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APPROVED PAPERS.

Ordinances, resolutions, etc., approved by the Mayor during the week ending March 5, 1881.

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby respectively appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 544, Laws of 1880:

Edward Sherlock,
William M. Downes,
Patrick Sheahan,
Edgar E. Holley,
William H. Plimpton,
O. B. Libbey,
C. J. G. Hall,
E. B. Patch,
George H. Williams,
Joseph A. McCray,
T. L. Murphy,
Thomas Sproull,
Levy L. Goodrich,
Edward C. Taylor,
Charles H. Reinisch,
Charles B. Beck,
Henry C. Stephens,
Richard D. Hamilton,
Edgar Williams,
Charles W. Pinckney,
William N. Wilmer,

James Fitzpatrick,
Marshall P. Stafford,
Lester Newell,
Winfield R. Martin,
Lewis Huntington Hyde,
William J. Campbell,
Frederick Stahle,
R. N. Arnou,
Hubert A. Lee,
A. H. Stoiber,
A. B. Cohu,
Henry J. Appel, Jr.,
Frederick Busch,
Charles Gerlich,
Michael Goode,
James S. Macdonald,
Edward J. Bott,
Max F. Eller,
Andrew L. Soular,
John D. Quincy,
Charles Nodine.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1881.

Whereas, Chapter 353 of the Laws of 1880, entitled "An act in relation to runners or solicitors of passengers or patronage for steamers, steamboats, ships, vessels, hotels, railroads, or transportation companies in the city of New York," provides that said act shall take effect on the first day of July, 1881; and

Whereas, Article XXXII. of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances, approved December 31, 1880, provides that every license for a steamboat runner, railroad runner, and hotel runner, shall be for one year from the date thereof, at a fee of twenty dollars for each license and twelve and a half dollars for each renewal, and no provision is made for obtaining a license or renewal for less than a year or on payment of less than the full annual fee; and

Whereas, All steamboat, railroad, or hotel runners' licenses now outstanding, or hereafter granted under the existing ordinance will terminate on July 1, 1881; therefore

Resolved, That article XXXII. of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances be amended by adding at the end of section 296 the following: "On or after the first day of February, 1881, and up to the thirtieth day of June, 1881, such licenses may be renewed for a less term than one year on payment of a fee at the rate of two dollars per month for each license and one dollar per month for each renewal, but all licenses and renewals so granted shall expire on the first day of July, 1881, and none shall be granted for a less fee than two dollars for a license and one dollar for a renewal."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1881.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to I. Smith to erect a bay-window on southeast corner Lexington avenue and Seventy-second street, projecting four feet beyond the street-line on Lexington avenue, as shown on annexed diagram, and the consent of the property-owner fifty feet adjoining the above premises on Lexington avenue and Seventy-second street being obtained and attached hereto, the work 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, March 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1881.

Resolved, That a ferry be and is hereby established from the foot of Market street, New York, to the foot of Bridge street, Brooklyn, L. I., and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are hereby authorized and directed to sell at public auction, to the highest responsible bidder or bidders, the right to operate the ferry hereby established, on such terms and conditions, and subject to such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by said Commissioners.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1881.

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place, respectively, of the persons whose names appear opposite, whose terms of office expire at the time stated:

Moor Falls, in place of Moor Falls.....	Term expires February 25, 1881.
Michael A. Quinlan, in place of Joseph J. Kelly.....	" " " 26, "
Samuel Aufses, " " Thomas J. Moore.....	" " " 11, "

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1881.

Whereas, The Judges of the Marine Court of the City of New York have no room for consultations or for judicial work out of court; therefore

Resolved, That the room on the second floor of the City Hall, recently used by the janitor, be and the same is hereby assigned to the judges of said court for that purpose.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1881.

Resolved, That Alfred Steckler be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Charles Steckler, who has resigned.

