

THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

Vol. X.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1882.

NUMBER 2,811



DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 16, 1882.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of August 9 and 10 inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, action being taken where necessary, as stated, respectively, to wit: From Counsel to the Corporation—Requesting authority to bring action for not exceeding \$250 in any one case for the violations of the rules and regulations of the Department, in order to secure speedy trial in District Courts.

Action of the Commissioners on 15th instant in authorizing prosecutions for \$250 only, in cases where the penalties exceed that amount, approved.

From Police Department—Relative to necessity for spring piles, etc., required at pier at Third street, East river, for the new boat of that department.

From David Whipple—Advising necessity of rebuilding Pier 14, East river, in March or April, 1883, and requesting delay in repairing as directed by Board on 9th instant. Secretary to reply that the Board have no power to permit the rebuilding of said pier, as it can only be rebuilt upon the plan adopted for the permanent improvement of that section of the water-front, and that pending the progress of the work of the improvement, the pier must be maintained in such proper repair as to ensure safety in its use for commercial purposes.

From Captain of the Port—Requesting that slip between Piers 14 and 15, East river, be dredged. Secretary to reply that the Department will cause the dredging to be performed as soon as practicable upon completion of the repairs now in progress upon Pier 15.

From P. Sanford Ross—Advising that lessee of easterly half of Pier 18, East river, refused to vacate adjacent slip for dredging purposes, and notifying Department that he should demand \$200 per day for the delay consequent therefor in performing his contract (No. 163), dated August 7, 1882. Secretary to reply that the work being delayed by the action of the Court, the Board is of the opinion, that no claim against the Department for the cost and expense incurred, consequent upon the plant and men remaining idle, can be justly sustained, and the Department recognize no such claim by the Contractor.

From Mr. Owens—For permission to exhibit a turtle and two sharks on Pier 22, East river. Denied; and the Wharfinger for the district directed to cause the removal of the exhibition from the water-front.

From John M. Smith; James Fitzpatrick, John Butler, and Wm. L. McConkey, Corporation Wharfingers—For increase of compensation from 1st instant. Denied.

From John M. Smith—Resigning his position as Corporation Wharfinger. Accepted to take effect on the 1st proximo.

From Corporation Wharfinger McConkey—Reporting an ice office and scales on the bulkhead, between Piers 43 and 44, East river, and that the Ridgewood Ice Company would apply for a permit therefor. The Wharfinger to be directed to cause the immediate removal of said office and scales.

From Frank A. Walsh—For permission to maintain a small tally-office on Pier 3, East river. Denied; and the Wharfinger for the district to be directed to cause the removal thereof.

From Alexander J. Howell—Two applications for permission to beach or sink at Forty-fourth street, North river, a scow, and erect thereupon a gangway or bridge to the shore, for removing dirt and stone. Denied; and the applicant to be informed that the Department has heretofore refused all similar permits.

From Comptroller of the City—Requesting to be advised of the rent value for ferry purposes of bulkhead and slip between Piers, new 43 and new 44, North river, for a term of ten years. Secretary directed to reply that, in the opinion of this Board, \$30,000 per annum would be a fair estimate for rent value for said premises for a term of ten years from the present time.

From Engineer-in-Chief:

1st. Report of work performed during week ending 12th inst.

2d. Report on completion of approach to dump at Thirty-seventh street, North river, under Secretary's order No. 2392.

3d. Report on superintending driving fender-piles at Pier 27, East river, Secretary's order No. 2449. Secretary to notify owners of said pier that the permission granted by the Board, on May 9, 1882, is now revoked as regards the six fender-piles not driven.

4th. Report on one barrel of cement manufactured by Gebrüder Heyn, Lüneburg, Germany, tested at request of S. L. Merchant & Co., Secretary's order No. 2541.

5th. Report of dredging performed at pier at Gansevoort street, North river, Secretary's order No. 2555.

