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MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE COUNCIL.

STATED MEETING.

TUESDAY, December 27, 1898, }
2 o'clock P. M. }

The Council met in Room 16, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. Randolph Guggenheimer, President.

COUNCILMEN

John T. Oakley, Vice-Chairman,	Eugene A. Wise, William J. Hyland, Adolph C. Hottenroth, Bernard C. Murray, Charles H. Francisco, Francis F. Williams, Conrad H. Hester, Adam H. Leich,	Charles H. Ribers, John J. McGarry, William A. Doyle, Martin F. Conly, David L. Van Nostrand, Joseph Casady, Joseph F. O'Grady, Benjamin J. Bodine.
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The minutes of the last meeting were read, and, on motion of Councilman Wise, were approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President laid before the Council the following communication from the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen:

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOARD OF ALDERMEN, }
CITY HALL, December 24, 1898. }

Hon. P. J. SCOLLY, City Clerk:

SIR—I transmit herewith the documents relative to matters adopted by the Board of Aldermen at the stated meeting held Tuesday, December 20, 1898, as scheduled below:

Int. Nos. 1224, 1700, 1703, 1705, 1706, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1779, 1782, 1786 and 1789.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

Which was ordered on file.

The communications were as follows:

No. 1455.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was re-committed the annexed resolution and report, No. 1224, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having further examined the subject, they believe the proposed authorization to be necessary.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

ROBERT MUIH,
FRANCIS J. BYRNE, } Committee on
HENRY SIEFKE, } Finance.
JOSEPH GEISER,
ELIAS GOODMAN,

(Papers referred to in preceding Report.)

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of authorizing the Park Commissioners to contract for models, etc., for the Museum of Art, without public letting, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed authorization to be necessary and proper.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Parks be and they are hereby authorized to contract for the furnishing of four models of caryatides and six models of medallions and the carving of the same in Indiana limestone for the new east wing and extension of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central Park, without public letting, at an expense not to exceed twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars, the amount to be charged to the appropriation authorized by chapter 347 of the Laws of 1898, as amended by chapter 638 of the Laws of 1897.

ROBERT MUIH,
JOSEPH GEISER, } Committee on
JAMES P. HART, } Finance.
ELIAS GOODMAN,
HENRY SIEFKE,

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

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Bodine, Casady, Christman, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—20.

Negative—Councilmen Conly, and Murray—2.

Councilman McGarry moved that the vote by which this resolution was lost be reconsidered.

Which was adopted.

Councilman Murray moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Parks.

Which was adopted.

No. 1486.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, December 10, 1898. }

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Esq., Clerk, Board of Aldermen, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—Yours of the 9th instant, inclosing ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the extension of the water system in the Borough of Queens" (No. 1700), came duly to hand.

In response thereto, please find annexed copy of action of the Local Board of the Borough of Queens in approval thereof, remaining.

Yours truly,

FRED'K BOWLEY, President.

(Extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Local Board of the Borough of Queens of February 18, 1898.)

On motion of Councilman Van Nostrand, upon the personal application to the Board by Mr. Howard A. Sperry, of Douglaston, L. I., the following was duly adopted:

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly:

Section 1. That the water system in the Borough of Queens is hereby further extended by laying mains in the following highways, streets, roads and places, to wit:

Commencing at the pumping station, known as the Flushing Water Works, and running easterly along Broadway to the city line, and also commencing at the intersection of Broadway and Main avenue, northwesterly along Main avenue to the east shore of Little Neck Bay, under the direction of the commissioner of water supply.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the extension of the water system in the Borough of Queens.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of section 473 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the 5th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

Resolved, by the board of public improvements, That, in pursuance of section 473 of the Greater New York Charter, the extension of the water system in the Borough of Queens, by the laying of water-mains in the following highways, streets, roads and places in said borough, viz.: Commencing at the pumping station known as the Flushing Water Works, and running easterly along Broadway to the city line, and also commencing at the intersection of Broadway and Main avenue, and running northwesterly along Main avenue to the east shore of Little Neck Bay, under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation by the issue of corporate stock of The City of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Supply.

No. 1487.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Big "8" Club to parade, with music, through the streets and thoroughfares of the Borough of Manhattan, on Wednesday, January 11, 1899, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Chief of Police.

Which was adopted.

No. 1488.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to A. Molman to place and keep a portable canopy with iron framework, and covered with flowers, in front of her premises, No. 67 West Twenty-first street, in the Borough of Manhattan; said canopy to be erected in compliance with existing ordinances, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only until January 2, 1899.

Which was adopted.

No. 1489.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mrs. Eliza Frazzard to place and keep a stand for the sale of newspapers and periodicals under the stairs of the elevated railroad on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Third avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, provided that said stand shall be erected in conformity with the provisions of chapter 748 of the Laws of 1896, and subject to the conditions of an ordinance to regulate the placing of stands under the stairs of the elevated railroads, the work to be done at her own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Which was adopted.

No. 1490.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Edward Ridley & Sons to erect, place and keep an iron stairway, as shown upon the accompanying diagram, in front of their premises, No. 63 Orchard street, in the Borough of Manhattan, provided that said stairway shall be erected to conform in all respects with the provisions of the ordinance relating to stairways, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Which was referred to the Committee on Building Department.

No. 1491.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to S. E. Randolph to erect, place and keep a storm-door in front of his premises, No. 206 West street, in the Borough of Manhattan, provided that said storm-door shall be erected to conform in all respects with the provisions of the ordinance in such case made and provided, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Which was adopted.

No. 1492.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to S. E. Randolph to erect, place and keep show-windows in front of his premises, No. 206 West street, in the Borough of Manhattan, provided that said show-windows shall be erected to comply in all respects with the provisions of the ordinance in such case made and provided, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Which was adopted.

No. 1493.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George Hecht to place and keep a pest mounted by a pestle and mortar on the sidewalk near the curb on the southeast corner of One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and Tremont avenue, Borough of The Bronx; the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Which was adopted.

No. 1494.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to St. Ignace Council No. 151, Catholic Benevolent Legion, to place transparencies on the following lamp-posts in the Borough of Manhattan:

First avenue and Seventy-ninth street;

Third avenue and Seventy-sixth street;

Third avenue and Eighty-sixth street;

Park avenue and Eighty-fourth street;

—the work to be done at the expense of said Council, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only until January 19, 1899.

Which was adopted.

No. 1495.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Loftus to place and keep a stand for the sale of newspapers and periodicals under the elevated railroad stairs on the corner of York and Bridge streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, provided that said stand shall be erected to conform in all respects with the provisions of the ordinance in such case made and provided, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

No. 1496.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Manhattan Association of New York to place a transparency on the unused lamp-post on the northeast corner of Second street and Avenue A, in the Borough of Manhattan, the work to be done at its own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only from December 26, 1898, to January 21, 1899.

Which was ordered on file.

No. 1497.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the West End Democratic Club to erect, place and keep transparencies on the lamp-posts in the Seventeenth District, Borough of Manhattan, the work to be done at its own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only for one week from the date of approval by his Honor the Mayor.

Which was ordered on file.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 1498.

NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,
MAIL AND EXPRESS BUILDING, BROADWAY AND FULTON STREET,
No. 205 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, December 22, 1898.

Hon. RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President of the Council, New York City:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith, through you to the Municipal Council, a copy of resolutions adopted by this Board at the regular monthly meeting held on the 14th instant

relating to the matter of the underground electric system on Amsterdam avenue in this city, and the rights and powers of the municipal authorities to regulate and control the use of the public streets.

We respectfully submit the earnest consideration of the recommendations of this Board. Respectfully yours,

FRANK S. GARDNER, Secretary.

ROOMS OF THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION, MAIN AND EXPRESS BUILDING, No. 203 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, December 14, 1898.

At a regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, it is proposed to alter the tracks of the Forty-second street, St. Nicholas avenue and Manhattanville Railway Company, now existing in Amsterdam avenue, from Seventieth street to Manhattan street, so as to permit the operation upon such tracks of cars propelled by electricity; and

Whereas, The Metropolitan Railway Company is now operating cars propelled by the same power upon two tracks laid in the course of the avenue, between the same points; and

Whereas, Upon application made to the Commissioner of Public Works in September, 1897, by the Forty-second street, St. Nicholas avenue and Manhattanville Railway Company, for permission to open said avenue for the purpose of making such change, objection was made thereto by the then Commissioners of Public Works, Gen. Collins, and by the property-owners upon and residents in the vicinity of Amsterdam avenue, upon the ground of the excessive burden which would be placed upon the general use of such street, arising from the fact that the four tracks would occupy more than half the entire width of the roadway of the avenue and that such occupation by cars propelled by electricity upon four tracks would interfere most seriously with the safety of the water-supply laid therein, and with the use of the avenue by the Fire Department, and that such use of that avenue, in view of the numbers of aged and infirm persons, inmates of the several institutions on the avenue, and the thousands of children in the public schools located thereon, would be fraught with great peril to the lives and limbs of such persons, which objections were presented to a special term of the Supreme Court on a hearing of an application by such railway company to compel said Commissioner of Public Works to issue the permit desired by the company, and after such hearing the Justice presiding at such Special Term, the Hon. Leslie W. Russell, in an opinion delivered by him on the 27th of July last, stated that the question of the necessity of the proposed excavation and construction under the terms of the railroad law, and the necessities of the situation, the use to which the avenue is devoted, the character and use of the buildings on the avenue and adjacent to it, the feasibility of the use of the tracks of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company by both companies, the situation of the subterranean structures of the city for the present and in the near future, and as to whether a majority in favor of the property-owners have consented to a change in the water power, were questions of fact which it is the right of the City to have determined in the usual manner by a jury, and therefore denied the application for a peremptory writ of mandamus.

ACTION OF COMMISSIONERS.

Whereas, The Railroad Commissioners of the State of New York have declared that the maintenance of four tracks in Amsterdam avenue under the circumstances is a burden on the thoroughfare, which, if it was an original proposition, should not be tolerated; and that in the judgment of the Board there is nothing in the physical situation which would preclude the use of but one double track by the cars of both companies operated by underground electricity; and

Whereas, The two companies now operating railroads in Amsterdam avenue have united in applications for franchises to construct a railroad in the Boulevard, north of Manhattan street, upon which the cars of both companies should be operated by electricity on but one double set of tracks;

Resolved, That we believe that the city government should, and does possess the power, to regulate the use of the public streets, so as to limit the space which shall be occupied by railroad tracks; that we believe that such regulation is a most important right in the direction of home rule for this city and we therefore request the Mayor and the other municipal authorities of The City of New York to assert this right to the utmost in defense of the rights and comforts of the people, and to cause any and all permits which have been given to the Forty-second Street, St. Nicholas avenue and Manhattanville Railway Company, or the Third Avenue Company, the lease of such company, to open the surface of Amsterdam avenue for the purpose of making such change of motive power, to be revoked and annulled, to the end that the question of the rights and powers of the city government in the control of its own streets and avenues for the use of the people may be judicially ascertained and decided.

Resolved, That we request the Senators and Assemblymen of this city to present to and urge upon the Legislature of the State the passage of such legislation as may place such right of control and regulation beyond the possibility of misconstruction and restriction; and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to present these resolutions to the Mayor and to the Commissioners of Highways of The City of New York, and also to the members of the Legislature of this State from this city, and to further in all proper ways such action as herein requested.

DARWIN B. JAMES, President.

Attest: FRANK S. GARDNER, Secretary. Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

No. 1499.

KINGSBRIDGE RAILROAD EXTENSION.

No. 46 WEST ONE HUNDRETH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, December 21, 1898.

To the Honorable the Municipal Council of The City of New York:

GENTLEMEN: As the owners of a considerable frontage on Broadway, or Kingsbridge road, we beg leave to address a few words to your Honorable Body upon the proposed granting of a franchise for a surface railroad to Kingsbridge, a hearing in regard to which, we understand, is to be had on Thursday, December 22d instant.

(1) As you know, there is no surface railroad to Kingsbridge to-day, and the fare to points in that section is at present fifteen (15) cents each way. The extension of the surface railroad will mean a five (5) cent fare each way.

(2) The people and property holders of the section interested are, we believe, a practical unit in wanting a surface railroad. We therefore think that no outsiders should be allowed to interfere in our getting a much needed benefit—particularly outsiders who have no interest in our section, and who already have ample transit facilities or have selfish motives in opposing this extension.

(3) The extension will benefit the city at large by increased taxes through larger land values and construction of buildings.

(4) The extension will benefit the laborers of the city and it will harm no man. Trusting, therefore, that your Honorable Body may see its way clear to grant this much-needed benefit, we have the honor to remain, gentlemen, with great respect,

Your obedient servants, A. P. ROOS, J. A. ROOS.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1500.

By Councilman Wise—

Resolved, That two lamp-posts be erected, street lamps placed thereon and lighted, in front of the premises of the College of Pharmacy of The City of New York, at Nos. 115 to 119 West Sixty-eighth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department, with instructions to communicate with the Corporation Counsel.

Councilman Goodwin moved that the Clerk be instructed to secure an official opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether it is obligatory on the Council to meet at 12 o'clock on Monday, January 2, 1899.

Which was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Council the following communication from the Comptroller:

No. 1501.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 17, 1898.