Resignation accepted and resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, March 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 3, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 286 of article XXX., chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1880. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:
Section 1. Section 286 of article XXX., chapter 8 of the Ordinances of 1880, is hereby amended by striking out the words "dating from the first day of May, 1876, or until the first day of May succeeding the issue of the permit; and no permit shall continue in force beyond the first day of May, succeeding the issue thereof," and by inserting after the words "one year," and before the word "unless," the words "from the date of the issue thereof," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"§ 286. All privileges granted under the provisions of this article shall continue in force for one year from the date of the issue thereof, unless revoked by said Registrar of Permits."

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 1, 1881.
Approved by the Mayor, March 4, 1881.

F. J. TWOMEY,
Clerk Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1881.

Regular meeting, 9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe.

On motion of Commissioner MacLean, Commissioner Lane was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

From the Mayor, transmitting a copy of a communication from Dwight H. Olmstead, in reference to the plans for the improvement of Morningside Park.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the Mayor asking information relative to the causes of delay in the preparation of plans of Morningside Park, and assure his Honor that progress is being made in the matter, and that the plans are now before the Board for approval.

From the Comptroller, in relation to the pay-roll of officers, etc., for the month of January.

Ordered filed.

From the Comptroller, relative to the demand filed by Wm. Van Valkenburgh for his salary for the month of January.

Ordered filed.

From the Health Department, submitting a copy of a report of Sanitary Inspector Comfort, relative to the condition of a drain in One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, between Railroad avenue and Mill Brook.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Health Department, submitting a copy of a report of Sanitary Inspector Comfort, relative to the condition of a drain in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between St. Ann's avenue and Mill Brook.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From Alex. J. Howell, desiring to be awarded the contract for furnishing gravel to the Department, for which he claims that he was the lowest bidder.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, it was

Resolved, That the question of the liability of this Department under the proposal of Mr. Howell be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, submitting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the two weeks ending February 26, 1881.

Ordered filed.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the damaged condition of the draw-bridge over the Bronx river at Westchester avenue.

Referred to Commissioner Wales.

From P. R. Buckelew, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed time for the 19th ult., lost on account of sickness.

Ordered filed.

From Edwin White, Axeman, asking to be allowed time for the 24th ult., lost on account of sickness.

Ordered filed.

From J. M. Watson, in relation to the use and jurisdiction of the steps leading to the water at the east end of the Third avenue bridge over Harlem river.

On motion of Commissioner MacLean, the Secretary was requested to communicate with the Dock Department and with Mr. Watson, in relation to the subject.

From George Bliss, desiring information in relation to the improvement of Third avenue and other works authorized by several laws, to aid him in the revision of the laws of the State of New York affecting public interests in the City of New York.

Referred to Commissioner MacLean.

From Foremen Hodges, McGovern, and Johnson, asking to be allowed pay for overtime made during the skating season just ended.

Ordered filed.

From John B. Devlin, in relation to his bills for constructing a drain connecting Mill Brook with Brook avenue sewer and excavating rock.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That the action of the late Treasurer, in issuing an order of date November 17, 1880, to John B. Devlin, for laying drain-pipe and doing rock work in connection with sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second street, without authority of the Board, be ratified and confirmed, and that the bills of John B. Devlin, for doing the work of excavating rock and laying pipe, be approved and sent to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner MacLean—1.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that, in conformity with a resolution of the Board, he had suspended a mason and laborers on the 24th, 25th, and 26th ult., in consequence of the severity of the weather.

Ordered filed.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the damaged condition of the bridge over the Bronx river at Williams Bridge.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That, under the supervision of Commissioner Olliffe, the Engineer of Construction be authorized to proceed with the work of repairing the bridge over the Bronx river at Williams Bridge, at an expense not exceeding \$500, and that Commissioner Olliffe confer with the Supervisors of Westchester County in reference to the same.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From E. B. Van Winkle, relative to his duties as Acting Engineer of Construction.

Laid over.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, relative to the hours of attendance and office accommodations necessary for employees, and other matters.

Laid over.