6th. Report on condition of Pier 41, East river, Secretary's order No. 2561. Secretary to notify the Inland and Seaboard Coasting Company, lessees of said pier, to make the necessary repairs within ten days, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, or this Department will do the work at the cost and expense of said company.

7th. Report submitting diagram of wharf property at Barclay street, North river, Secretary's order No. 2588.

8th. Report on condition of Pier 37, East river, Secretary's order No. 2582. Secretary to notify the Central Vermont Railroad and Steamboat Company to make the necessary repairs within ten days, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, or this Department will do the work at the cost and expense of said company.

9th. Report as to repairs to pier at Thirtieth street, North river, Secretary's order No. 2593.

10th. Report on canal boat sunk between Piers, new 37 and new 38, North river, Secretary's order No. 2588. Secretary directed to notify W. H. Forsyth, at Rondout, New York, the alleged owner of said wreck, to remove the same within ten days, or this Department will do the work at his cost and expense, and the Treasurer requested to obtain estimates therefor.

11th. Report on repairs to easterly half of Pier 24, East river, Secretary's order No. 1094.

12th. Communication as to elevation for the bulkhead between Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth streets, North river. Action of the President on the 14th inst., directing the Engineer-in-Chief to make said elevation one foot above the wall now erected south of Twenty-seventh street, North river, approved.

13th. Report on repairs needed to pier at Sixteenth street, North river, Secretary's order No. 2592. Secretary to request Department of Street Cleaning to clean the pier to admit of proper repairs being made thereto, and the Mutual Benefit Ice Company, lessee, to be notified to make necessary repairs within ten days, or this Department will do the work at the cost and expense of the company.

14th. Report as to repairs required to Piers 56 and 57, East river, Secretary's order No. 2542. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to make the repairs reported as needed at the northerly half of Pier 56 and the southerly half of Pier 57, East river, and the alleged owner of the southerly half of Pier 56, East river, to be notified to make the necessary repairs thereto within ten days, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, or this Department will do the work at their cost and expense.

From Corporation Wharfinger Butler—Report that the owner of the clam and soda water stand on the pier at Third street, East river, had been notified to remove therefrom. Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

From George V. Hecker & Co.—Application to dump refuse from fire of Croton flour mills at the dumping board on Pier 37, East river. Denied; this Department having no power to grant the application.

From George V. Hecker & Co.—Application to attach a temporary dump on Pier 43, East river. Denied, as the Board cannot permit such an obstruction thereon.

From Ocean Steamship Company, occupants—Application to repair Pier, new 35, North river. Permission granted to drive sixteen spring piles, and make necessary repairs to the backing log, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, laid on the table, to await action as stated respectively, to wit:

From J. J. Astor—Relative to the claim of the Corporation for an accounting of wharfage collected at pier at Thirteenth street, North river.

From Union Dredging Company—Relative to contract for dredging, dated May 9, 1881 (No. 132), and work to be done thereunder.

From Produce Bank—Asking if repairs recently made to Pier, old 22, North river, were satisfactory to this Department. To await report of Engineer-in-Chief under Secretary's order No. 2505.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report that repairs ordered to be made to Pier 25 and bulkhead between Piers 5 and 6, East river, and dredging to be done at Twentieth street, North river, were not yet commenced.

From Joseph V. Brown, lessee—Relative to repairs needed to Piers 51, 51½ and 52, East river. Referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report.

From Isaac Hall—Requesting further time before action shall be had in removing the bath now located at the Battery, North river. Referred to Commissioner Voorhis, and Secretary to request Mr. Hall to call upon the Commissioner on 18th instant at 2 o'clock P. M.

From New Haven Steamboat Company, lessees—Relative to additional repairs ordered to be made to the westerly half of Pier 25, East river. Referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report.