To the Municipal Assembly and City Clerk's Office:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 10, chapter 378, Laws 1897, for carrying on the Municipal Assembly and City Clerk's Office from January 1 to December 31, 1898, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and

including the date closed for and on account of each appropriation, and the amount of unexpended balances:

Table with 4 columns: Title of Appropriations, Amount of Appropriation, Payments, and Amount of Unexpended Balances. Rows include City Contingencies, Contingencies—City Clerk, Salaries, and Total.

M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Council the following communication from the Board of Public Improvements, together with resolution:

No. 1502. BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 346 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, December 23, 1898.

To the Honorable the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York:

SIR:—In pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, and by direction of the Board of Public Improvements, I herewith transmit to you for your action thereon a resolution adopted by said Board at a meeting held on the 21st inst., approving of and favoring a change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street, to be known as Mitchell place, from the easterly side of First avenue to Beekman place, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

The said resolution was adopted by the said Board of Public Improvements on the petition of property-owners and on the recommendation of the Local Board of the Borough of Manhattan and of the Engineer for street openings of this Board.

Should the resolution receive your approval, I inclose a form of ordinance, approved by the Board at the said meeting, for your adoption.

Very respectfully, JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the 21st day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, viz.:

Resolved, That the board of public improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street, to be known as Mitchell place, from the easterly side of First avenue to Beekman place, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out the aforesaid street, as follows:

Beginning at a point the northwesterly corner of East Forty-ninth street and First avenue; thence easterly and along the northerly line of East Forty-ninth street, distance 350 feet, to the westerly line of Beekman place; thence northerly along said westerly line, distance 30 feet; thence westerly and parallel to East Forty-ninth street and 30 feet northerly therefrom, distance 350 feet, to the easterly line of First avenue; thence southerly along said line, distance 30 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Said street to be 350 feet long and 30 feet wide between the lines of First avenue and Beekman place.

(Resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements December 21, 1898).

Whereas, It appears from the report of the Secretary to this Board that he has caused the resolutions adopted by this Board on the 30th day of November, 1898, proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street to be known as Mitchell place, from the easterly side of First avenue to Beekman place, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway, on the 21st day of December, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out would be considered, to be published in the City Record for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 21st day of December, 1898; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice, a copy of which is thereto annexed, have been published in the City Record for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 21st day of December, 1898; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out who have appeared, and such proposed laying out was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street to be known as Mitchell place, from the easterly side of First avenue to Beekman place, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out the aforesaid street, as follows:

Beginning at a point the northeasterly corner of East Forty-ninth street and First avenue; thence easterly and along the northerly line of East Forty-ninth street, distance 350 feet, to the westerly line of Beekman place; thence northerly along said westerly line, distance 30 feet; thence westerly and parallel to East Forty-ninth street and 30 feet northerly therefrom, distance 350 feet, to the easterly line of First avenue; thence southerly along said line, distance 30 feet, to the point or place of beginning.

Said street to be 350 feet long and 30 feet wide between the lines of First avenue and Beekman place.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street, as Mitchell place, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Highways.

The President laid before the Council the following communication from the Board of Public Improvements:

No. 1503. BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 346 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, December 23, 1898.

Hon. P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk:

DEAR SIR:—I return herewith the report of the Committee on Streets and Highways in regard to a resolution providing for the laying of gas-mains in German place, from One Hundred and Fifty-sixth to One Hundred and Fifty-eighth streets, Borough of The Bronx.

This matter was before this Board, upon the recommendation of the Local Board, last March, and was laid over at that time, as the street had not been graded. As the conditions have not been changed since, it will be impossible to take any action on this improvement at the present time.

Respectfully, JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

The Committee on Streets and Highways, to whom was referred the annexed proposed ordinance in favor of laying gas-mains in German place, Borough of The Bronx (page 70, Minutes, April 12, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary, and recommend that the said proposed ordinance be referred to the Board of Public Improvements for report thereon.

Resolved, That the laying of gas-mains in German place, from East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street to East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, be and the same is hereby authorized.

This is to certify that the above was recommended by Board of Local Improvement of the Twenty-first District, at a regular meeting, held on March 7, 1898.

LOUIS F. HAPFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx. JOHN L. MURPHY, MARTIN ENGEL, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, DAVID L. VAN NOSTRAND, Committee on Streets and Highways.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Highways.

The President laid before the Council the following communication from John T. McMahon No. 1504.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, December 27, 1898.

Honorable Council of the Municipal Assembly, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully tender my resignation as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to your Honorable Body to take effect December 26. Thanking you for the courtesies extended to me, I am,

Yours very truly, JOHN T. McMAHON.

Which was accepted.

No. 53.—(S. R. 552.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of adopting ordinance to regulate hours of running street surface railroads in the Borough of Brooklyn (page 125, Minutes, January 18, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 54.—(S. R. 553.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of placing on file ordinance regulating smoking on cars of railroad companies operating in the Borough of Brooklyn (page 126, Minutes, January 18, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 385.—(S. R. 554.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of placing on file resolution directing said committee to frame ordinance regulating the length of bell straps in surface cars (page 947, Minutes, March 29, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 602.—(S. R. 555.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of placing on file ordinance regulating the operation of street surface railroads in the Borough of Queens (page 577, Minutes, June 7, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 898.—(S. R. 556.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of placing on file proposed ordinance requiring railroad companies to provide electric bells in open cars (page 273, Minutes, August 2, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 1010.—(S. R. 557.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of placing on file proposed ordinance to provide two men on front platforms of all elevated railroad trains (page 475, Minutes, September 12, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 1011.—(S. R. 558.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of placing on file proposed ordinance requiring smoking cars on all elevated railroad trains (page 476, Minutes, September 13, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 1047.—(S. R. 547.)

Report of Committee on Railroads, in favor of adopting ordinance to regulate railroads in The City of New York (page 242, Minutes, October 3, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 1363.—(S. R. 562.)

Report of the Committee on Bridges and Tunnels, in favor of adopting ordinance authorizing repairs to bridges in the Borough of Brooklyn (page 609, Minutes, December 6, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

No. 1448.—(S. R. 559.)

Report of Committee on Bridges and Tunnels, in favor of adopting ordinance providing better protection to the public on the New York and East River Bridge (page 879, Minutes, December 20, 1898).

Which was placed on the order of second reading.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1505.

By the Vice-Chairman—Resolved, That Patrick J. Murray of No. 739 East Eleventh street, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and he hereby is elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council, to succeed John T. McMahon, resigned.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Bodine, Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mandorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—22.

Negative—Councilman Leich—1.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

No. 1356.—(S. R. 474.)

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Aldermen to erect lamp-posts in front of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul (see Minutes of December 6, 1898, page 651) respectfully,

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be desirable, but that a recommendation is preferable to a mandate.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution as amended be adopted.

Resolved, That it is recommended that two additional lamp-posts be erected, street lamps placed thereon and lighted on front of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and St. Ann's avenue, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies. WILLIAM A. DOYLE, } GEORGE H. MUNDORF, } FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Bodine, Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mandorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—23.

No. 928.—(S. R. 554.)

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Aldermen to authorize the establishment of a burial ground in the Borough of Richmond by the Baron Hirsch Synagogue (page 375, Minutes, August 16, 1898), respectfully,

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed concession may be granted. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

EUGENE A. WISE, } Committee on Public Health. DAVID L. VAN NOSTRAND, } CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, }

(Papers referred to in preceding Report.)

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of authorizing the Baron Hirsch Synagogue Corporation to establish a cemetery in the Borough of Richmond, respectfully,

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed authorization should be given. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Whereas, Baron Hirsch Congregation of New York City has contracted to purchase a certain farm land consisting of about thirty acres, situated in the Third Ward in the Borough of Richmond in the City of New York, known as Hunt Farm, located on both sides of the Richmond road, and which said farm is proposed to be used as a cemetery or burial ground; and now it is

Resolved, That the consent of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York be and it is hereby given to the location of a cemetery at the place and upon the premises aforesaid. This consent to become operative when the said lands shall be conveyed to the Baron Hirsch Synagogue Corporation.

Resolved, That the Baron Hirsch Synagogue Corporation be and it is hereby empowered and authorized to establish and maintain a cemetery or burial ground on the land known as the Hunt Farm, situated on both sides of the Richmond road, in the Third Ward of the Borough of Richmond, in The City of New York, the same to be inaugurated, governed and controlled in accordance with the provisions of chapter 559 of the Laws of 1895, and all acts amendatory

thereof and supplemental thereto; this consent to become operative when the said land shall have been conveyed to the said the Baron Hirsch Synagogue Corporation.

STEPHEN W. MCKEEVER, } Committee on Public Health. ROBERT MUIR, } FRANK DOWN, } CHARLES METZGER, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Councilmen Bodine, Christman, Ebbets, Hottenroth, Leich, McGarry, Mandorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, and Wise—13.

Negative—The Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Conly, Engel, Francisco, Hart, Hester, Hyland, and Williams—9.

Councilman O'Grady moved that the vote by which the above resolution was lost be reconsidered.

Which was adopted.

Councilman O'Grady then moved that the matter be placed on the list of special orders for the ensuing meeting.

Which was adopted.

ORDER OF SECOND READING.

No. 1044.—(S. R. 561.)

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paying Peter J. Sheridan for services (see Minutes, September 13, 1898, page 476), respectfully,

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the claim to be just, and that the amount should be paid. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents (\$167.84) be and hereby is appropriated to pay Peter J. Sheridan for services rendered in City Clerk's office from January 1, 1898, to February 19, 1898, inclusive (as per annexed bill), said amount to be payable out of the Contingent Fund of the City Clerk's office.

BERNARD C. MURRAY, } Committee on Claims. ADAM H. LEICH, } JEHMAN SUEZER, } JOSEPH CASSIDY, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mandorf, Murray, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—22.

No. 1222.—(S. R. 551.)

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the annexed communication from the Health Department, relative to the unsanitary condition of vacant lots in Sackett street, in the Borough of Brooklyn (page 479, Minutes, November 15, 1898), respectfully,

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the complaint merits immediate attention. They therefore recommend that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and he hereby is authorized and directed to fence the vacant lots, Nos. 648 to 658, inclusive, on the south side of Sackett street, between Third and Fourth avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, to abate a nuisance, at the expense of the owner or owners of said lots.

EUGENE A. WISE, } Committee on Public Health. CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, } DAVID L. VAN NOSTRAND, }

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—CITY OF NEW YORK, CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, October 25, 1898.

To the Sanitary Superintendent:

SIR—On October 27, 1898, an inspection was made of the vacant lots on the south side of Sackett street, between Third and Fourth avenues, between Nos. 648 and 658, and the same were found in a dangerous condition through being unfenced. A careful search has been made to find the owner of said lots to serve the necessary order, but without success. I therefore respectfully recommend that the Common Council be requested to authorize the Department of Highways to have said lots fenced.

Respectfully submitted, R. A. BLACK, M. D., Assistant Sanitary Superintendent.

A true copy, C. GOLDBERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—CITY OF NEW YORK, CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, November 4, 1898.

P. J. SCULLY, Esq., City Clerk, New York City:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held November 2, 1898, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the report of Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Black in respect to the dangerous condition of vacant lots on the south side of Sackett street, between Third and Fourth avenues, between Nos. 648 and 658, Borough of Brooklyn, be forwarded to the Honorable the Municipal Assembly, with the request that, for sanitary reasons, the Department of Highways be authorized and directed to have said lots fenced.

A true copy.

C. GOLDBERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

Councilman Doyle moved that the matter be referred to the Local Board.

Which was adopted.

No. 1085.—(S. R. 445.)

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of authorizing a contract for gas for the Kings County Penitentiary (see Minutes, October 4, 1898, page 25), respectfully,

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed contract for the lighting of the Penitentiary to be necessary, inasmuch as there is no competition for the supply of gas in Kings County, but that such contract be restricted to the year 1898, there being a possibility of competition in future by which better terms may be obtained.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution be amended and adopted as amended. Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Commissioner of the Department of Correction to enter into a contract with the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, without public letting, for the purpose of supplying gas to the Kings County Penitentiary for the year 1898, at an expense of about three thousand dollars per annum.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies. STEWART M. BRICE, } FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, } WILLIAM A. DOYLE, } GEORGE H. MUNDORF, } BENJAMIN J. BODINE, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Bodine, Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, McGarry, Mandorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, and Wise—22.

No. 1285.—(S. R. 452.)

The Committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Aldermen to permit Thomas Reid to keep a watering-trough (see Minutes, November 29, 1898, page 625), respectfully,

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed permission may be granted. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Reid to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk near the curb in front of his premises, on the southeast corner of Bank and Hudson streets, Borough of Manhattan, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

THOMAS F. POLEY, } Committee on Water Supply. WILLIAM A. DOYLE, } FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, } EUGENE A. WISE, } JOSEPH F. O'GRADY, } ADOLPH C. HOTTENROTH, }

Which was adopted.

No. 1327.—(S. R. 468.)

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Aldermen to erect lamps in front of Second Church of Evangelical Association, (see Minutes, December 6, 1898, page 654), respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be desirable, but that a recommendation is preferable to a mandate.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution, as amended, be adopted.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.
WILLIAM A. DOYLE, }
GEORGE H. MUNDORF, }
FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

(Paper referred to in preceding Report.)