From Henry Uhl, John McDonald, and others, in relation to the overflowed lands and cross-street sewers in One Hundred and Forty-fifth, One Hundred and Forty-sixth, and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Acting Engineer of Construction to examine and report upon.

From the Citizens and Taxpayers' Association, in relation to the sale of liquors in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

From the Laborers detailed to assist Gardeners in trimming trees on the Central Park, asking for an increase of compensation.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner Lane, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$57 98	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	2 48	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	8 93	
			\$69 44
Morgan, J. P., Expenses Museum Natural History.....	Maint. of Museums.....	.....	1,343 30
			\$1,412 74

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$57 98
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	2 48
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	8 98
Maintenance Museums.....	1,343 30
	\$1,412 74

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen hundred and twelve dollars and seventy-four cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } Auditing
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } Committee.

NEW YORK, March 1, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the Chairman moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Aguirre, A. A., services on maps.....	Making Maps, Dep't Taxes and Assessments, 1880.....	.....	\$28 60
Benoit, A. V., tracing cloth.....	Bronx River Bridges.....	.....	10 12
Benoit, A. V., tracing cloth.....	Surveys, Maps, and Plans, 23d and 24th Wards.....	.....	12 08
Bertine, Edward R., ensign.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	12 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness materials.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	25 19
Knapp, A. & W., spruce plank.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$39 19	
	Southern Boulevard, Maint. of.....	24 38	
	Sedgwick ave., Maint. of.....	20 45	
			84 02
Mott, J. L., iron works, stove pipe.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	15 33
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	\$72 73	
Mullane, John, corn, oats, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	4 00	
			76 73
Prentice, James, steel tape.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	.....	8 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, oils, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	29 10
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., Expenses Museum of Art..	Maint. Museums.....	.....	1,466 16
Seaman, John A., lanterns and globes.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	15 25
Stewart, A. T. & Co., toweling.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$10 25	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	83	
			11 08
Walton, Joseph J., sundries.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	91 64
Wright, R. J., corn, feed, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	497 14
			\$2,382 44

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$699 90
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	72 73
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	47 19
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	24 38
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	20 45
Bronx River Bridges.....	10 12
Maintenance Museums.....	1,466 16
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	83
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1880.....	28 60
Surveys, Maps, and Plans 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 08
	\$2,382 44

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three hundred and eighty-two dollars and forty-four cents.

(Signed) SMITH E. LANE, } Auditing
WM. M. OLLIFFE, } Committee.

NEW YORK, March 1, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the Chairman moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the complaint of Mr. Paulsen relative to the imperfect drainage of Morris street and Railroad avenue.

Referred to Commissioner Wales to report upon.

Commissioners Olliffe and McLean, to whom was referred the consideration of the plans, specifications, and contract for the approaches to the new bridge to be built over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, presented a report, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for the approaches to the bridge to be built over the Harlem river at Madison avenue, under authority of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, and chapter 329 of the Laws of 1874, signed William J. McAlpine, Engineer of Construction, dated August, 1880, and presented to the Board, August 4, 1880, be and they are hereby approved ; that a copy of

said plans be filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and that William M. Olliffe, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be and he is hereby authorized and designated to certify said plans ; and that the form of contract for doing said work, as submitted by the Engineer of Construction, be transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his approval as to form, and when so approved and printed the Secretary be directed to insert advertisements in the CITY RECORD inviting proposals for doing said work.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the condition of the Riverside avenue.

Ordered filed.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting upon communications, referred to him, offering eagles and cardinal birds for sale.

Ordered filed.

A report was received from the Topographical Engineer, relative to the drainage of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, which was accepted and referred to the Committee heretofore appointed and having charge of the printing and stationery of the Department, to confer with the Board of City Record for the purpose of having said report printed.

