR—Pursuant to section 44, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, I hereby submit the following list of appointments, and applicants for appointment, in the Police Department of the City of New York, for the week ending Thursday, March 27, 1879:

Appointments as Patrolmen.

James F. Hines, Clerk, 96 Stanton street.
 Charles Schoell, Carver, 41 First street.
 John Maguire, Derrickman, 542 Second avenue.
 James Gilbride, Plasterer, 445 West Fortieth street.
 John Ewing, Upholsterer, 12 Carmine street.
 Patrick Casserly, Roofer, 340 West Sixteenth street.

Applicants for Appointment as Patrolmen.

Daniel J. Hogan, Truck-driver, 404 East Tenth street. Rejected.
 William Mullin, Clerk, 143 Eldridge street. Rejected.
 Thomas V. Murphy, Engineer, 17 Stone street. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
 S. C. HAWLEY Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DAILY MEETINGS MARCH 24 TO 29, 1879.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending March 22, 1879—Males, 26; females, 4. On file.
 From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—History of 5 patients received during week ending March 22, 1879. On file.
 From N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—History of 6 patients received during week ending March 22, 1879. On file.
 From City Prison—Amount of fines received during week ending March 22, 1879, \$135. On file.

Appointments.

March 24. Samuel T. Adams, Nurse, Homœopathic Hospital.
 25. Susan L. Corwin, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.
 25. Nellie Dorris, Nurse, Infants' Hospital.
 26. Bridget Moore, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.
 26. Elizabeth Bateman, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.
 26. Vira Snedeker, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.
 26. David McNevin, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.
 28. John Moore, Captain, Randall's Island Ferry.
 28. Joseph Meagher, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

Resignations.

March 25. Henry Leninger, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.
 25. Mary Hamilton, Nurse, Infants' Hospital.
 28. George W. Ritter, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Wm. Nelson, Jr., to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp on the sidewalk in front of No. 107 Seventh avenue, provided such post shall not exceed the dimensions prescribed by resolution of the Common Council, and that the work be done and gas supplied 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, April 1, 1879.
 Approved by the Mayor, April 2, 1879.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the Union Club, of the City of New York, to place and keep a portico over the main entrance to their building on the northwest corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street, as shown on the annexed diagram, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; the permission hereby given to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 1, 1879.
 Approved by the Mayor, April 2, 1879.

Resolved, That the resolution authorizing the Exempt Firemen's Association to use the court-room of the Police Court in the New Court-house at Jefferson Market be and is hereby amended by adding after the words "Police Court" the words "or Civil Court," so that said resolution, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Resolved, That the Exempt Firemen's Association of the City of New York be and they are hereby authorized and permitted to use the court-room of the Police or Civil Court in the New Court-house at Jefferson Market, in which to hold their meetings, provided the business of said courts shall in no case be interrupted or interfered with; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 25, 1879.
 Approved by the Mayor, April 4, 1879.

AN ORDINANCE to secure the right of way to ambulances belonging to the Department of Public Charities and Correction and to incorporated hospitals in the City of New York.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:
 Section 1. The ambulances belonging to the Department of Public Charities and Correction and incorporated hospitals in the City of New York shall have the right of way in the streets of said city as against all persons, vehicles, or animals, when conveying any patient or injured person to any hospital in the city, or when proceeding to the scene of any accident by which any person or persons have been injured; and any person refusing to yield the right of way, where it is possible, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished pursuant to the provisions of sections 20 and 21 of chapter XL, Laws of 1833, and the provisions of section 5 of article IV., Laws of 1853; and the Commissioners of Police are hereby required to enforce, rigidly, the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 11, 1879.
 Approved by the Mayor, March 24, 1879.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Naumburg, Kraus, Lauer & Co. to place and keep a wooden bridge over gutter in front of premises Nos. 61 and 63 Wooster street, the work to be done at their own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 11, 1879.
 Received from his Honor the Mayor, March 25, 1879, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to memorialize the Legislature of this State, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, praying for an amendment to the act, chapter 125, Laws of 1878, so as to authorize and empower the Board authorized to make and enter into contracts for lighting the streets, avenues, and places of the City of New York with gas, to include the public parks of said city; and to that end that he be and is hereby also requested to transmit a copy of such memorial and amended act to the State Legislature, now in session, at his earliest convenience.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 25, 1879.
 Approved by the Mayor, March 26, 1879.