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of erecting two street lamps in front of Second Church of Evangelical Association, Nos. 424 and 426 West Fifty-fifth street, Borough of Manhattan, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That it is recommended that two lamp-posts be erected, street lamps placed thereon and lighted in front of the premises of the Second Church of the Evangelical Association, at Nos. 424 and 426 West Fifty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

WILLIAM H. GLEDHILL, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.
JAMES E. GAFFNEY, }
FRANCIS J. BYRNE, }
ELIAS GOODMAN, }
JOSEPH GEISER, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—22.

No. 1326.—(S. R. 469.)

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Aldermen to erect two lamps in front of the Church of the Strangers, (see Minutes, December 6, 1898, page 650), respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be desirable, but that a recommendation is preferable to a mandate.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution, as amended, be adopted.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.
WILLIAM A. DOYLE, }
GEORGE H. MUNDORF, }
FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

(Paper referred to in preceding Report.)

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of erecting two street lamps in West Fifty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, in front of the entrance to the "Church of the Strangers," respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That it is recommended that two additional lamp-posts be erected, street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in West Fifty-seventh street, Borough of Manhattan, in front of the entrance to the "Church of the Strangers," Nos. 307 and 309 West Fifty-seventh street.

WILLIAM H. GLEDHILL, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.
JAMES E. GAFFNEY, }
FRANCIS J. BYRNE, }
ELIAS GOODMAN, }
JOSEPH GEISER, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—22.

No. 1337.—(S. R. 470.)

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Board of Aldermen to erect lamps in front of St. Vincent's Hospital (see Minutes, December 6, 1898, page 652), respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be desirable, but that a recommendation is better than a mandate.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution as amended be adopted.

Resolved, That it is recommended that three additional lamp-posts be erected, street lamps placed thereon and lighted in front of the premises of St. Vincent's Hospital on West Eleventh street, Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.
WILLIAM A. DOYLE, }
GEORGE H. MUNDORF, }
FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—22.

No. 1421.—(S. R. 545.)

The Committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of authorizing pumping engines, etc., at the New Aqueduct, Borough of Manhattan (page 678, Minutes, December 6, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

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

AN ORDINANCE to authorize pumping engines, etc., for the high-service works at the New Aqueduct, Borough of Manhattan.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the 5th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

Resolved, by the Board of public improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing and erection of pumping engines, boilers and appurtenances for the high-service works at the New Aqueduct, between Tenth avenue and the Harlem river, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for by the issue of corporate stock of The City of New York.

THOMAS F. FOLEY, } Committee on Water Supply.
WILLIAM A. DOYLE, }
EUGENE A. WISE, }
FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—22.

No. 240.—(S. R. 547.)

The Committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of

providing for the extension of water service in the Borough of Queens (page 676, Minutes, December 6, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

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

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the extension of water service in the Borough of Queens.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the fifth day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

Resolved, by the Board of public improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains, providing hydrants, stop-cocks, connections, etc., and driving wells where necessary, for the purpose of supplying water for the use of the residents of the first ward, Borough of Queens, under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved; the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for by issue of corporate stock of The City of New York.

THOMAS F. FOLEY, } Committee on Water Supply.
WILLIAM A. DOYLE, }
EUGENE A. WISE, }
FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, and Wise—22.

No. 689.—(S. R. 548.)

The Committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of laying water-mains in various localities in the Borough of Queens (page 676, Minutes, December 6, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

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

AN ORDINANCE to authorize the laying of water-mains in various localities in the Borough of Queens.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the fifth day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

Resolved, by the Board of public improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in

Broadway, between Duane street and Fifteenth avenue; in Jamaica avenue, between Crescent and Hopkins avenues; and in High street, between Sixteenth and Eighteenth streets;

—in the Borough of Queens, under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for by the issue of corporate stock of The City of New York.

THOMAS F. FOLEY, } Committee on Water Supply.
WILLIAM A. DOYLE, }
EUGENE A. WISE, }
FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—22.

No. 1149.—(S. R. 550.)

The Committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of laying water-mains in the Borough of Queens (page 722, Minutes, December 12, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

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

AN ORDINANCE to provide water-mains in various thoroughfares in the Borough of Queens.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the 9th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

Resolved, by the Board of public improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in

Third avenue and Eighteenth street, between the College Point standpipe and Fifth avenue; Fourth avenue, between Whitestone standpipe and Eighteenth street;

Whitestone avenue, between Bayshore avenue and Higgin's Lane;

—with the necessary hydrants, stopcocks and connections, in the Borough of Queens, under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for by the issue of corporate stock.

THOMAS F. FOLEY, } Committee on Water Supply.
WILLIAM A. DOYLE, }
EUGENE A. WISE, }
FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hester, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—21.

Councilman Cassidy moved that the vote by which the above report was last be reconsidered. Which was adopted.

Councilman Cassidy then moved that it be placed on the list of special orders for the ensuing meeting. Which was adopted.

No. 53.—(S. R. 522.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of regulating the hours for running cars on the street surface railroads of the Borough of Brooklyn (page 125, Minutes, January 18, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed regulation to be necessary, but that for the greater convenience of the public, cars should be run every 20 minutes, between the hours of one A. M. and five A. M. each day.

They therefore recommend that the said ordinance as amended be adopted.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the hours of running cars by the street surface railroad companies in The City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Each railroad company operating its road in The City of New York shall run a car for the accommodation of passengers, over each of its routes, from each termination thereof, in said city, at least once every twenty minutes, between the hours of one A. M. and five A. M. each day.

Sec. 2. Any railroad corporation or superintendent or manager thereof violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each and every offense.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, } Committee on Railroads.
HARRY C. HART, }
JOSEPH CASSIDY, }
CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, }

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, McGarry, Mundorf, Murray, Ryder, Van Nostrand, Williams, and Wise—20.

No. 54.—(S. R. 551)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of regulating smoking on the cars of railroad companies operating in the Borough of Brooklyn (page 126, Minutes, January 18, 1898), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they recommend that the said proposed ordinance be placed on file.

An ORDINANCE in relation to smoking on the cars of the railroad companies operating their lines in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

Section 1. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to smoke upon the platforms or inside of any car operated by any railroad company in the Borough of Brooklyn, in The City of New York, except as provided in this section. Such smoking may be permitted upon open surface cars, under such rules and regulations as may be conducive to the comfort of the passengers. During the season of the year when open cars are not run, each railroad company operating a street railroad in the Borough of Brooklyn shall, on each of its routes, provide cars in which smoking will be permitted. Such cars must be run at intervals of not less than one in every three cars by the morning, between the hours of five and nine, and in the afternoon, between the hours of five and seven, and during the remainder of the day at intervals of not less than one in every four cars. Railroad companies operating elevated railroad cars shall provide at the end of each train a car in which smoking will be permitted.

Sec. 2. Any railroad corporation or superintendent or manager thereof violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each and every offense.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, HARRY C. HART, JOSEPH CASSIDY, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, } Committee on Railroads.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Cassidy, Doyle, Goodwin, Hart, Hottenroth, Murray, Van Nostrand, and Wise—8.

Negative—The President, Councilmen Conly, Ebbets, Leich, Mandorf, Ryder, and Williams—7.

Councilman Goodwin moved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this ordinance, and that it be placed on file.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Doyle, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, Mandorf, Ryder, and Wise—15.

Negative—Councilmen McGary and Williams—2.

No. 585.—(S. R. 554.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of directing said committee to draft an ordinance regulating the length of bell straps in surface cars (page 947, Minutes, March 29, 1898), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they recommend that the said resolution be placed on file.

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be directed to draft an ordinance to regulate the length of bell straps to be used on the surface cars in The City of New York.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, HARRY C. HART, JOSEPH CASSIDY, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, } Committee on Railroads.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hottenroth, Hyland, Van Nostrand, and Wise—13.

Negative—Councilmen Ebbets, Leich, McGary, Mandorf, Ryder, and Williams—6.

No. 602.—(S. R. 555.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of regulating the operation of street surface railways within the limits of the Borough of Queens (page 577, Minutes, June 7, 1898), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they recommend that the said ordinance be placed on file.

An ORDINANCE regulating the operation of street surface railways within the limits of the Borough of Queens, City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

Section 1. No street railways operating within the limits of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, whose cars are or shall be propelled by any power other than by horse or animal power, shall be run at a greater speed than eight miles an hour, and all such cars shall have fenders of the latest and most approved type placed on the front of each, in such manner as not to be more than three inches above the tracks or road on which such cars are run.

Sec. 2. All ordinances and resolutions relating to the foregoing subject heretofore existing in any or all parts of what is now the Borough of Queens are hereby repealed.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, HARRY C. HART, JOSEPH CASSIDY, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, } Committee on Railroads.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, } CITY HALL, June 1, 1898. }

Hon. RICHARD GUICKENHEIMER, President Board of Councilmen, City of New York :

DEAR SIR—Inclosed please find draft of ordinance which was approved of by the Local Board of the Borough of Queens at its meeting held on May 27, 1898, in which is joined the request that you will please present same to the Honorable Body over which you preside for its adoption thereon. Remains

Yours truly, FREDERICK BOWLEY, President of the Borough of Queens.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hottenroth, Hyland, Mandorf, Van Nostrand, and Wise—14.

Negative—Councilmen Leich and Ryder—2.

No. 898.—(S. R. 556.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of requiring companies or corporations operating surface railroads to equip open cars with electric bells for the use of passengers (page 271, Minutes, August 2, 1898), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they recommend that the said ordinance be placed on file, the same matter forming part of a general ordinance reported this day.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

Section 1. That within thirty days after the passage of this ordinance all companies or corporations operating surface railroad lines within the limits of The City of New York be required to equip and provide each open car in use with an electric annunciator bell or gong, and to connect the same with a push-button to be embedded in the wooden support or spring at both ends of each and every seat in such car, to the end that passengers desiring to alight from such car can use the same for the purpose of attracting the attention of the conductor in charge thereof.

Sec. 2. The said companies or corporations shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars for each and every car in use and operation without the said equipment specified in section 1 hereof after the expiration of the time therein limited.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, HARRY C. HART, JOSEPH CASSIDY, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, } Committee on Railroads.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-Chairman, Councilmen Cassidy, Christman, Conly, Doyle, Ebbets, Engel, Francisco, Goodwin, Hart, Hottenroth, Hyland, Leich, Mandorf, O'Grady, Ryder, and Wise—15.

No. 1047.—(S. R. 557.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was recommended on November 15, 1898, the annexed ordinance in favor of regulating railroads in The City of New York (page 242, Minutes, October 4, 1898), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having carefully re-examined the subject, they find no reason to alter their conclusions thereon, and confirm the desirability of the enactment of the proposed measure.

They therefore recommend that the said ordinance be adopted.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, HARRY C. HART, JOSEPH CASSIDY, WILLIAM J. HYLAND, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, } Committee on Railroads.

(Paper referred to in preceding Report.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of regulating railroads in The City of New York (see Minutes, September 20, 1898, page 776), respectfully

REPORT :

That they held two public hearings, and that, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed ordinance to be necessary, amended as within braces, new matter being modified and omissions in brackets, to wit : In section 1, paragraph B, the word "vehicle" shall be substituted for the words "car and omnibus"; that the entire section 9 be omitted, making the number refer to the new section 9.

They therefore recommend that the said ordinance be adopted.

An ORDINANCE to regulate railroads in The City of New York.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

Section 1. Each and every passenger railroad car operated within the limits of The City of New York shall be kept in a neat, clean and orderly condition and shall, for the improvement of the service to a degree commensurate with the value of the franchises bestowed on the corporations operating such cars and in the interest of the public using such cars, be provided as follows :

(A)—Signs indicating the destination of such car shall be conspicuously displayed on the outside of the front, rear and both sides of such cars and these signs shall be illuminated at night. They shall also have the license number conspicuously displayed within the car, together with the certificate of payment of license, as at present ordained, in conspicuous location by the proper officers, and the name and office address of the president of each railroad for the convenience of persons desiring to make complaints.

(B)—Each surface car must be provided with electric annunciators within the reach of every passenger and must be completely brought to a standstill or in the possession of all and on.

(C)—The so-called "shuttle" trains or cars must be abolished, and all cars must go through to their published destination.

(D)—In case of obstruction by fire or other obstacle on the route, if the stoppage shall exceed five minutes, fares shall be refunded to passengers in the form of "tickets" to be used, and these shall at any time, when possessed, be good for a continuous ride on any car of the company issuing the same.

(E)—The tops of the surface cars shall not be more than twelve inches from the ground, and fenders shall be used on all surface cars with rollers actually touching the rails so as to absolutely prevent the running over, mangling and destroying of persons who may be on the track.

Sec. 2. From September 15 of each year to July 1 of the succeeding year each and every surface railroad shall run at least one closed car for every three of the cars of all cars operated; and whenever the thermometer shall fall below 55 degrees Fahrenheit the cars of all street railroad companies shall be heated.

Sec. 3. From evening until the following morning the cars of all street railroad companies shall be adequately lighted so as to enable passengers in any part thereof to read with facility; and the provisions of this section shall take effect within thirty days after the passage of this ordinance.

Sec. 4. In case of accident, cars shall not proceed on their route, but shall remain at the place where the accident occurred until the arrival of the police and until released by proper authority.

Sec. 5. The penalty for the infraction of each and every one of the foregoing sections shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) for each trip, or part of trip, made within the limits of The City of New York, by any car violating the provisions of said sections; and such penalty shall be recovered in the name and for the use of The City of New York.