Commissioner Wales, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the drainage of a portion of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reported verbally thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in compliance with the provisions of section 2, chapter 360 of the Laws of 1880, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby authorize and direct the Counsel to the Corporation to take immediate and proper proceedings for the acquirement of a right of way over, under, or through the lands shown to be required for drains on a certain map filed in this Department by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, entitled : "Map showing the location of drains and the land required for the construction thereof, within the district bounded on the north by Westchester avenue, on the east by Brook avenue, on the south by One Hundred and Fortieth street, and on the west by Willis and Bergen avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, caused to be made by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, by resolution passed July 20, 1880," and signed "Walter De F. Day, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent."

Resolved, That in compliance with the provisions of section 2, chapter 360 of the Laws of 1880, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby authorize and direct the Counsel to the Corporation to take immediate and proper proceedings for the acquirement of a right of way over, under, or through the lands shown to be required for drains on a certain map filed in this Department by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, entitled : "Map showing the location of drains and the land required for the construction thereof, within the district bounded on the north by Kingsbridge road and the continuation of the line thereof easterly to the Bronx river, on the east by the Bronx river, on the south by Fairmount avenue and the continuation of the line thereof to the Bronx river, on the west by Broad street and the continuation of the line thereof to the Kingsbridge road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, caused to be made by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, by resolution passed September 28, 1880," and signed "Walter De F. Day, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent."

Resolved, That in compliance with the provisions of section 2, chapter 360 of the Laws of 1880, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby authorize and direct the Counsel to the Corporation to take immediate and proper proceedings for the acquirement of a right of way over, under, or through the lands shown to be required for drains on a certain map filed in this Department by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, entitled : "Map showing the location of drains and the land required for the construction thereof, within the district bounded on the north by Home street, on the east by Prospect avenue and Leggett's lane, on the west by Boston and Cauldwell avenues and the Port Morris Branch Railroad, and on the south by Long Island Sound, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, caused to be made by the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, by resolution passed August 17, 1880," and signed "Walter De F. Day, M. D., Sanitary Superintendent."

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, McLean, and Olliffe—4.

On motion of Commissioner Olliffe, it was

Resolved, That Margaret Hall, the owner of the premises on Third avenue, between one Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets, be allowed until the 20th day of March in which to move that portion of said premises as encroach upon the line of the avenue.

On motion of Commissioner McLean, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to report to the Board, at its next meeting, what progress has been made in the preparation of plans and estimates for the bridge to be built over Harlem river north of the High Bridge, under the provisions of the Laws of 1871.

On motion of Commissioner McLean, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans and specifications for the maintenance and improvement of Sedgwick avenue, the Southern Boulevard, and Broadway, from Spuyten Duyvil to the northerly line of the city.

Commissioner Lane offered the following :

Whereas, The Russell Pavement Company, contractors for the pavement of the Mall and concert grounds in the Central Park, are an insolvent corporation, and are in default upon their contract, the time limited for the performance of the same having expired, and they having done no work thereunder ; and

Whereas, Since the expiration of the period named in the contract for the performance of the work, the said company have applied for an extension of the time for five months ;

Resolved, That the said application be and the same is hereby denied for the following reasons : First, because said Russell Pavement Company are an insolvent corporation, and in the hands of a receiver.

Second, because the contract has been abandoned, and for this and the first reason the Department have no power to revive a contract.

Third, because an extension of time is a variation in one of the material terms of the contract, and that on such new, revived, and modified contract, there had been no competition, and it was possible that some other competitor might prove to be the lowest bidder.

Laid over.

Commissioner Olliffe offered the following :

Resolved, That hereafter all supplies purchased for the use of the Department must be delivered at the Arsenal on the Central Park, except such as shall be specifically otherwise ordered in the order issued for their purchase.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner Lane offered the following :

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be and he is hereby continued as Acting Superintendent of Parks until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane offered the following :

Resolved, That until the next regular meeting of the Board, either one of the Commissioners be and he is hereby invested with power to approve of all requisitions and orders for supplies, and to sign all permits issued by the Department.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

A communication was received from A. C. Downing, asking permission to erect a bay-window on his proposed new dwelling on Fifth avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets.