A report was received from Corporation Wharfinger Butler, under Secretary's order No. 2595, that sand was unloaded at night at bulkhead at Twentieth street, East river, though not very often, and being read,

On motion, the complaint by the Farmers' Protective Union of such unloading dated 9th inst., was taken from the table, and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform the said Farmers' Union, that whenever this Board shall be furnished with substantial evidence that sand has been improperly discharged at said bulkhead and the adjacent slip filled thereby, proper action will be taken towards the prosecution of the offenders.

A communication was received from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company relative to the platform and office occupied by the company, adjacent to the reclaimed land south of the entrance to Pier, old 1, North river; and, being read,

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, it was

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, alleged owners and occupants of Pier, old 1, North river, to maintain and occupy during the pleasure of this Board, the platform and the enclosed ground with building thereon, used for the steam transportation business of the Company, situate adjoining the newly made land south of the entrance to the said pier, in area 4,800 square feet, more or less, provided that the said company shall file in this office, within ten days after the receipt hereof, a written agreement to pay as rent therefor the sum of \$1,000 per annum, payable quarterly, in advance, from and after May 1, 1882, and agree to remove said platform and building when so ordered by this Department, or its successor, free of all cost and expense to the Corporation of the City of New York.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, under Secretary's order No. 2566, recommending the approval of the specifications for the plans for the erection of a new ferry-house, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, East river; and, being read,

On motion, the application of the Greenpoint Ferry Company for such approval, dated June 27, 1882, was taken from the table and placed on file; and,

On motion of the President, it was

Resolved, That the plans and specifications submitted by the Greenpoint Ferry Company on June 28, 1882, and 1st instant, for the erection of new ferry-houses, at the bulkhead, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, East river, under the permission granted by this Board, February 21, 1882, be and hereby are approved, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and in conformity with the building and fire laws of this city.

A petition was received from Andrew Dettinger, lessee, for the return of a portion of the rent paid by him for the pier at Fifty-first street, North river, consequent upon the occupation of the pier for the purpose of repairing; and, on being read,

On motion of the President, it was

Resolved, That the petition of Andrew Dettinger, lessee of the pier at Fifty-first street, North river, to have the rent paid by him for the period from April 17th to June 12, 1882, refunded, consequent upon the premises having been occupied for repairs during that time, be and hereby is denied, as the terms of sale at which the lease of said pier was purchased, on October 31, 1881, specially provided that no claim would be received or considered by this Department for loss of wharfage or otherwise consequent upon the pier being occupied for repairing purposes.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief submitting plans and specifications for a contract for paving the newly-made land from about fifty feet southerly of Pier, new 34, North river, to about fifty feet northerly of Pier, new 41, North river, being an area of about 36,300 square yards, and being read, was,

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the specifications and form of contract as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief, for paving the newly-made land between Pier, new 34, and Pier, new 41, North river, be and is hereby approved and adopted, subject to the approval of the Counsel to the Corporation as to form, and that the Secretary be and hereby is directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed and proper advertisements inviting bids for doing said work inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, the application of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company for permission to make improvements and fill in between Forty-second and Forty-third streets, North river, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following preamble and resolution unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The established, permanent bulkhead line on the North river between Forty-second and Forty-third streets, is fixed and located at a point distant 250 feet westerly from the easterly line of Twelfth avenue, and a large amount of solid earth filling will be required between the proposed bulkhead wall and the westerly bulkhead or shore; and,

Whereas, It is desirable that such filling or newly made ground should have ample time for solidifying and settlement prior to the final grading or the paving thereof; and,

Whereas, The New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company, as lessees of the wharf property and of the land under water between said streets, as embraced in the grant originally made to Caleb F. Lindsey, in July, 1850, and which grant is now held or owned by the Grand street, Fourteenth street and Forty-second street Railroad Company, have requested in a communication, dated the 4th inst., and supplemented by a communication of the 9th inst., permission from this Board to make certain improvements on said property, in anticipation of the permanent improvements thereof by the Department of Docks, which improvements contemplate the construction of a temporary bulkhead parallel with Twelfth avenue, and distant 175 feet westerly from the easterly line thereof, and filling in the same behind said bulkhead with earth to the level of said Twelfth avenue; therefore, be it