Resolved, That the American Street Light Reflector Company be authorized, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, to affix their reflectors to the street lights on the Fifth avenue, between Twenty-ninth and Thirty-seventh streets, also Thirtieth street, from Fourth to Sixth avenue; provided that such work shall be done solely at their own expense, and without charge to the city.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 25, 1879.
 Approved by the Mayor, March 27, 1879.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to repair the pavements of the following streets: Mangin street, Goerck street, Suffolk street, Norfolk street, Hester street, Sheriff street, Pitt street, Ridge street, Mulberry street, Mott street, Marion street, Park street, Leonard street, White street, Franklin street, City Hall place, James street, Roosevelt street, Oak street, Water street (from Catharine street north), Gold street, Vandewater street, Cliff street, Division street, Henry street, Monroe street, Hamilton street, Cherry street, Pike street, Rutgers street, Jefferson street, Montgomery street, Gouverneur street and slip, Jackson street, East street, Corlears street, Pelham street, Birmingham street, and that Madison street be repaved from Market to Grand street.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 11, 1879.
 Approved by the Mayor, March 24, 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, No. 2 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, April 7, 1879.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending April 5, 1879.

HENRY J. DUDLEY, Superintendent of Buildings. S. T. WEBSTER, Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

Table with columns for building types (e.g., First-class dwellings, French flats, Tenement houses) and their counts.

Table showing operations for the month of March 1879, including buildings reported for escape in case of fire, trap-doors, and iron shutters.

Table showing altered buildings, including plans and specifications filed, classified by building type.

Table showing buildings examined and plans relating thereto passed upon, including those previously filed.

Table showing special applications, including number filed and examinations made.

Table showing building operations for the month of March 1879, as reported by the District Inspectors.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES K. HYDE, Chief of Bureau. JOHN J. TINDALE, Clerk.

Table showing operations for the week ending April 5, 1879, including complaints received from outside sources, violations of the law, and unsafe buildings reported.

Table showing surveys held on unsafe buildings and violation cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted, ANDREW OWENS, Chief of Bureau. WILLIAM H. CLASS, Clerk.

Table showing operations for the week ending April 5, 1879, including buildings reported for additional means of escape in case of fire.

Table showing operations for the month of March 1879, including buildings reported for escape in case of fire.

Table showing bills incurred, including April 1 to F. Meyer, rent of Westchester office.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. K. HYDE, Acting Chief of Bureau. VICTOR W. VOORHEES, Clerk.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. Mayor's Office. No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT. Office of Clerk of Common Council. No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Commissioner's Office. No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS AND APPLICATIONS. Operations for the week ending April 5, 1879.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN F. SLOPER, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office. Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Auditing Bureau. No. 19 New County Court-house, A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau of Arrears. No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments. No. 16 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau of City Revenue. No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau of Markets. No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes. First floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain. No. 18 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

LAW DEPARTMENT. Office of the Counsel to the Corporation. Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Office of the Public Administrator. No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Office of the Corporation Attorney. No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Attorney to Department of Buildings Office. Corner Cortland and Church streets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Central Office. No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION. Central Office. Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Headquarters. Nos. 153, 155, and 157 Mercer street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Civil and Topographical Office. Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS. Office, No. 114 White street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS. No. 2 Fourth avenue, 8:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BOARD OF EXCISE. Corner Mulberry and Houston streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. No. 236 West Forty-third street.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COMMISSION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE. No. 28 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

REGISTER'S OFFICE. East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS. No. 27 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS. No. 17 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. Second floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE. And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS. No. 114 WHITE STREET (CORNER CENTRE), NEW YORK, April 3, 1879.

CORONERS' OFFICE.

No. 40 East Houston street. HENRY WOLTMAN, MORITZ ELLINGER, RICHARD CROKER, and RICHARD FLANAGAN, Coroners.

SUPREME COURT.

Second floor, New County Court-house, 10 1/2 A. M. to 3 P. M. General Term, Room No. 9. Special Term, Room No. 10.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M. General Term, Room No. 29. Special Term, Room No. 33.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M. Clerk's Office, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Room No. 22.

MARINE COURT.

General Term, Trial Term Part I, Room 15, City Hall. Trial Term Part II, Trial Term Part III, third floor, 27 Chambers street, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Clerk's Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, second floor, Room 24, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

OVER AND TERMINER COURT.