Laid over.

Commissioner MacLean, to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of a renewal of the lease with the Metropolitan Telegraph and Telephone Company for telegraphic communication with the Central Park, reported verbally and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks enter into a contract with the Metropolitan Telegraph and Telephone Company to establish telephonic communication with 36 Union square, the Arsenal building, the stables, and the Police Sub-station at One Hundred and Fourth street and Eighth avenue on the Central Park, at the rate of \$500 per annum, and such additional expense as shall be found necessary to transfer the line running to Mount St. Vincent to One Hundred and Fourth street and Eighth avenue.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner MacLean offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks secure connection with the Bell and Gold and Stock Telephone Company at 36 Union square, at an expense not exceeding \$10 per month.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 Commissioner Wales, from the Committee on the personnel of the Department, called up that portion of the report of the Committee presented December 30, 1880, recommending that the third division Central Park be abolished, and that Assistant Foreman William McDonald be discharged, and that Foreman Patrick McGovern be directed to take temporary charge of said division during the pleasure of the Board, or until such time as the duties appertaining to said third division may be duly merged into divisions two and four, now under charge, respectively, of Foremen Hodges and McGovern, and recommended the adoption of the same.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales and Olliffe—2.
 Noes—Commissioners Lane and MacLean—2.
 Commissioner MacLean, to whom was referred for investigation the charges against Parkkeepers Henry Seymour and John O'Shaughnessy for reporting late for duty, presented a report and recommended for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That Parkkeepers Henry Seymour and John O'Shaughnessy be fined a half day's pay each.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 The charges against Parkkeepers Michael Coughlin and Michael E. Cunningham were referred to Commissioner MacLean for investigation.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:
 Resolved, That Thomas Lawor, Laborer, be restored to duty.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 Commissioner MacLean, to whom was referred the communication from the Mayor, of date January 21 last, inclosing a copy of a communication to the Board of Police relative to guarding against dangerous places at night, recommended that said communication be placed on file, and that the Secretary be directed to notify the Mayor that all notifications of dangerous places would receive the attention of the Department.

Adopted.
 Commissioner MacLean, to whom was referred the subject of the drainage of the Mall and concert grounds at the Central Park, presented plans and specifications for doing said work, and recommended for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of one be appointed by the Chairman, with power to obtain estimates for the completion of the work of drainage of the Mall and concert grounds on the Central Park, upon the plan as recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Parks, and submit said estimates to this Board, said work to be paid for out of the Maintenance Fund.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 The Chairman appointed Commissioner Wales as such Committee.

Commissioner Wales, to whom was referred the application of Charles E. Pierce to be restored to duty in the Department, reported verbally thereon, and recommended that said application be denied.

Adopted.
 Commissioner Wales called the attention of the Board to a bill now before the Legislature, entitled "An act to authorize the improvement of the public parks and places, at the intersection of Third avenue and Boston avenue, and of Franklin and Fulton avenues, in the City of New York," and moved that the Board approve of said bill.

Laid over.
 Commissioner Lane offered the following:
 Resolved, That hereafter the keeping of all accounts, and the preparation of all pay-rolls shall be made at the Departmental office, 36 Union square.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane and Wales—2.
 Noes—Commissioners MacLean and Olliffe—2.
 Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter the time of all the employees of this Department, paid on monthly pay-rolls, shall be kept at the Departmental office, 36 Union square, and the pay-rolls for the same shall be prepared by the Bookkeeper of the Department.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane and Wales—2.
 Noes—Commissioners MacLean and Olliffe—2.
 Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That hereafter the officer in charge of the works and employees of the respective offices and sub-divisions of this Department shall prepare duplicate returns of time, one of which shall be transmitted to the Secretary and the other retained by the officer making the same, and that said officer shall prepare, certify to, and transmit to the Departmental office, monthly, a pay-roll for the salary or wages of each and every employee of the Department serving under him, for the time as shown on said pay-roll.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane and Wales—2.
 Noes—Commissioners MacLean and Olliffe—2.
 Commissioner MacLean offered the following:

Resolved, That permission is hereby given to Mr. John S. Brooks to erect a temporary building about 5 x 20 feet on the ground and 20 feet high, and a board face wall in front of said building, on the north side of Manhattan square, at a point to be selected by the Acting Superintendent of the Parks. These structures to be used in testing a fire-proof shield at the request of the Board of Fire Underwriters. This permission to cover two days of occupancy of Park grounds.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 On motion of Commissioner MacLean, the Board then went into Executive Session.

Alexander Girvin, David Lyon, James Hannion, and James Driscoll, applicants for appointment as Gatekeepers, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:
 Resolved, That Alexander Girvin, David Lyon, James Hannion, and James Driscoll be and they are hereby appointed Gatekeepers on the force of the Department.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 Commissioner Olliffe offered the following:

Resolved, That Edward McCormick, Laborer, be restored to duty.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That Joseph Campbell be appointed Janitor at the Arsenal on the Central Park.

Commissioner Lane offered the following as a substitute:
 Resolved, That Edward J. Finlay be and he is hereby appointed Janitor of the Arsenal building, and that his pay be fixed at two dollars per day for each day of the week.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.
 Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.
 The question being on the resolution of Commissioner Wales, said resolution was laid over.

The communications from the Acting Engineer of Construction, relative to the duties imposed upon him, the hours of service of employees under him, office accommodations in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and other matters laid over, were called up.

On motion of Commissioner MacLean, it was
 Resolved, That the hours of service of all persons employed in the Department of Public Parks, save laborers and members of the police force, be from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and that books be kept in

the several offices for the registration of the arrival and departure of the several employees in such offices; that the hours of service at the Departmental Office, 36 Union square, shall be from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

On motion of Commissioner Lane, it was
 Resolved, That it be referred to Commissioner Olliffe to confer with the Comptroller and urge upon him the necessity of leasing the premises at the corner of Third and Courtland avenues for the use of this Department.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, it was
 Resolved, That the Acting Engineer of Construction and the Topographical Engineer be authorized to temporarily transfer the employees under him, upon regular works and works of construction as the necessities of the works may require.

On motion of Commissioner Lane, it was
 Resolved, That Assistant Engineer Frank A. Calkins be temporarily transferred for duty to the Acting Engineer of Construction, to aid in the preparation of estimates for Manhattan square.

Commissioner Olliffe offered the following:
 Resolved, That Samuel Watson, Assistant Bridge-tender on Harlem Bridge, be and he is hereby removed, and that Alfred Videtta is hereby appointed in his place.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.
 Commissioner Olliffe offered the following:

Resolved, That Thomas Ryan be and he is hereby restored to his former position as Park-keeper.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners MacLean and Olliffe—2.
 Noes—Commissioners Lane and Wales—2.
 At one o'clock and fifty minutes the Executive Session arose, and, on motion of Commissioner Wales, the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, the 9th inst., at 9.30 A. M.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
 NEW YORK, March 3, 1881.

In accordance with section 110, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Department of Public Works makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending February 26, 1881:

Public Moneys Received and Deposited in the City Treasury.

For Croton water rents.....	\$9,517 80
For penalties on Croton water rents.....	98 70
For tapping Croton pipes.....	45 00
For sewer permits.....	510 00
For vault permits.....	20 22
For removing obstructions.....	16 00
For restoring and repaving.....	966 00
Total.....	\$11,173 72

Report of Photometrical Examinations of Illuminating Gas, for the week ending February 26, 1881, made at the Photometrical Rooms of the Department of Public Works.