Sec. 6. Permission to operate express cars and limited cars not heretofore been authorized open street railway companies by any franchise heretofore granted by The City of New York or by any of the former municipalities now embraced within the limited said city, and a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) being now provided for each and every street railroad car equipped for express and funeral purposes, such fine shall be recovered in the name and for the use of The City of New York.

Sec. 7. Arbitrary and unannounced changes of headway or routes, and the removal of seating cars where heretofore used, are hereby prohibited.

Such changes must be subject to the permission of the Municipal Assembly, and when permitted shall be advertised for not less than five days in two newspapers published in each borough of The City of New York, and which shall be designated by the Mayor. The penalty for each and every violation of this ordinance and for each day on which said violation takes place shall be one thousand dollars, and such penalty shall be recovered in the name and for the use of The City of New York.

Sec. 8. During the so-called "rush hours," between 5 o'clock and 7 A. M., and 5 o'clock and 7 P. M., when it may be impracticable with the present facilities for travel to provide seats for all passengers, the fare on all railroad cars shall not exceed three cents.

[Sec. 9. Inspectors to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, and of all other ordinances relative to railroads to which this is supplementary, shall be appointed by the Mayor at suitable salaries and under such regulations as shall insure activity, efficiency and zeal in remedying abuses long complained of and in providing for the convenience of the public.]

Sec. 10.] 9. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, JOSEPH CASSIDY, MARTIN F. CONLY, WILLIAM J. HYLAND, HARRY C. HART, } Committee on Railroads.

Councilman Leich moved that this report be laid over for a week.

Which was adopted.

No. 1010.—(S. R. 557.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of placing two men on the front platforms of the front cars of all elevated railroad trains (page 475, Minutes, September 15, 1898), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed measure not to be necessary.

They therefore recommend that the said ordinance be placed on file.

An ORDINANCE to provide for public safety on elevated railroads.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That all corporations operating elevated railroads in The City of New York be required to have two men at the front of the front cars of all trains, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each violation of this ordinance.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, HARRY C. HART, JOSEPH CASSIDY, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, } Committee on Railroads.

The Vice-Chairman moved that this report be laid over for a week.

Which was adopted.

No. 1448.—(S. R. 559.)

The Committee on Bridges and Tunnels, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of providing better protection for the public on the New York and East River Bridge (Minutes, December 20, page 870), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed ordinance to be necessary.

They therefore recommend that the said ordinance be adopted.

An ORDINANCE to provide for the better protection of the public on the New York and East River Bridge.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

Section 1. That the corporations operating elevated railroads whose cars cross the New York and East River Bridge be required to have two men on the front platforms of the front cars of all trains crossing the aforesaid bridge, under a penalty of twenty-five (\$25) dollars for each violation of this ordinance.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

MARTIN F. CONLY, WILLIAM J. HYLAND, ADAM H. LEICH, GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, } Committee on Bridges and Tunnels.

The President put the question whether the Council would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Councilmen Cassidy, Glassman, Conly, Doyle, Elberts, Engel, Gorman, Heenan, Hyland, Mansueti, O'Grady, Ryder, Van Nostrand, and Wise—15.

No. 1000.—(S. R. 258.)

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of placing smoking cars on all elevated railroad trains (page 476, Minutes, September 13, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they do not believe the proposed ordinance to be necessary.

They therefore recommend that this said ordinance be placed on file.

An alternative to require smoking cars to be placed on elevated railroads.

As recommended by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That all corporations operating elevated railroads be required to attach a smoking car to all trains under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each violation of this ordinance.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, HARRY C. HART, JOSEPH CASSIDY, CHARLES H. FRANCISCO, WILLIAM J. HYLAND, Committee on Railroads.

The Vice-Chairman moved that this report be laid over for a week. Which was adopted.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

Councilman Ware moved that the Council do now adjourn. The President put the question whether the Council would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President declared that the Council stand adjourned until Monday, January 2, 1899.

P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPARED MEETING.

TUESDAY, December 27, 1898, 4 o'clock P. M.

At 10 o'clock in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. Thomas F. Woods, President.

ALDERMEN

- William H. Diehill, Vice-President; Jacob D. Ackerman, James E. Briggs, John F. Burleigh, George A. Gaffney, Francis J. Byrne, Thomas G. Griffin, John Gorman, Louis Goss, James F. Hynes, Frederick T. Phelan, Joseph A. Potts, Robert Polley, James F. Quinlan, Frank Ross, Harry Tamm, Joseph Glines, Bernard Gluck, Elias Glassman, Elias Halperin, William J. Jarvis, Patrick H. Keenan, William Keenan, Jeremiah Keenan, Francis P. Kenney, John P. Koch, John T. Lang, Stephen Leitch, John T. McCall, Thomas F. McCall, Lawrence W. McCreath, James H. McCreath, Stephen W. McCreath, Charles Metzger, Louis Minsky, Kalmer Mink, Emil Neufeld, John S. Neufeld, Bernard Schwartz, William P. Schneider, Jr., R. Tecumseh Sherman, Henry Sierke, James J. Smith, David S. Stewart, John J. Vaughan, Jr., Jacob J. Veltou, Moses J. Water, Joseph H. Wellton, William West, Louis H. Woodward.

The Clerk proceeded to read the minutes.

Alderman Hynes moved that a certain reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that they be approved as presented.

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

The President announced that if there was no objection thereto the Board would proceed to the order of business of motions, resolutions and resolutions.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1876.

By Alderman Nelson—Resolved, That Patrick S. Keely, of No. 79 Berry street, Borough of Brooklyn, be and he is hereby elected a member of the Board of Aldermen from the Fourteenth Assembly District, Kings County, Borough of Brooklyn, in the place and stead of Edward S. Scott, deceased.

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

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Bridges, Burleigh, Burrell, Byrne, Cassidy, Dwyer, Dunn, Elliott, Funn, Folke, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Gesser, Gluck, Goodman, Halperin, James, Keenan, Keegan, Keene, Keeney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCall, McCreath, McCreath, McCreath, Metzger, Minsky, Mink, Neufeld, Neufeld, Neufeld, Schneider, Sherman, Sierke, Stewart, Vaughan, Veltou, Water, Wellton, Wentz, and Woodward—48.

Alderman Hynes moved that a committee of three be named by the President to inform Mr. Patrick S. Keely of his election as a member of the Board of Aldermen from the Fourteenth Assembly District, Kings County, Borough of Brooklyn, and to escort the gentleman to the chamber upon his arrival.

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

And the President appointed as such committee Aldermen Jacob J. Veltou, John L. Burleigh and Frank Goss.

No. 1840.

By Alderman John T. McCall—Resolved, That John T. McMahon of No. 213 East Eleventh street, Borough of Manhattan, be and he is hereby elected a member of the Board of Aldermen from the Fourteenth Assembly District, New York County, Borough of Manhattan, in the place and stead of James P. Hart, deceased.

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

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Bridges, Burleigh, Burrell, Byrne, Cassidy, Dwyer, Dunn, Elliott, Funn, Folke, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Gesser, Gluck, Goodman, Halperin, James, Keenan, Keegan, Keene, Keeney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCall, McCreath, McCreath, McCreath, Metzger, Minsky, Mink, Neufeld, Neufeld, Neufeld, Schneider, Sherman, Sierke, Stewart, Vaughan, Veltou, Water, Wellton, Wentz, and Woodward—48.

Alderman Gluck moved that a committee of three be named by the President to inform Mr. John T. McMahon of his election as a member of the Board of Aldermen from the Fourteenth Assembly District, New York County, Borough of Manhattan, and to escort the gentleman to the chamber upon his arrival.

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

And the President appointed as such committee Aldermen John T. McCall, P. Tecumseh Sherman and Francis P. Kenney.

Upon the arrival of the newly elected Aldermen, Mr. Patrick S. Keely and Mr. John T. McMahon, the committees thus appointed escorted them to the office of his Honor the Mayor, where the oath of office was duly administered, thence to the Aldermanic Chamber, where they were presented to the President, who in turn introduced them to the body.

The Sergeant-at-Arms then conducted them to their seats, and the committees were discharged.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

No. 523.

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, December 27, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return herewith, without my approval, a resolution adopted by you on November 15, 1898, directing the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies to erect iron railings or other guards at the windows of the Clerk's office of the County of Kings.

My objection to this resolution is that it is mandatory, and directs certain work to be done irrespective of the amount of the appropriation, if any, available for the purpose. The Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies will undoubtedly consider the relative necessity for this and other demands made upon the appropriation given to his Department.

ROBT. A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Resolved, That in order that better protection may be afforded to the public records in the office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies be and he is hereby authorized and directed to erect in said office of the Clerk of the County of Kings iron railings, or other guard, at the windows of said County Clerk's office, of a design and pattern to best serve the purposes of protection to said public records.

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

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

No. 1838.

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, December 27, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return herewith, without my approval, a resolution adopted by you on November 20, 1898, directing the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies to supply each borough office with a complete set of maps for each of said boroughs.

My objection to this resolution is that it is mandatory and directs certain work to be done irrespective of the amount of the appropriation, if any, available for the purpose. The Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies will undoubtedly consider the relative necessity for this and other demands made upon the appropriation given to his Department.

ROBT. A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.

Whereas, Numerous petitions are being presented to the respective Boards of Local Improvements and the Municipal Assembly, calling for the opening, regulating, grading and paving of streets, the laying of water-mains, the naming and changing of names of streets, the establishing of grades and the changing of grade of streets, and other similar improvements; and

Whereas, The Charter requires that the Local Boards of Improvements for each district hold hearings and investigate all matters of such character; and

Whereas, Definite and reliable information on such matters is very difficult if not impossible to secure; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies be and he is hereby directed to supply for each borough office a complete set of maps, which are now published (or may be in the near future) for each of said boroughs. Such maps to show house and lot numbers, buildings, dimensions of lots and blocks, width of streets, elevation at intersecting streets, water-mains, sewers, etc., said maps to cost not more than two hundred dollars for each borough, and the President of each borough to make the selection of the maps for his borough office.

Resolved, That these maps shall be open for inspection by each and every member of the Municipal Assembly in the office of the President of the respective boroughs during office hours.

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

By unanimous consent the Board proceeded to the consideration of reports of Standing Committees.

REPORTS.

No. 1839.

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of appointing and employing a Commission of Experts to prepare and report to the Municipal Assembly a code of ordinances to be known as the "Building Code," respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the resolution and accompanying report should be amended by striking out the word "Kings" wherever it occurs in the resolution and report and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Brooklyn."

They therefore recommend that said resolution and report as amended be adopted.

WILLIAM H. GLENNON, EDWARD F. McNEANEY, JOSEPH GREER, FRANCIS J. BYRNE, JAMES R. GAFFNEY, Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

(Paper referred to in preceding report.) The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and on Building Department, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of the appointment and employment of experts to prepare and report "The Building Code of The City of New York" (page 792, Minutes, December 14, 1898), respectfully

REPORT:

That, having jointly examined the subject, they believe the proposed measure to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

To the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York:

Pursuant to the authority and direction of the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen November 22, 1898, and by the Council November 29, 1898, and approved by the Mayor December 3, 1898, we, Randolph Guggenheimer, President of the Council, and Thomas F. Woods, President of the Board of Aldermen, do hereby nominate for appointment and employment by the Municipal Assembly, the following named persons to constitute the commission provided for therein.

William J. Fryer, Robert McCafferty, George A. Just and Cornelius O'Reilly of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx; Rudolph L. Dans and Bernard Gallagher, of the Borough of Kings; and Daniel Callahan of the Borough of Queens, as experts in the science and practice of building; Rollin M. Morgan, as a representative of the Corporation Counsel, ex-officio; and the Board of Building, consisting of Thomas J. Brady, Commissioner for the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx; John Guilfoyle, Commissioner for the Borough of Brooklyn, and Daniel Campbell, Commissioner for the Borough of Queens and Richmond.

RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President of the Council.

THOMAS F. WOODS, President of the Board of Aldermen.

NEW YORK, December 15, 1898.