General Term, New County Court-house, second floor southeast corner, room 13, 10:30 A. M. Clerk's Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, second floor, northwest corner.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

BY DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF Public Parks, Messrs. Van Tassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, 22 Union Square, will sell at Public Auction, on the ground, two two-story and attic brick dwellings, situate on Riverside avenue, near Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth streets.

TERMS OF SALE.

Only those parts of the buildings or fences standing within the limits of Riverside avenue will be sold. The sale is on the condition that the buildings, etc., sold, be removed by the purchaser within ten days from the date of sale.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS OF THE BOARD of Aldermen will meet on Friday, April 11, at 1 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Committee, MATTHEW STEWART, BERNARD KENNEY, WILLIAM SAUER, Committee on Streets.

THE COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS WILL meet on Thursday, April 10, at 2 o'clock P. M.

ROBERT HALL, JOHN W. JACOBUS, WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, J. M. PATTERSON, Jr., Clerk.

THE COMMITTEE ON LAW DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday in the City Library, Room No. 12 City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M.

By Order of the Committee, J. GRAHAM HYATT, Chairman.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING Assessments Lists have been received by the Board of Assessors from the Commissioner of Public Works.

No. 1.—Sewer in Eleventh avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Seventy-sixth streets, with branches in Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Seventy-first, Seventy-second, and Seventy-third streets, with connections of present sewer in Seventieth street. \$65,427 45

No. 2.—Paving Sixty-eighth street and Fourth avenue (the intersection of)..... 956 21

WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, No. 114 WHITE STREET (CORNER CENTRE), NEW YORK, April 3, 1879.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK, 155 and 157 MERCER STREET, NEW YORK, November 7, 1878. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, April 4, 1879. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Tenth Precinct Station-house—Unknown man, aged about 50 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; gray hair and moustache; blue eyes. Had on black frock coat, black vest, brown striped pants, white shirt, striped stockings, gaiters, black felt hat.

Unknown man from Pier 45, East river; aged about 35 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; brown hair. Had on black cloth pants, blue flannel shirt, white knit undershirt and drawers, gaiters. (Supposed to be one of the crew of ship "Glen Eagle," drowned on New Year's Eve).

By Order, JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, April 5, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, BRICK, ETC.

- 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 Friday, April 18, 1879, 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— DRY GOODS. 2,000 yards Calico Prints. 100 great gross Suspender Buttons. 100 great gross Bone Buttons. 10 gross Pearl Shirt Buttons.

GROCERIES, ETC. 500 pounds Ground Mustard. 200 pounds Baking Powder. 250 barrels Onions. 1,000 barrels Potatoes. BRICK. 100,000 Hard North River Brick. The quality of the goods furnished must conform in every respect to the samples of the above to be seen at this office, and bidders must examine specifications for particulars of goods required before making their proposals.

All proposals must be made on blanks furnished by the Department. 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 be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished. TOWNSEND COX, THOMAS S. BRENNAN, ISAAC H. BAILEY, Commissioners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM 39, NEW YORK, March 15, 1879.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department, City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Ladies' wrappers, revolvers, male and female clothing, axle grease, silver watch, tub butter, small amount of money found and taken from prisoners. C. A. ST. JOHN, Property Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 300 MULBERRY STREET, NEW YORK, March 14, 1879.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO FARMERS and others who may desire street dirt, that they can procure the same from the Bureau of Street Cleaning, without cost, by making application to Captain John Gunner, Inspector of the Bureau, at the Central Department building, No. 300 Mulberry street. The material can be loaded in carts upon the streets be designated by the Inspector, or will be delivered in scows or other water craft at the several dumping boar By Order of the Board, S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, Auctioneer.

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, THE LEASES of the following described property, belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, will be sold by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at PUBLIC AUCTION, at the New County Court House, on THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1879, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the term of Two YEARS, from May 1, 1879. FULTON MARKET.—Cellars Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 16. CENTRE MARKET.—Cellar No. 2. Part of second floor. ESSEX MARKET.—Small cellar No. 2. GOUVERNNEUR MARKET.—Market building (not occupied for stands) and cellar.

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 the 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.

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, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, April 4, 1879. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISE.