DATE.	TIME.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	GAS COMPANY.	BURNER.	Pressure as Delivered to Burner.	Consumption of Gas, Rate per hour.	Consumption of Candle, Grs. per hour.	ILLUMINATING POWER.		
									Observed.	Corrected.	
Feb. 21	5 P.M.	68.	30.00	Manhattan....	Empire 5 ft.....	.86	CU. FT. 5.00	124.2	18.38	19.02	
" 23	5 P.M.	72.	29.88	" .....	" .....	.85	5.00	118.8	20.28	20.08
" 24	5 P.M.	67.	30.31	" .....	" .....	.85	5.00	120.6	19.14	19.23
" 25	5 P.M.	73.	30.23	" .....	" .....	.85	5.00	123.0	19.88	20.38
" 26	5 P.M.	72.	30.52	" .....	" .....	.85	5.00	125.4	19.04	19.89
									Average.	19.72	
Feb. 21	8 P.M.	68.	30.08	Harlem.....	" .....	.89	5.00	121.2	18.36	18.54
" 23	6 P.M.	68.	29.99	" .....	" .....	.92	5.00	120.0	18.10	18.10
" 24	6.30 P.M.	68.	30.32	" .....	" .....	.93	5.00	120.6	18.50	18.59
" 25	7 P.M.	67.	30.26	" .....	" .....	.94	5.00	117.0	19.24	18.76
" 26	12 M.	60.	30.49	" .....	" .....	.96	5.00	122.4	18.82	19.19
									Average.	18.63	
Feb. 21	4 P.M.	66.	30.00	New York.....	Bray's Slit Union, 7	.71	5.00	117.6	28.04	27.48	
" 23	3.30 P.M.	70.	29.88	" .....	" .....	.70	5.00	115.2	26.88	25.78
" 24	3 P.M.	60.	30.31	" .....	" .....	.74	5.00	116.4	24.86	24.11
" 25	4.30 P.M.	74.	30.23	" .....	" .....	.70	5.00	126.0	25.70	26.98
" 26	4 P.M.	72.	30.52	" .....	" .....	.71	5.00	119.4	26.84	26.70
									Average.	26.21	
Feb. 21	4.30 P.M.	68.	30.00	N. Y. Mutual..	" .....	.75	5.00	123.0	25.78	26.42
" 23	4.30 P.M.	71.	29.88	" .....	" .....	.74	5.00	116.4	28.60	27.84
" 24	4 P.M.	64.	30.31	" .....	" .....	.77	5.00	121.8	26.68	27.08
" 25	4 P.M.	73.	30.23	" .....	" .....	.74	5.00	117.0	29.92	29.17
" 26	4.30 P.M.	72.	30.52	" .....	" .....	.76	5.00	121.2	27.40	29.67
									Average.	27.63	
Feb. 21	3 P.M.	65.	30.00	Municipal.....	" .....	.70	5.00	120.0	31.54	31.54
" 23	2.30 P.M.	69.	29.88	" .....	" .....	.69	5.00	120.6	30.24	30.39
" 24	2.30 P.M.	58.	30.31	" .....	" .....	.72	5.00	117.6	29.14	28.56
" 25	3.30 P.M.	72.	30.23	" .....	" .....	.69	5.00	119.4	29.24	29.09
" 26	2.30 P.M.	73.	30.52	" .....	" .....	.71	5.00	120.0	31.72	31.72
									Average.	30.26	
Feb. 21	7.30 P.M.	66.	30.08	Metropolitan...	" No. 6	.68	5.00	125.4	22.50	23.51	
" 23	6.30 P.M.	70.	29.99	" .....	" .....	.70	5.00	121.8	23.50	23.85
" 24	6 P.M.	66.	30.32	" .....	" .....	.70	5.00	118.8	24.16	23.92
" 25	6.30 P.M.	66.	30.26	" .....	" .....	.70	5.00	125.4	22.56	23.57
" 26	11.30 A.M.	59.	30.49	" .....	" .....	.71	5.00	120.0	24.70	24.70
									Average.	23.91	

E. G. LOVE, PH. D., Gas Examiner.