Whereas, The President of the Council and the President of the Board of Aldermen, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on November 22, 1898, and the Council on November 29, 1898, and approved by the Mayor on December 3, 1898, were "empowered and directed to nominate for appointment and employment by the Municipal Assembly, under the provisions of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, known as the Charter of The City of New York, a commission comprising seven (7) experts in the science and practice of building, who shall have been engaged not less than five (5) years in business on their own account in The City of New York, and who shall be residents and voters in the aforesaid city, a representative of the Corporation Counsel, ex-officio, and the Board of Buildings, consisting of the Commissioner for the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, the Commissioner for the Borough of Brooklyn and the Commissioners for the boroughs of Queens and Richmond, who shall proceed to prepare and report to the Municipal Assembly on or before the first stated meeting in the month of February, 1899, a code of ordinances to be established by the Municipal Assembly, to be known as 'The Building Code of The City of New York,' providing for all matters concerning, affecting or relating to the construction, alteration or removal of buildings or structures erected or to be erected in The City of New York, as constituted by chapter 378, Laws of 1897, in conformity with the provisions of the charter and more particularly with section 647 thereof; and

Whereas, The said President of the Council and the said President of the Board of Aldermen have, pursuant to said resolution, nominated to the Municipal Assembly the following named persons, to wit:

William J. Fryer, Robert McCafferty, George A. Just and Cornelius O'Reilly, of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx; Rudolph L. Dans and Bernard Gallagher, of the Borough of Kings; and Daniel Callahan of the Borough of Queens, as experts in the science and practice of building; Rollin M. Morgan, as a representative of the Corporation Counsel, ex-officio; and the Board of Buildings, consisting of Thomas J. Brady, Commissioner for the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx; John Guilfoyle, Commissioner for the Borough of Brooklyn, and Daniel Campbell, Commissioner for the boroughs of Queens and Richmond; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, pursuant to and in conformity with the provisions of section 647 of the Greater New York Charter, that William J. Fryer, Robert McCafferty, George A. Just, and Cornelius O'Reilly, of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx; Rudolph L. Dans and Bernard Gallagher, of the Borough of Kings; and Daniel Callahan, of the Borough of Queens, as experts in the science and practice of building; Rollin M. Morgan, as a representative of the Corporation Counsel, ex-officio; and the Board of Buildings, consisting of Thomas J. Brady, Commissioner for the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx; John Guilfoyle, Commissioner for the Borough of Brooklyn, and Daniel Campbell, Commissioner for the boroughs of Queens and Richmond; be and they are hereby appointed and employed as a commission of experts to prepare and report to the Municipal Assembly a code of ordinances to be known as the "Building Code," providing for all matters concerning, affecting or relating to the construction, alteration or removal of buildings or structures erected or to be erected in The City of New York, as constituted by the Greater New York Charter; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to make sufficient provision to pay the necessary expenses of said commission and to compensate the seven (7) persons named as the experts thereon.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, WILLIAM A. DOYLE, EUGENE A. WISE, BENJAMIN F. BODINE, GEORGE H. MUNDORF, DAVID L. VAN NOSTRAND, JOHN J. MCGARRY, FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS.

Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and Building Department.

In connection with the foregoing Alderman Goodman, of the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, submitted the following minority report: No. 1841.

New York, December 27, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

The undersigned, a member of the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, dissents from the conclusions of the majority of the Committee, in the matter of an ordinance providing for the appointment of a Building Code Commission, and submits the following minority report:

I do not feel that the Commission, as proposed, fully represents all the interests which ought to be taken into consideration for a duty as vast and important as that which it will be called upon to perform.

The personnel of the Commission selected I do not propose to criticize. Each gentleman named will, without doubt, prove able and efficient, and will be thoroughly imbued with a high sense of his responsibility. That they are all competent to formulate a satisfactory Building Code is not questioned; but it must be admitted that the Commission would be strengthened, its work lightened, and the results broadened and prove more generally satisfactory, if it be enlarged by the addition of an architect, a representative of the Fire Department, an engineer, and a member of the Tenement House Committee of 1894.

The importance of this matter was clearly evidenced by the action of our Board, in referring the subject originally to a joint committee, composed of the Committee on Law, the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, and the Committee on Health.

Although no official consideration was given the matter by the Joint Committee, because of failure to obtain a quorum at its meetings, an informal conference was held by a number of its members.

Liberal concessions were made by those who differed with the majority, and a compromise proposition or ordinance was prepared for presentation to the Board.

This proposition could not be submitted, because of the very unusual proceeding which followed, to wit: The introduction and adoption of a new ordinance, ignoring the Joint Committee, and practically discharging it from consideration of the subject before it. This was a violation of the spirit, if not of the letter of our rules, which provide that no committee shall be discharged, except by a three-fourth vote.

In order to more clearly present the reasons which prompt me to urge the appointment of four additional members to the Commission, I append hereto, and make as a part hereof, the report of the minority of the joint committee, which was prepared, signed and ready for submission to the Board, at the time the report of the joint body was anticipated; as herein set forth.

To said minority report, it will be seen, that reputable experts are willing to lend their services free of charge.

Although I am strongly in favor of compensating those who serve the City in any capacity, I prefer to consider the question of compensation after the work is performed, if as in this case, competent Commissioners can be obtained willing to do that work, under such conditions. I am satisfied that the gentlemen already selected and recommended to the Municipal Assembly, would willingly undertake their duties in advance of a fixed or promised compensation.

Without intending to reflect in the least upon the work that will be performed by whatever commission is appointed, I beg to refer to the fact that the City was called upon twice during the term of the last Board of Aldermen to pay for codifying and compiling the city ordinances, the work first performed being deemed imperfect and unsatisfactory. This is an object lesson which we should profit by.

In view of the foregoing reasons and conclusions, I present and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the report of the Joint Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, and on Public Buildings of the Council, adopted by that Body and now before us for concurrence, as recommended by our Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby recommended to the President of the Council and the President of the Board of Aldermen, with instruction to select, in addition to the seven experts already named, an architect, a representative of the Fire Department, an Engineer and member of the Tenement-house Committee; and further

Resolved, That the Commission thus enlarged be simply appointed, without any specific reference at this time to compensation for its services.

Respectfully submitted, ELIAS GOODMAN.

(Copy of Minority Report referred to in foregoing, which contains several reasons for the dissenting opinion of Alderman Goodman, as set forth in his Report.)

NOVEMBER 22, 1898.

To the Board of Aldermen:

We, the undersigned, members of a Joint Committee of the Board of Aldermen, consisting of the Committees on Law, Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, and Public Health, respectfully submit the following minority report:

The Committee has had under consideration two resolutions relating to the appointment of a commission of experts to prepare and submit to the Municipal Assembly a proposed Building Code, under the provisions of section 647 of the Charter. A public hearing was held on these resolutions on Friday, October 21, in the Aldermanic Chamber, attended by a large number of citizens, and lasting from 3 until 6 o'clock p. m. There appeared in general support of the resolution introduced by Alderman Folks the following:

- Mr. N. S. Rosenau, Manager of the United Hebrew Charities. Mr. Jacob A. Riis. Mr. George B. Post, President of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Louis de Coppet Berg, of the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Richard Watson Gilder, Chairman of the Tenement-house Committee of 1894. Mr. John M. Carrere, President of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

- Mr. F. Delano Weebers, of the Children's Aid Society. Mr. Frank Tacker, General Agent, Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. Mr. George Keiser, of the Architectural League. Mr. Arthur H. Ely, of the Good Government Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District. Hon. Alfred T. White. Mr. E. B. L. Gould, of the City and Suburban Homes Company, and others.

There appeared, in general support of the resolution passed by the Council, with some amendments, the following:

Mr. W. J. Fryer, representing a Joint Committee of the Builders' Associations in The City of New York.

Mr. Samuel McMillan, of the Real Estate Exchange. Mr. Cornelius O'Reilly, representing a Real Estate Association.

The arguments advanced in favor of the resolution introduced by Alderman Folks were that it provided for due representation of all the different classes of people whose experience or expert knowledge would be of value in the preparation of a building code—the several branches of the municipal administration that have to do with the health and safety of the people; the professions which require a knowledge of scientific questions involved in building operations—architects and engineers; the business interests—building, real estate and insurance, and citizens who have endeavored to secure sanitary and other improvements in the construction of tenement and lodging houses. It was also argued that the resolution provided for adequate representation from all the different boroughs of the city, thus insuring a due regard for the needs of the rural portions of the city, the semi-rural portions, the residence districts, tenement-house districts and office-building districts. Unless the outlying boroughs are ably represented great injury is likely to be done by requiring them to conform to the same regulations as the densely populated portions of the city. Restrictions, which are absolutely necessary for the protection of the lives of the tenants of tenement-houses in the crowded east side, would be wholly unnecessary, and a grievous hardship to the Boroughs of The Bronx, Queens and Richmond.

The principal argument against the resolution as passed by the Council was that it gave a preponderating influence in the proposed Commission to the building interests, which are to be regulated and restrained for the good of the community as a whole. No less than half of the Commission, as proposed by the Council, are to be actually engaged in or directly concerned in building operations. The unwisdom and injustice of asking the interests directly and peculiarly concerned to frame laws for the protection of the public health and safety against the results of excessive competition among themselves must be, it seems to us, apparent to all.

Of the fact that excessive competition has led, in spite of the existing building laws, to the use of such cheap material or such inferior construction as to endanger and to sacrifice the lives of the workmen there is unfortunately only too much proof. During the past four years there have been no less than five serious disasters to buildings in course of construction in the City, in which thirty men were killed outright or received fatal injuries and fifty more were injured more or less seriously. These are the Orchard street, west side, and Ireland building disasters in 1895, the Madison avenue disaster in 1896 and the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street disaster in May of the present year. That in the past four years thirty workmen have been killed and fifty injured, and the wives and children of these eighty families deprived, in many cases permanently, of their only means of support, is a sufficient argument for appointing on this Commission a large representation of men who have made a scientific and thorough study of the sustaining or resisting powers of the various materials used in buildings, and the only men who have made such study are Architects and Engineers.

It has been stated as an objection to the resolution of Alderman Folks that it provides for the appointment of the professional members of the proposed Commission from lists to be submitted by organizations composed of members of such professions. We are of the opinion that the best judges of the qualifications of a professional man are his associates in his own profession, and, as under the Charter, this Commission is to be composed of experts, we know of no better way of ascertaining who are the experts than to ask the organizations composed of members of such professions. We have, however, modified the resolution submitted by Alderman Folks by omitting the two lawyers, substituting a representative of the Health Department for the Sanitary Engineer and increasing the number of practical builders from two to four. The only persons to be selected from lists submitted by organizations are the one Civil Engineer and the five Architects from various boroughs.

For this mode of appointment, there is the strongest possible precedent in the existing Building Laws. The Board of Examiners in the Building Department has power, not simply to recommend, but to actually vary or modify the building laws in any specific case in which they think that "an equally good or more desirable form of construction can be employed." This Board of Examiners is composed of nine members—the Superintendent of Buildings and the Chief of the Fire Department, ex-officio, and seven members, elected, without confirmation by any municipal officer or department, as follows:

- One by the Society of Architectural Iron Manufacturers. Two by the Mechanics and Traders' Exchange. One by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. One by the New York Board of Fire Underwriters. One by the Real Estate Owners' and Builders' Association. One by the New York Real Estate Exchange, Limited.

It is also provided in the present building laws that the examination of an alleged unsafe building shall be by three persons, one of whom shall be an architect, nominated by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Inasmuch as the present building laws confer actual administrative powers of great importance upon the representatives of organizations, it certainly is a safe and conservative action on our part to allow these to propose (as from which to select some of the members of our proposed Commission, which, after all, can only enact a code to us for our consideration.

Inasmuch as this Commission should be composed of experts of the highest attainments, the value of whose services cannot be measured by dollars and cents, and as the representatives of the organizations of architects at the public hearing, expressed a willingness to serve without compensation, we believe that it should be distinctly provided, as in the accompanying resolution, that the members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

A question has been raised as to whether the Building Code prepared by this Commission, if adopted by the Municipal Assembly, will repeal the existing tenement-house and lodging-house laws, as it will repeal all other existing building laws. Upon this point legal opinion differs. It is clear, however, that the Municipal Assembly, even if it should be held that it cannot repeal existing tenement-house laws, can exact additional provisions to perfect and strengthen them where they have proven ineffective and open to evasion. In view of the possibility that the tenement and lodging-house laws may be repealed, and the certainty that they can be improved by the new code, we deem it of exceeding importance that the Tenement-house Commission, appointed by Governor Flower in 1894, or some other organization of citizens who have been active in securing improved tenement-house legislation, should be represented on the Commission. As stated at the hearing, three-fourths of the population of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx live in tenement-houses. Our anxiety, lest existing safeguards may be removed, is increased by the fact that the delegation which favored the adoption of the Council resolution, with some modifications, has in the past opposed tenement-house legislation.

For these reasons we report to the Board of Aldermen the appended resolution, as a substitute for the two resolutions before the committee, and recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, HOMER FOLKS, ELIAS GOODMAN, JAMES H. McINNES.

Resolved, That the President of the Council and the President of the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized and directed to nominate for appointment by the Municipal Assembly, under the provisions of section 647 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, a commission of nineteen members, to be known as the Building Commission. Such Commission when appointed shall prepare and submit to the Municipal Assembly, on or before its first regular meeting in the month of February, 1899, a code of ordinances providing for all matters concerning, affecting or relating to the construction, alteration or removal of buildings or structures, erected or to be erected in The City of New York. Such Commission shall be constituted as follows: The Commissioner of Buildings for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, the Commissioner of Buildings for the Borough of Brooklyn, the Commissioner of Buildings for the Boroughs of Queens and Richmond, the Chief of the Fire Department, one representative of the Corporation Counsel, one representative of the Health Department, two members of the Tenement-house Commission appointed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 479, Laws of 1894, one of whom shall be an architect and one an engineer, one representative of the Board of Fire Underwriters of The City of New York, one civil engineer, to be chosen from a list of three names to be submitted by the American Society of Civil Engineers, two architects from the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, and one architect from the Borough of Richmond, said three architects to be chosen from a list of nine names to be submitted by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, two architects from the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, to be selected from a list of six names to be submitted by the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and four practical builders of at least five years' experience in the construction of modern fireproof buildings. The members of such Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, and the said Commission shall cease to exist upon the adoption by the Municipal Assembly of a Building Code for The City of New York.

Alderman Folks moved that a further reading of the reports be dispensed with and that they be laid over.