THE FRANCHISE TO RUN THE FERRY FROM the foot of Grand street, East river, north side, in the City of New York to Broadway, in the City of Brooklyn, E. D., will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, April 10, 1879, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of ten years from May 1, 1879. The form of the lease required to be executed by the highest bidder can be seen at the office of the Comptroller on and after April 7, 1879. All bids will be regarded as made with reference to said form of lease, and in case the highest bidder shall neglect to execute a lease according to said form, for ten days after said sale, his bid will, at the option of the Comptroller be rejected.

The leases will contain a covenant requiring the lessees to pay rent quarter-yearly to the Comptroller. The successful bidder will be required to pay to the Collector of City Revenue the sum of fifteen hundred dollars immediately after the franchise shall have been struck down to him, as security for the execution and performance of the lease, such amount to be credited on the rent when the same becomes due. Security, satisfactory to the Comptroller, will be required for the punctual performance by the lessees of the covenants of the lease of this franchise. The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be to the interest of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. DATED NEW YORK, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 29, 1879. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City and County of New York, due May 1, 1879, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at his office in the New Court-house.

The transfer books will be closed from March 28 to May 1, 1879. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 20, 1879.

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. Grants, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriff's sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price, \$100 00 The same, in 25 volumes, half bound, 50 00 Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, 15 00 Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound, 10 00 Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK, NEW YORK, February 27, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection: CONFIRMED AND ENTERED FEBRUARY 24, 1879. 65th street, paving, from 1st to 3d avenue. 75th street, paving, from 4th to Madison avenue. 84th street, paving, from Boulevard to Riverside drive. Goerck street, sewer, from Houston to 3d street. 10th avenue, sewer, between 116th and Manhattan streets. 57th street, flagging, (north side), between Lexington and 3d avenues. 85th street, fencing, between 1st avenue and Avenue A and southwest corner of 86th street. 74th street, fencing, between 4th and Madison avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before April 28, 1879, 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 entry. 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.

WILLIAM KENNELLY & HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneers.

CORPORATION SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of the powers vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, they will offer for sale, at public auction, on Thursday, April 24, 1879, at noon, at the Exchange salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New York, the following real estate belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, viz: No. 114 1/2 Broadway. No. 18 Renwick street. No. 128 West Broadway. No. 202 West 31st street. No. 594 Grand street. No. 128 East 50th street. No. 359 West 35th street. No. 61 Chatham street. No. 81 Chatham street. No. 83 Chatham street. No. 89 Chatham street. No. 91 Chatham street. No. 93 Chatham street. No. 458 East Houston street. No. 160 Wooster street. No. 53 Spring street. No. 61 Thompson street. Stables, Tompkins and Mangin streets. No. 442 West 33d street. Lots Nos. 13, 14, 15, Harlem market property, south side 121st street, near Third avenue. Old school-house, Fordham, Avenue C and 2d street, subject to lease to December, 1879. East side 13th avenue, between Bloomfield and Little West 12th streets, lots Nos. 61 to 72. West side 3d avenue, between 66th and 67th streets, lots Nos. 1 to 8. Nos. 4 to 8 subject to lease to May 1, 1880. West side 3d avenue, between 67th and 68th streets, lots Nos. 1 to 7. South side 68th street, between 3d and Lexington avenues, lots Nos. 10 to 16. East side Lexington avenue, between 67th and 68th streets, lots Nos. 22 to 25. North side 67th street, between Lexington and 3d avenues, lots Nos. 26 to 33. Lithographic maps of the above real estate may be obtained at the Comptroller's office at the New County Court-house, on and after April 15, 1879. Full warrantee deeds will be given to all purchasers. COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, March 24, 1879. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE obtained at No. 2 City Hall (northwest corner basement). Price three cents each. DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET, NEW YORK, January 9, 1879. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOOKS of Annual Record of the assessed valuation of Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New York for the year 1879, will be opened for inspection and revision, on and after Monday, January 13, 1879, and will remain open until the 30th day of April, 1879, inclusive, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate. All persons believing themselves aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law. By order of the Board. ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

THE CITY RECORD.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, April 9, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR ONE FLOATING SWIMMING BATH.