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is given to the Grand street, Fourteenth street and Forty-second street Railroad Company, owners, and to the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company, lessees of the wharf property and of the land under water between Forty-second and Forty-third streets, North river, to construct a first-class crib work of timber with stone filling, from the northerly line of Forty-second street, to the southerly side of Forty-third street, on a line parallel with the easterly line of Twelfth avenue, and distant therefrom 175 feet westerly, with a return of similar crib work at each end to the easterly shore, provided that the work hereby authorized shall be done in accordance with plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved of by this Board, and shall be executed and performed under the direction and superintendence of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department. And also provided that the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company, as lessees, and the Grand street, Fourteenth street and Forty-second street Railroad Company, as owners of said wharf property, and existing bulkhead or land under water in front thereof, file with this Department within ten days from the adoption thereof, a written agreement stipulating that no claim for damages or for compensation for the construction of crib work, or the filling in or other work hereby authorized to be done, will be made by said lessees or owners, or either of them, upon the Department of Docks or the Corporation of the City of New York.

The President stated that he had received, on the 14th inst., an injunction order, issued by Judge Donohue, of the Supreme Court, under date of the 10th inst., on the petition of William D. Morgan, to prevent dredging of the westerly half of the slip between Piers 18 and 19, East river, under the contract made with P. Sanford Ross, and that he had caused it to be transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation with a statement of the facts relating to said dredging and contract

therefor, and with the request that that officer take the necessary action on the 23d inst., to obtain the dissolution of the injunction, in order that the Department may perform the duty imposed by law, and place the said slip in a proper condition for commercial purposes.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and confirmed. A report was received from Commissioner Vanderpoel stating that he was convinced no price could be agreed upon with the alleged owner of the northerly half of Pier 33, and the southerly half of Pier 34, North river, for the purchase thereof, and being read, was, On motion, accepted and adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, it was unanimously Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is respectfully directed to take legal proceedings to acquire for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as provided in sub-division 4, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, the northerly half of Pier 33, and the southerly half of Pier 34, North river, claimed to be owned by Wm. C. Rhineland, executor, this Board deeming it proper that the Corporation should acquire such wharf property to enable the Department to progress the work of the permanent improvement of that section of the water-front under the new plans adopted therefor, and the said owners and this Board having failed to agree upon a price for the purchase of said property.

An oral report was made by Commissioner Voorhis, recommending that an amount be allowed to T. and A. Walsh, contractors, for repairing and extending the pier at Ninety-sixth street, North river, for extra work done thereunder, as stated in the written report made to him by the Engineer-in-Chief, under date of April 20, 1882, now submitted, and being read,

On motion of Commissioner Vanderpoel, the claim of T. and A. Walsh, dated December 29 1881, for extra work, under said contract, was

Taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted, to wit: Resolved, That T. and A. Walsh, contractors for building the pier at Ninety-sixth street, North river, under contract (No. 145), dated October 24, 1881, be and hereby are notified that this Board will audit a claim for the sum of \$845, in full for pulling about 200 piles, found broken off below the mud level in dredging, and which was not provided for in said contract, their existence not being known to this Department prior to the dredging being done, and the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department reporting that such a sum would not exceed the cost of doing the work, including loss of time suffered consequent upon the delay caused in pulling said piles.

A communication was received from Frederic Perry, requesting an increase in his compensation; and, being read,

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, it was Resolved, That the compensation of Frederic Perry, temporary clerk, be and hereby is increased to the rate of \$1,800 per annum, to take effect on and after 1st instant.