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

Alderman Muh moved that both reports receive immediate consideration.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Bridges, Burrell, Byrne, Cronin, Dunn, Elliott, Fleck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Geiser, Glick, Helgans, Keshon, Koegan, Keely, Kenefick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, McKeever, McMahon, Metzger, Minsky, Muh, Neufeld, Roddy, Schneider, Siefke, Smith, Vaughan, Veiton, and Welling—40.

Negative—Aldermen Ackerman, Burleigh, Diemer, Folks, Goodman, James, McLanes, Sherman, Stewart, Wentz, and Woodward—12.

Alderman John T. McCall then moved that the majority report be adopted.

Alderman Goodman moved to amend the motion of Alderman John T. McCall by striking out the word "majority" and inserting in place thereof the word "minority."

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment of Alderman Goodman.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Ackerman, Burleigh, Diemer, Folks, Goodman, James, McInnes, Sherman, Stewart, Wentz, and Woodward—11.

Negative—The President, Vice-President, Aldermen Bridges, Burrell, Byrne, Cronin, Dunn, Elliott, Fleck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Geiser, Glick, Helgans, Keshon, Koegan, Keely, Kenefick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, McKeever, McMahon, Metzger, Minsky, Muh, Neufeld, Roddy, Schneider, Siefke, Smith, Vaughan, Veiton, Wafer, and Welling—41.

Alderman McLanes then moved that the majority report be laid over and made a special order for Tuesday, January 3, 1899, at 2 o'clock.

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

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion of Alderman John T. McCall.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths or all the members elected having failed to vote in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Bridges, Barleigh, Barrell, Byrne, Crozier, Dunn, Elliott, Fluck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Gelsler, Glick, Goodman, Helgans, Keaton, Keegan, Keely, Kennelick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, McInnes, McKeever, McMahon, Metzger, Minsky, Mule, Neuhoff, Roddy, Schneider, Sinker, Smith, Vaughan, Velton, Water, and Welling—44.

Negative—Aldermen Ackerman, Diemer, Folks, James, Sherman, Stewart, Wentz, and Woodward—5.

Alderman John T. McCall moved that the temporary vote by which the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies was laid be reconsidered.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Ackerman, Diemer, Folks, James, Sherman, Stewart, Wentz, and Woodward—5.

Alderman John T. McCall moved that the report be laid over and made a special order on Tuesday, January 3, 1899, at 2 o'clock.

Alderman Water moved in a substitute for the report, be amended in the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies, with instructions to strike out the words "Board of Estimate and Apportionment," and to insert in place thereof the words "Municipal Assembly," in relation to the organization of the members of the Commission.

Which was carried by Alderman John T. McCall.

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

ORDINANCE IN SENATE

At the next the Vice-President asked and was granted unanimous consent to call up O. 174, being an ordinance of the City.

No. 1854.

As amended to provide new accommodations, &c., on the Ninety-seventh Street Borehole, Borough of Manhattan.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows:

That in pursuance of section 412 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that board on the 7th day of December, 1895, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, to-wit:

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 412 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller, by public writing, for providing all the labor and materials necessary for excavating and putting up two new stone-bridges in the Ninety-seventh Street Borehole, in the Borough of Manhattan, and for taking out two boilers now in use, under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, to-wit: all work public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Assaulted Borehole and Manholes, &c., 1897."

Alderman Water moved that the ordinance be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Bridges, Barleigh, Barrell, Byrne, Crozier, Dunn, Elliott, Fluck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Gelsler, Glick, Goodman, Helgans, Keaton, Keegan, Keely, Kennelick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, McInnes, McKeever, McMahon, Metzger, Minsky, Mule, Neuhoff, Roddy, Schneider, Sinker, Smith, Vaughan, Velton, Water, Welling, and Woodward—44.

Negative—Aldermen Ackerman, Diemer, Folks, Gass, Geiger, Goodman, Schneider, Sherman, Stewart, Wentz, and Woodward—5.

REPORTS

No. 1853—(S. M. S.)

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed report of the Council and ordinance in favor of authorizing the issue of corporate stock for a bridge over the East river, between the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, respectfully

REPORT.

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary, and recommend that the said bond issue be authorized.

They therefore recommend that the said report and ordinance be concurred in.

ROBERT MUIH, } Committee on Finance.
HENRY SIEFRE, }
JOSEPH GISEK, }
FRANCIS J. BYRNE, }

(Report referred to in preceding Report)

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of issuing \$250,000 corporate stock on account of the new East River Bridge (see Minutes, December 6, 1898, page 553), respectfully

REPORT.

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed issue to be necessary, and recommend that the said ordinance be adopted.

As ORDNANCE to authorize the Comptroller to issue corporate stock for a bridge over the East river, between the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly as follows:

Section 1. That the Municipal Assembly concurs in and approves of the resolution adopted by the board of estimate and apportionment on December 1, 1898, reading as follows:

Resolved, That subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the board of estimate and apportionment hereby authorizes the Comptroller to issue corporate stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 109 of the Greater New York Charter, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of providing means to defray the preliminary expenses of preparing plans, obtaining surveys and borings, and performing all work preparatory to the construction of a bridge over the East river, between the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, as suggested for the Mayor in his letter to the Board of Public Improvements, dated November 23, 1898; and

Resolved, That the Municipal Assembly be and hereby is requested to authorize the issue of said stock, by ordinance, as provided by section 48 of the Greater New York Charter.

Sec. 2. That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to issue corporate stock of The City of New York in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent, per annum, and redeemable in not less than ten nor more than fifty years from the date of issue, the proceeds whereof shall be applied by the Comptroller in liquidation of the expenses mentioned and authorized by the first section of this ordinance.

FRANK J. GOODWIN, } Committee on Finance.
GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, }
CONRAD H. HESTER, }
ADAM H. LEICH, }

In connection with the foregoing, Alderman Goodman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following MINORITY REPORT:

No. 1852.

New York, December 27, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

The undersigned, a member of the Finance Committee, respectfully dissents from the conclusions of the majority of the committee in the matter of authorizing the issue of corporate stock at this time as preliminary work on the proposed new bridges across the East River.

I am strongly in favor of the contemplated bridges, and would raise my voice in support of and cast my vote for any measure that will insure their early completion, if by so doing rapid transit is to be done, and as soon as possible, but not at the expense of rapid transit, nor to the inconvenience and detriment of the residents on this side of the East River.

This is not and should not be regarded as a sectional question. To characterize it as such is narrow and false.

To give no rapid transit here removes all suspicion of sectionalism. To interfere with or to deprive us of rapid transit for the benefit or advantage of other boroughs, in view of past legislation and all that has followed, may possibly tend to create sectional feeling.

Public hearings should be had ere further legislation is urged. It may be possible, and it seems quite probable, that means and measures can and will be advocated, which would solve the problem and permit aggressive work in the direction of both bridges and rapid transit at the same time.

But let us be sure we do proceed.

Let us give opportunity for a free and full discussion of these important questions ere we vote another dollar of public funds on the lines of uncertainty.

If private means can be obtained to build our rapid transit road, or if other means can be employed, so has been suggested, let us first ascertain how far reaching and effective these means are, before entering into contract for, or committing ourselves to more than we can carry into successful operation.

If priority of claim has any weight whatever, as it should have, then rapid transit ought to receive our first consideration.

If for any good and lawful cause this reasonable and natural course should not be followed, then we ought to be given the opportunity for study of facts, figures and argument.

Public hearings where all interested persons can appear, should be arranged.

The public is entitled to this consideration; the taxpayer has a right to present his views and express his preferences and desires; and the municipal authorities, whether executive, administrative or legislative, should have the benefit of such public decision.

I therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the report of the majority of the Committee on Finance relating to the issue of corporate stock for preliminary work on proposed East river bridges, be and the same is hereby placed on the calendar of unamended business.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and it is directed to arrange and hold public hearings, in order that all persons desiring to be heard may have opportunity to attend and discuss the questions involved, in both the majority and the minority reports of the said Finance Committee.

Resolved, That at said public hearings, stenographic notes of all arguments shall be taken, and after all who desire to be heard have been given opportunity, the Finance Committee shall present a report to this Board, with such recommendations as the circumstances may warrant.

Respectfully submitted, ELIAS GOODMAN.

Alderman Mule moved that the reports receive immediate consideration.

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

Which was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Mule then moved that the majority report be adopted.

Alderman Goodman moved to amend the motion of Alderman Mule by striking out the word "majority" and inserting in place thereof the word "minority."

Alderman John T. McCall moved the previous question.

The President put the question "Shall the main question be now put?"

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Bridges, Barleigh, Barrell, Byrne, Crozier, Dunn, Elliott, Fluck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gelsler, Glick, Helgans, Keaton, Keegan, Keely, Kennelick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, McKeever, McMahon, Metzger, Minsky, Mule, Neuhoff, Roddy, Sinker, Smith, Vaughan, Velton, and Welling—38.

Negative—Aldermen Ackerman, Diemer, Folks, Gass, Geiger, Goodman, James, McInnes, Schneider, Sherman, Stewart, Water, Wentz, and Woodward—11.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment of Alderman Goodman.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Diemer, Folks, Goodman, Sherman, and Woodward—5.

Negative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Bridges, Barleigh, Barrell, Byrne, Crozier, Dunn, Elliott, Fluck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Gelsler, Glick, Helgans, James, Keaton, Keegan, Keely, Kennelick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, Metzger, Minsky, Mule, Neuhoff, Roddy, Sinker, Smith, Vaughan, Velton, and Welling—42.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion of Alderman John T. McCall.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, three-fourths of all the members elected having failed to vote in favor thereof:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Bridges, Barleigh, Barrell, Byrne, Crozier, Dunn, Elliott, Fluck, Flinn, Gaffney, Gelsler, Glick, Helgans, James, Keaton, Keegan, Keely, Kennelick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Ledwith, McCall, McCaul, McGrath, McInnes, McKeever, McMahon, Metzger, Minsky, Mule, Neuhoff, Roddy, Sinker, Smith, Vaughan, Velton, and Welling—41.

Negative—Aldermen Diemer, Folks, Gass, Geiger, Goodman, Schneider, Sherman, Stewart, Water, Wentz, and Woodward—11.

Alderman McInnes moved that the foregoing vote by which the report of the Committee on Finance was laid be reconsidered.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman McInnes then moved that the report be recommended to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to hold a public hearing thereon.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

Alderman John T. McCall then moved that the report of the Committee on Finance be made a special order for Tuesday, January 3, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Subsequently Alderman Mule moved that the report of the Committee on Finance, relative to the issue of corporate stock for a bridge over the East river, between the Boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, be also made a special order for Tuesday, January 3, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock.

The report is as follows:

No. 1856.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed report of the Council and ordinance in favor of authorizing the issue of corporate stock for a bridge over the East river, between the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, respectfully

REPORT.

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary, and recommend that the said bond issue be authorized.

They therefore recommend that the said report and ordinance be concurred in.

ROBERT MUIH, } Committee on Finance.
JOSEPH GISEK, }
HENRY SIEFRE, }
FRANCIS J. BYRNE, }

(Report referred to in preceding Report)

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of issuing \$50,000 corporate stock on account of the new East River Bridge (see Minutes, December 6, 1898, page 554), respectfully

REPORT.

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed issue to be necessary, and recommend that the said ordinance be adopted.

As ORDNANCE to authorize the Comptroller to issue corporate stock for a bridge over the East river, between the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly as follows:

Section 1. That the Municipal Assembly concurs in and approves of the resolution adopted by the board of estimate and apportionment on December 1, 1898, reading as follows:

Resolved, That subject to concurrence herewith by the Municipal Assembly, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby authorizes the Comptroller to issue corporate stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 109 of the Greater New York Charter in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of providing means to defray the preliminary expenses of preparing plans, obtaining surveys and borings, and performing all work preparatory to the construction of a bridge over the East river, between the Boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, as suggested by the Mayor in his letter to the Board of Public Improvements, dated November 23, 1898; and

Resolved, That the Municipal Assembly be and hereby is requested to authorize the issue of said stock, by ordinance, as provided by section 48 of the Greater New York Charter.

Sec. 2. That the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to issue corporate stock of The City of New York in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent, per annum, and redeemable in not less than ten nor more than fifty years from the date of issue, the proceeds whereof shall be applied by the Comptroller in liquidation of the expenses mentioned and authorized by the first section of this ordinance.

FRANK J. GOODWIN, } Committee on Finance.
GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, }
CONRAD H. HESTER, }
ADAM H. LEICH, }

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

No. 1846.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of the Council to permit the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn to replace a bond secured by Ethan Allen Doty and Edwin Packard indemnifying The City of New York, by a bond to be secured by a reliable surety company, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed permission may be granted. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted. Whereas, A bond dated September 30, 1889, acknowledged September 30, 1889, and approved October 1, 1889, was made by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn, as principal, and filed with the City Clerk of Brooklyn, indemnifying said city to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) against damages to streets from the underground work of said company, with Ethan Allen Doty and Edwin Packard as sureties thereon; and Whereas, Said company now desires to have said bond replaced by a bond to be secured through a responsible surety company; therefore

ROBERT MUH, HENRY SIEFKE, JOSEPH GEISER, FRANCIS J. BYRNE, ELIAS GOODMAN, } Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted to said company to replace the bond above mentioned, secured by Ethan Allen Doty and Edwin Packard by a bond of like amount, indemnifying The City of New York, as now constituted, secured by a responsible surety company, and the City Clerk of The City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to deliver up to said company said bond dated September 30, 1889, acknowledged September 30, 1889, and approved October 1, 1889, upon receiving at the same time a new bond for a like amount secured by a responsible surety company of the State of New York, to be approved by the Comptroller or Corporation Counsel of The City of New York.