PROPOSALS ENCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder endorsed thereon, will be received at this office until Monday, April 21, 1879, at 12 o'clock, M., at which hour they will be publicly opened and read, FOR FURNISHING MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR BUILDING ONE FLOATING SWIMMING BATH. Plans and blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelope in which to enclose the bids, and any further information desired can be obtained on application at the office of the Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies, Room 18, 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 WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, April 9, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR ELEVATOR.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR ERECTING AN ELEVATOR in the New County Court-house, will be received by the Commissioners for the completion of the New County Court-house, at the above address, until Monday, April 14, 1879, as 12 o'clock, noon, when the same will be publicly opened and read. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate, in addition to stating the same in figures. Each proposal must be 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 to the person or persons making the bid, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as sureties, in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to any higher bidder, to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals if, in their judgment, the same may be for the interest of the city. The sealed envelope, containing the estimate or proposal, will be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and also the words "Proposal for Elevator." Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the plans, specifications, and terms of contract, as approved by the Council to the Corporation, may be seen at the office of the Architect, Mr. Leopold Eidlitz, 128 Broadway. WYLLIS BLACKSTONE, JOHN P. CUMMING, THOMAS B. TAPPEN, FRANCIS BLESSING, Commissioners for the completion of the New County Court-house.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, April 3, 1879.

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON

Wednesday, April 16, 1879, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Department of Public Works will sell at public auction, under the direction of the Superintendent of Incumbrances, by PETER BOWE, Esq., Auctioneer, on the premises, so much of the brick and frame building, situated on Twelfth avenue, between One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets, as stands within the lines of said avenue. TERMS OF SALE. The purchaser must remove the building entirely out of the line of the avenue, on or before Monday, April 28, 1879, otherwise he will forfeit the same, together with all moneys paid therefor. The purchase money to be paid in bankable funds at the time and place of sale, or the building to be resold. ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Public Works.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-second street, from First avenue to the East river, 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 and unimproved lands, affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit: First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Menzo Dieffendorf, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 206 Broadway, Room 72, in the said city, on or before the second day [of May, 1879; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week days next after the said second day of May, 1879, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our office on each of said ten days, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the nineteenth day of May, 1879.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid, are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of First avenue, distant one hundred and two feet two inches northerly from the northerly side of Eighty-second street; thence easterly and parallel with Eighty-second street to the East river; thence southerly along the said East river to a point distant one hundred and four feet two inches southerly from the southerly side of Eighty-second street; thence westerly and parallel with Eighty-second street to the easterly side of First avenue; thence northerly along the easterly side of First avenue to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the tenth day of June, 1879, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed. Dated NEW YORK, March 26, 1879. MENZO DIEFFENDORF, GEO. H. SWORDS, THOS. L. FEITNER, Commissioners.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, No. 301 MOTT STREET, NEW YORK, March 7, 1879.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Health Department of the City of New York, held at its office on the 4th day of March, 1879, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That under the power conferred by law upon the Health Department, the following additional sections to the Sanitary Code, for the security of life and health, be and the same are hereby adopted and declared to form a portion of the Sanitary Code.

Section 202. Any cattle, meat, birds, fowl, fish, fruits, or vegetables, found by any inspector or officer of this Department in a condition which is, in his opinion, unwholesome or unfit for use as human food, shall, upon the order of the Sanitary Superintendent, be removed from any market, street, or public place, and the owner or person in charge thereof, when so directed by the said inspector or by such order of the Sanitary Superintendent, shall remove, or cause the same to be removed, to the place designated by the Sanitary Superintendent, or to the offal dock, and shall not sell, or offer to sell, or dispose of the same, for human food. And when, in the opinion of the Sanitary Superintendent, any such meat, fish, fruits, or vegetables shall be unfit for human food, or any such animal, cattle, sheep, swine, or fowls, by reason of disease, or exposure to contagious disease, shall be unfit for human food, and improper or unfit to remain near other animals or to be kept alive, the Board of Health may direct the same to be destroyed, as dangerous to life and health, and may order any such animals, sheep, swine, or fowls, to be removed by any inspector, police officer, officer, or agent of this Department, and to be killed and taken to the offal dock.

Section 203. That hereafter no person shall gather, collect, accumulate, store, expose, carry, or transport in any manner through the streets and public places of this city, or in or to any tenement-house, cellar, or house in said city, any bones, refuse, or offensive material, without a special permit in writing from the Board of Health, in accordance with the conditions and subject to the limitations thereof, and in such manner as not to cause offensive odors or any nuisance whatsoever.

[L. S.] CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President. EMMONS CLARK, Secretary. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, April 9, 1879.

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