On motion of Commissioner Voorhis, the application of E. R. Dingley for appointment as an Engineer in charge of Machinery, was,

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Ephraim R. Dingley be and hereby is appointed as Temporary Superintendent of machinery, with compensation at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, to take effect on and after 17th instant.

A delegation of coal dealers and stevedores, represented by Isaac Strauss, George Collins, George S. Thompson, and others, were heard, urging the necessity of placing the pier at Eighty-sixth street, East river, in good repair and condition, without delay; and, being informed by the Board that the lessee, who was present, had been notified to make the necessary repairs to said pier, and that increased facilities would soon be available between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets, East river,

On motion of the President, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to prepare and submit to the Board a proper plan or plans for the improvement of the wharf property at Eighty-sixth street, East river.

Commissioner Vanderpoel, the Treasurer of the Board, presented his report of receipts for the week ending August 16th instant, which was received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to enter the same in full on the minutes, as follows:

Table with columns: DATE RECEIVED, FROM WHOM, FOR WHAT, AMOUNT, TOTAL, DATE DEPOSITED. Lists various receipts from 1882 up to August 16, 1882, including items like coal, repairs, and land.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

JACOB VANDERPOEL, Treasurer.

NEW YORK, August 16, 1882.

The following requisitions were read, and,

On motion, approved:

Table with columns: Register No., Description, Estimated cost. Lists requisitions for land, cobble stones, repairs, and cement.

Corporation Wharfing Smith—Reporting that a fender pile was required near the outer end on south side of Pier, new 1, North river, to replace a worn-out one.

On motion, the Iron Steamboat Company, lessees, were directed to do the work, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief.

Corporation Wharfing McConkey—Reporting that the outer and easterly end of Pier 7 was considerably sunken, and that the outer end of Pier 8, East river, needed repairs.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine the premises, and report the repairs required and cost thereof.

Corporation Wharfing Butler—Reporting that there were two holes in the deck of the pier at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, North river.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the necessary repairs without delay.

On motion, James Burke was appointed as a laborer.

On motion of the President, it was Resolved, That George W. Wanamaker be and hereby is appointed a Corporation Wharfing, with compensation at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, to take effect on and after September 1, 1882.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

WM. M. WHITNEY, Secretary pro tem.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 17, 1882. Present—The full Board, and the Comptroller of the City of New York. Two estimates were received for paving the newly made land between Piers, new 42 and new 45, North river, advertised for, and publicly opened this day at 12 o'clock M., as follows: No. 1, from Charles Guidet, with certified check for \$625. \$47,584 No. 2, from William Kelly, with \$625 in money. 49,257 and, being read, were, on motion, laid on the table for examination.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

WM. M. WHITNEY, Secretary pro tem.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

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

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS,

For the Week ending August 26, 1882.

Barometer.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., Mean for the Day, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM. Shows barometric readings for each day from Sunday to Saturday.

Mean for the week... 29.981 inches. Maximum " at 9 A.M., August 21... 30.204 " Minimum " at 5 P.M., August 24... 29.702 " Range " .502 "

Thermometers.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., MEAN, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM. Shows temperature readings for each day from Sunday to Saturday.

Mean for the week... 71.9 degrees. Maximum for the week, at 4 P.M., 24th... 84. " at 7 P.M., 24th... 72. " Minimum " at 6 A.M., 20th... 57. " at 6 A.M., 20th... 55. " Range " 27. " 16. "

Wind.

Table with columns: DATE, DIRECTION, VELOCITY IN MILES, FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT. Shows wind direction and force for each day from Sunday to Saturday.

Distance traveled during the week... 1000 miles. Maximum force " 4 1/2 pounds.

Table with columns: DATE, Hygrometer (Force of Vapor, Relative Humidity), Clouds (Clear, Overcast, etc.), Rain and Snow (Depth of Rain and Snow in Inches). Shows humidity, cloud cover, and precipitation data.

Total amount of water for the week... .17 inch.

DANIEL DRAPER, PH. D., Director.