Alderman Muh moved that the report receive immediate consideration. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was unanimously decided in the affirmative. The President then put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

The President laid before the Board the following report and ordinance transmitted from the Council :

No. 1843.

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of authorizing a contract for gas for the Kings County Penitentiary (see Minutes, October 4, 1898, page 25), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed contract for the lighting of the Penitentiary to be necessary, inasmuch as there is no competition for the supply of gas in Kings County, but that such contract be restricted to the year 1898, there being a possibility of competition in future by which better terms may be obtained. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be amended and adopted as amended. Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction to enter into a contract with the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, without public letting, for the purpose of supplying gas to the Kings County Penitentiary in the year 1898, at an expense of about three thousand dollars per annum.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, STEWART M. BRICE, FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, WILLIAM A. DOYLE, GEORGE H. MUNDORF, BENJAMIN J. BODINE, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 148 EAST TWENTYFIFTH STREET, NEW YORK, September 22, 1898.

Hon. RICHARD DUNN, President, Municipal Council.

DEAR SIR—I respectfully ask for permission to enter into a contract with the Brooklyn Union Gas Company for supplying gas to the Kings County Penitentiary. The cost of same will be about three thousand dollars per annum.

Trusting that the Honorable Council will approve of this, at earliest convenience, I am, very respectfully, FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Ackerman, Burlingame, Harrell, Byrne, Cronin, Dunn, Elliott, Fling, Folks, Gaffney, Gass, Geiger, Geiser, Gluck, Goodman, Helgans, James, Keaton, Kregan, Kelly, Koenefick, Kenney, Koch, Lang, Leilwitz, McCaff, McCaul, McGrath, McLone, McKeeves, McMahon, Metzger, Minsky, Muh, Neufeld, Keady, Schneider, Sherman, Siefke, Smith, Stewart, Vaughan, Valton, Wafer, Welling, Wentz, and Woodward—49. Negative—Aldermen Bridges and Diemer—2.

The President then laid before the Board the following communications received from the City Clerk at the last meeting and not acted upon :

No. 1844.

The Committee on Bridges and Tunnels, to whom was recommitted, on December 12, 1898, the annexed ordinance in favor of providing improved abutments for Hamilton Avenue Bridge (see Minutes, December 6, 1898, page 66), respectfully

REPORT :

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

AN ORDINANCE to provide improved abutments for Hamilton Avenue Bridge, Borough of Brooklyn.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows: That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the 5th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

Resolved, by the board of public improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the entering into a contract by the commissioner of bridges, by public letting, for preparing for and building two masonry abutments (to replace the two present wooden ones), at the Hamilton Avenue Bridge over Gowanus canal, Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Maintenance of and Repairs to Bridges," in the Borough of Brooklyn, for 1899.

MARTIN F. CONLY, JOSEPH CASSIDY, WILLIAM J. HYLAND, GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, STEWART M. BRICE, } Committee on Bridges and Tunnels.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges and Tunnels.

No. 1845.

Whereas, a break in the 48-inch water-main and the caving-in of the sewers located in the upper part of the Twenty-eighth Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, occurred December 11; and Whereas, considerable damages have been caused to the property and streets in said vicinity, through the break of said water-main, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Water Supply be and he hereby is requested to have all repairs made to the damaged buildings and streets in that section caused by damage of water, and that the Commissioner of the Fire Department be requested to have the water which flowed into the cellars in that section pumped out. The Comptroller be and the same is hereby requested to defray all necessary expenses of putting the damaged buildings and streets in proper and safe condition, the expense thereof to be charged to any account available for such emergency cases.

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

No. 1846.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Robert P. Fleischer to erect, place and keep three (3) storm-doors in front of his premises No. 95 Park Row, Borough of Manhattan, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

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

No. 1847.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Wick J. Storm to enter and keep a steel and glass canopy over the sidewalk in front of the premises Nos. 34, 36 and 38 East Nineteenth street, in the Borough of Manhattan and City of New York, according to the plans and dimensions on the annexed diagram, subject to the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue until the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

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

No. 1848.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to D. H. McAlpin to erect place and keep a show window in front of the premises No. 36 West Thirty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan, provided that the said show-window be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance relating to show-windows; the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Municipal Assembly.

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

No. 1849.

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed ordinance in favor of repairs to Municipal Building, Brooklyn, passed at special meeting of December 12, 1898, respectfully

REPORT :

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

AN ORDINANCE to provide for certain repairs in the Municipal Building, Brooklyn.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows: That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the board of public improvements, adopted by that board on the 6th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

Resolved, by the board of public improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, certain repairs and alterations to the municipal building, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the commissioner of public buildings, lighting and supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Supplies and Repairs, 1898," Borough of Brooklyn.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, GEORGE H. MUNDORF, WILLIAM A. DOYLE, BENJAMIN J. BODINE, STEWART M. BRICE, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—CITY OF NEW YORK, No. 246 BROADWAY, Borough of Manhattan, New York, December 6, 1898.

To the Honorable the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York:

SIR—In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board at a special meeting held on the 5th instant, I transmit herewith, for the approval of your Honorable Body, a form of ordinance providing for the making of certain repairs and alterations in the Municipal Building in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Respectfully, JOHN A. MOONEY, Secretary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the City Clerk :

No. 1850.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, December 23, 1898.

MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Esq., Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith documents relative to matters which were adopted by the Council at their stated meeting held on Tuesday, December 20, 1898, as scheduled below :

Introductory Nos. 350, 372, 373, 374, 393, 1329-1441. Very respectfully, W. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

Which was ordered on file. The papers above referred to are as follows:

No. 1851.

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of establishing the Branch Bureau of Elections in the Borough of Richmond, in the Village Hall, Edgewater, Staten Island (see Minutes, March 22, 1898, page 912), respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed accommodation for the Bureau of Elections to be necessary.

They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted. Resolved, That the Municipal Assembly be and is hereby respectfully requested to authorize and approve of the location, establishment and provision, by the Police Department of The City of New York, for the purposes of the Branch Bureau of Elections in the Borough of Richmond, of the room in the Village Hall, Edgewater, S. I., hitherto used as a meeting room by the fire representatives:

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, WILLIAM A. DOYLE, GEORGE H. MUNDORF, FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

No. 1852.

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution of locating a station-house at College Point, Borough of Queens (see Minutes, July 16, 1898, page 115), respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That the Municipal Assembly be and is hereby respectfully requested to authorize and approve of the location, establishment and provision, by the Police Department of The City of New York, of the premises on the southeast corner of Second Avenue and Sixth Street, College Point, in the Borough of Queens, for station-house purposes, for a precinct there established, and for the accommodation thereof of members of the Police Force, and as places of temporary detention for prisoners arrested and property taken within such precinct, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund having authorized the lease thereof May 16, 1898.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, WILLIAM A. DOYLE, GEORGE H. MUNDORF, FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

No. 1853.

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of locating a station-house at Rockaway Beach, Borough of Queens (see Minutes, July 19, 1898, page 116), respectfully

REPORT :

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

Resolved, That the Municipal Assembly be and is hereby respectfully requested to authorize and approve of the location, establishment and provision, by the Police Department of The City of New York, of the premises on Henry Street, near the Boulevard, Rockaway Beach, in the Borough of Queens, for station-house purposes, for a precinct there established, and for the accommodation thereof of members of the Police Force and as places of temporary detention for prisoners arrested and property taken within such precinct, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund having authorized the lease of said premises May 16, 1898.

GEORGE B. CHRISTMAN, WILLIAM A. DOYLE, GEORGE H. MUNDORF, FRANCIS F. WILLIAMS, } Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies.

No. 1854.

The Committee on Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of locating a station-house at Far Rockaway, Borough of Queens (see Minutes, July 19, 1898, page 117), respectfully

REPORT :

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

Requisition No. 2650—5/8 manilla paper, 24 x 30 inches, 80 pounds; 5 blotter pads, 19 x 24 inches; 500 blotters, 4 x 9 1/2 inches, white, 120 pounds; 2 leather desk pads, 19 x 24 inches; 3 dozen Eagle drafting pencils, No. 314; 3 dozen Dixon's American graphite S. pencils, No. 157; 4 dozen No. 2 Faber pencils, round, gilt; 2 dozen No. 4 Faber pencils, round, gilt; 2 gross No. 303 Gillott's pens; 1 gross No. 900 Gillott's pens; 1 gross No. 1 Spencerian pens; 2 gross A. L. Balaban's Aluminoid pens, No. 1; 2 gross Russia Moheta pens, No. 32; 3 gross Falcon pens, No. 048.

Bureau of Municipal Statistics.

Requisition No. 2644—1 paper fastener press, for McGill's fasteners (round heads); 1 box McGill's patent fasteners, No. 8, round heads, 3-inch shank; 1 quart Stoupan's "Suckling;" 4 dozen penholders; 5 desk blotter pads; 1 letter copying book, 500 pages, cap size; 1 rubber stamp, No. 1; 1 rubber stamp, No. 2.

City Record.

Requisition No. 2689—15 copies each Schedule of requisitions, meetings of October 11, 25 and November 14; 15 copies each 3 schedules meeting November 23; 15 copies each 3 schedules, meeting December 1; 25 copies index to Departments; 15 copies each 3 schedules, meeting December 14.

Department of Correction (Manhattan).

Requisition No. 2675—50 contracts and specifications, menu; 50 bidding blanks for menus.

Department of Correction (Brooklyn).

Requisition No. 2676—50 contracts and specifications for menus; 50 bidding blanks for menus.

County Court, Kings County.

Requisition No. 2662—2,000 orders remaining for trial.

Requisition No. 2671—2 indexes for criminal registers; 2 books for recording assignments, Nos. 5 and 6.

Kings County Clerk's Office.

Requisition No. 2680—3 quarts Stafford's Commercial ink.

Department of Finance.

Requisition No. 2663—1,000 applications to cancel Croton water rents, printed in copying ink; 2,000 trial balance sheets.

Requisition No. 2665—1,000 buff envelopes; 1,000 warrant notices; 1,000 warrant notices.

Requisition No. 2659—100 blanks, statements of charitable institutions.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

Requisition No. 2647—5 boxes engraving Russia molesia pens, No. 29.

Department of Health.

Requisition No. 2653—5 registers for licensed embalmers, one for each borough.

Department of Highways (Manhattan).

Requisition No. 2660—2 books, as per sample; 1 cash book, anti-rat, bound in sheep, with Russia bands.

Law Department.

Requisition No. 2669—Call binding for "Compilation of Statutes Applying to Street Railroads in The City of New York."

Requisition No. 2688—City Record No. 1777, two books, volumes IV, and V, with some alterations.

Requisition No. 2693—1,000 Letter paper (short); 3,000 envelopes, small size.

Requisition No. 2668—25 boxes testimony paper, No. 7 Whiting's Letter.

Municipal Court, Third District, Brooklyn.

Requisition No. 2684—1 Standard diary for 1899 (No. 905).

Municipal Court, Fourth District, Brooklyn.

Requisition No. 2671—1,000 Record envelopes.

Requisition No. 2670—250 blotter for desk use, 20 x 24 1/2, 4 inkstands with holders for judge's and three clerks' desks.

Municipal Court, Second District (The Bronx).

Requisition No. 2658—500 executions for the return of a chattel; 500 executions for the return of a chattel.

Department of Parks.

Requisition No. 2685—500 copies form of proposal; 1,000 envelopes for same.

Board of Public Improvements.

Requisition No. 2677—1,000 official letter heads (lithograph).

Department of Charities (Manhattan and The Bronx).

Requisition No. 2648—25 calendar pads "Handy for 1899."

Register's Office.

Requisition No. 2678—3,000 typewriting stencils.

Sheriff's Office, New York County.

Requisition No. 2664—3 black record Remington typewriter ribbons.

Court of Special Sessions, First Division.

Requisition No. 2666—150 assignment of justices for the year 1899.

Department of Street Cleaning.

Requisition No. 2661—5,000 dump sheets.

Requisition No. 2682—5,000 foreman's report to district superintendent, in pads of ten each.

Requisition No. 2667—5,000 pay orders.

Requisition No. 2683—2 dozen B. B. files, No. 2.

Department of Taxes and Assessments (Manhattan).

Requisition No. 2689—2 boxes carbon paper, 8 x 14.

Department of Water Supply (Rochester).

Requisition No. 2674—500 inspectors' weekly report.

Adjuvanted. SOLON BERNICK, Secretary pro tem.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY.

In compliance with section 154b of the City Charter, the Department of Water Supply makes the following report of its transactions for the week ending December 10, 1898:

PUBLIC MONEYS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Table with 2 columns: Description of receipts and Amount. Includes receipts for water rents, penalties on water rents, permits to tap water-mains, and miscellaneous receipts.

Borough of Brooklyn.

Table with 2 columns: Description of receipts and Amount. Includes receipts for water rents, arrears of water rents, permits to tap water-mains, building purposes, and miscellaneous receipts.

Borough of Queens.

Table with 2 columns: Description of receipts and Amount. Includes receipts for water rents, penalties on water rents, and permits to tap water-mains.

CHANGES IN THE WORKING FORCE.

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Appointments—1 Foreman. Reinstatements—4 Laborers. Removals—7 Laborers. Deceased—1 Laborer.

Borough of Brooklyn.

Appointments—5 Teams, 4 Sounders, 1 Stoker and 1 Cleaner. Removals—1 Fireman.

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Central Park, New York—Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 53" 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 December 24, 1898.

Barometer.

Table showing barometer readings for each day of the week, including time of day, reduced to freezing, and time.

Mean for the week, Maximum, Minimum, Range.

Thermometers.

Table showing thermometer readings for each day of the week, including time of day, thermometers used, and temperature in sun.

Mean for the week, Maximum, Minimum, Range.

Wind.

Table showing wind direction and velocity for each day of the week, including force of wind, direction, and velocity.

Distance traveled during the week, Maximum force.

Table showing hygrometer, clouds, rain and snow, and ozone readings for each day of the week.

Total amount of water for the week, Duration for the week.

Table showing weather conditions for each day of the week, including date, time, and description.

DANIEL DRAPER, Ph. D., Director.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Finance Department for the week ending August 20, 1898.

Deposited in the City Treasury.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'To the Credit of the City Treasury' and 'To the Credit of the Sinking Funds'.

Stocks and Bonds Issued.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'Three per cent. Stock' and 'Three-and-one-half per cent. Stock'.

Warrants Registered for Payment.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'Appropriation Accounts, "A"' and 'Bonds (Special and Trust) Accounts, "B"'.

Suits, Orders of Court, Judgments, etc.

Main table with 5 columns: COURT, NAME OF PLAINTIFF, AMOUNT, NATURE OF SUIT, ATTORNEY. Lists numerous cases with names like John Allen, William Ambron, etc.

Table with 5 columns: COURT, NAME OF PLAINTIFF, AMOUNT, NATURE OF SUIT, ATTORNEY. Continuation of the main table with cases like Warren Scarborough, James F. O'Brien, etc.

Claims Filed.

Table with 5 columns: DATE, NAME OF CLAIMANT, AMOUNT, NATURE OF CLAIM, ATTORNEY. Lists claims filed in August 1898, such as Bernard Golden, Henry de Forest, etc.

No.	Character of Contract	Description	Business	Name of Contractor	Name of Surety	Amount to be Paid	Description of Work	Cost
48	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	The Bronx Engineering Company	National Surety Company Eugene O. Brady	1,000 00	For supplying heating and ventilating apparatus for new Public School No. 22, Borough of The Bronx	1,000 00
49	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	The Manhattan Supply Company	James S. Barron American Surety Company of New York	500 00	For supplying furniture, Item 6, for new Public School No. 62, Borough of The Bronx	500 00
50	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	Francis A. Williams and Sons 100 West 11th Street Brooklyn	Cyrus S. Sedgwick Fidelity and Deposit Com- pany of Maryland	7,500 00	For supplying heating and ventilating apparatus and electric lighting plant for Public School No. 40, Hudson and Orchard streets, Borough of Manhattan	7,500 00
51	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	Straussman Manufacturing Company	American Surety Company of New York Henry D. Lyman	500 00	For supplying furniture, Item 7, for new Public School No. 72, Borough of The Bronx	500 00
52	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	New Jersey Steel and Iron Works Elizabeth, N. J.	American Surety Company of New York Henry D. Lyman	1,000 00	For supplying new fixtures, Item 2, for addition to Public School No. 24, Borough of Manhattan	1,000 00
53	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	Reynolds Metal Works 100 West 11th Street Brooklyn	M. J. Maloney American Surety Company	400 00	For supplying furniture, Item 2, for new Public School No. 62, Borough of The Bronx	400 00
54	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	F. H. Brown	American Surety Company of New York Henry D. Lyman	100 00	For supplying furniture, Item 1, for new Public School No. 100, Borough of The Bronx	100 00
55	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	F. H. Brown	American Surety Company of New York Henry D. Lyman	200 00	For supplying furniture, Item 2, for new Public School No. 62, Borough of The Bronx	200 00
56	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	The Manhattan Supply Company	James S. Barron American Surety Company of New York	1,000 00	For supplying new fixtures, Item 2, for addition to Public School No. 24, Borough of Manhattan	1,000 00
57	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	G. B. Smith & Sons	American Surety Company of New York Henry D. Lyman	1,000 00	For supplying new school furniture, Item 2, for old School Buildings, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx	1,000 00
58	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	Chlorinated Vellum 100 West 11th Street Brooklyn	National Surety Company Eugene O. Brady	500 00	For furnishing, repairs, etc., of Public School No. 62, Borough of Manhattan	500 00
59	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	Harley, Brown	National Surety Company Eugene O. Brady	174 00	For alterations, repairs, etc., of Public School No. 24, Borough of Manhattan	174 00
60	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	James J. Brady	The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company Fidelity and Deposit Com- pany of Maryland	500 00	For sanitary improvements of Public School No. 12, Borough of Manhattan	500 00
61	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	K. J. Jones, School and Station Furniture Company	American Surety Company of New York Henry D. Lyman	700 00	For supplying furniture, Item 5, for new Public School No. 24, Borough of The Bronx	700 00
62	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	William Kern	George W. Wainwright The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company	1,000 00	For alterations, repairs, etc., of Public School No. 12, Borough of Manhattan	1,000 00
63	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	Geometric Design, H. J. Jones 100 West 11th Street Brooklyn	National Surety Company Eugene O. Brady	500 00	For sanitary improvements of Public School No. 12, Borough of The Bronx	500 00
64	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	James H. E. Jennings and Thomas W. Jones 100 West 11th Street Brooklyn	Henry E. Stevens, Jr. The City Trust Safe De- posit and Surety Com- pany of Philadelphia	912 00	For alterations, repairs, etc., of Public School No. 62, Borough of Manhattan	912 00
65	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	James H. E. Jennings and Thomas W. Jones 100 West 11th Street Brooklyn	Henry E. Stevens, Jr. The City Trust Safe De- posit and Surety Com- pany of Philadelphia	1,000 00	For sanitary improvements of Public School No. 2, Borough of Man- hattan	1,000 00
66	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	Geo. W. Spriggs and Sons 100 West 11th Street Brooklyn	Fidelity and Deposit Com- pany of Maryland The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company	435 00	For alterations, repairs, etc., of Public School No. 24, Borough of The Bronx	435 00
67	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	James J. Brady	The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company The City Trust Safe De- posit and Surety Com- pany of Philadelphia	2,000 00	For alterations of the steam engine "Underwood"	2,000 00
68	100	Education	Manhattan and The Bronx	L. J. Johnson	George H. Burdett American Surety Company of New York	7,000 00	For furnishing and delivering 500,000 lbs. of coal for the Borough Hall, Municipal Building, Kings County Courthouse, Hall of Records, West County Jail, Dispensary, Training School, De- partment of Health, Building, Board of Education, Buildings, Wallabout Market, Administration, Building, Academies, City Magistrates and Municipal Courts, Borough of Brooklyn	7,000 00

Opening of Bids

The Comptroller, by representative attended the opening of bids at the following Departments, namely:

- 1898
- August 16. Regulating and paving, Queens—Department of Highways
- August 18. Trip rock and screenings, Bronx—Department of Parks

Approval of Bids

The Comptroller has approved of the adequacy and sufficiency of the prices on the following proposals, namely:

- 1898.
- August 12. Furnishing manuals to Police Department:
 - M. H. Brown Company, No. 49 Park place, Principal.
 - Matilda B. Brown, No. 931 Madison avenue, } Sureties.
 - James H. English, No. 60 Murray street, }
- August 13. Furnishing printing for election purposes, Police Department.
 - M. H. Brown Company, No. 49 Park place, Principal.
 - Matilda B. Brown, No. 931 Madison avenue, } Sureties.
 - James H. English, No. 60 Murray street, }
- August 16. Electrical conductors, Police Department.
 - Manhattan Supply Company, No. 24 Hudson street, Principal.
 - James S. Barron, No. 100 Duane street, } Sureties.
 - Wm. H. Barron, No. 100 Duane street, }
- August 17. Supplies, Department of Public Charities.
 - Roberts & Bro., No. 471 Fourth avenue, Principal.
 - The City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Phila-
delphia, No. 100 Broadway, } Sureties.
 - The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, No. 140
Broadway, }
- August 17. Supplies, Department of Public Charities.
 - Charles S. Fray, No. 110 Water street, Principal.
 - Wm. L. Mitchell, No. 216 East Sixty-first street, } Sureties.
 - Geo. H. B. Mitchell, No. 142 West Seventy-second street, }
- August 17. Supplies, Department of Charities.
 - C. T. Mantlage, No. 110 Water street, Principal.
 - James A. Craig, No. 314 West Thirtieth street, } Sureties.
 - Wm. B. Pope, No. 100 East Eighty-first street, }
- August 17. Supplies, Department of Charities.
 - C. W. Keenan, No. 447 Fulton street, Brooklyn, Principal.
 - John A. Casey, No. 148 Lawrence street, Brooklyn, } Sureties.
 - Charles Colman, No. 299 Pearl street, }
- August 17. Supplies, Department of Charities.
 - F. J. Dessoir, No. 60 Hudson street, Principal.
 - Frank Sittig, No. 60 Hudson street, } Sureties.
 - Edwin H. Sayre, No. 60 Hudson street, }
- August 17. Supplies, Department of Charities.
 - Scheffelin & Co., No. 179 William street, Principal.
 - John B. McPherson, No. 50 Charles street, } Sureties.
 - William Garms, No. 547 West Forty-sixth street, }

- 1898.
 - August 17. Asphalt repairs, Brooklyn, Department of Highways.
 - Cranford & Co., No. 12 St. Mark's avenue, Principal.
 - The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, No. 140
Broadway, } Sureties.
 - American Surety Company, No. 100 Broadway, }
 - August 17. Metropolitan Museum of Art, sewer connection, Department of Parks.
 - Thomas P. McGuinle, No. 1528 Lexington avenue, Principal.
 - John McGuinle, No. 1525 Lexington avenue, } Sureties.
 - Peter McGuinle, No. 1047 Park avenue, }
- Official Proclamation
- August 19. Michael T. Daly, Deputy Comptroller, to act as Comptroller on Monday and Tues-
day, August 22 and 23, 1898.
- M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TRANSACTIONS FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 3, INCLUSIVE.

NOVEMBER 28, 1898.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF.

Filed.

- From the Chief of Department—
- 1. Respecting the application of the New York Telephone Company for permission to replace Department telegraph pole southwest corner One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Eighth avenue, with a city-five-foot pole to be used for terminal purposes, and recommending that the same be granted. Recommendation approved.
- 2. Respecting the application of the Peter Barrett Manufacturing Company for a thirty-six days' extension of time for the completion of contract, dated July 10, 1898, for furnishing four first-size hose wagons, Borough of Brooklyn, and recommending that the same be granted. Recommendation approved, provided the written consent of the sureties is filed in this office that their obligations as such shall in no manner be affected or impaired by reason of the granting of the extension.
- 3. Respecting application of S. F. Hayward & Company to place Babcock Rotary Nozzle for trial on one of the Department's fire-boats, and recommending that permission be granted to place same on fire-boat "Zophar Mills." Recommendation approved.
- 4. Respecting the application of the Real Estate Board of Brokers for statistical information concerning the fires that occurred during year 1897 and forwarding the information required. Report approved.
- 5. Forwarding, approved, the application of Fireman 1st grade John Lynagh, Engine 60, Borough of The Bronx, for retirement on half-pay, after twenty years' service, and recommending that the same be granted. Recommendation approved and retirement ordered from S. A. M., 1st proximo.
- 6. Recommending that application be made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the leasing of premises No. 870 Railroad avenue, Borough of The Bronx, for a term of two years from January 1, 1899, at an annual rental of \$720 per annum, with privilege of renewal for a like term. Recommendation approved.
- From the Fire Marshal, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens—Report of operations of Bureau for week ending 26th instant.
- From Foreman in charge of Repair shops—
- 1. Reporting return to duty, on 26th instant, of Driver George W. McArdie, absent on leave in military service of the Government.

z. Reporting death, on 28th instant, of Laborer Oliver B. Stout. Municipal Civil Service Commission notified.

From the Manhattan Fire Alarm Company—Enclosing letter from A. Schrader's Sons, No. 34 Rose street, complimenting the Department on its auxiliary fire alarm service.

From Ludvig & Rytzenberg, Attorneys—Requesting assistance in collecting a judgment obtained against a member of the uniformed force. Reply communicated.

From William T. Hall—Reporting that at the fire opposite premises No. 841 East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, Borough of The Bronx, on 26th instant, he was prevented from sending a prompt alarm from box at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and St. Ann's avenue, owing to trouble in obtaining a key. Notified that keyless-door box will be immediately substituted.

Referred.

From Foreman Hook and Ladder 10—Reporting unsafe condition of premises Nos. 165-167 Broadway. To the Department of Buildings.

From the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties—Requesting reinspection of premises east side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street and Pelham avenue, Borough of The Bronx, Joseph C. Lee, proprietor, in regard to equipment for fire protection. To the Chief of Department.

From the North Side Board of Trade—Submitting certified copy of the following resolution, adopted on 14th instant:

Resolved, That the North Side Board of Trade urge upon the Fire Department of The City of New York the establishment and equipment of a fire engine house at Morris Heights. To the Chief of Department.

From Foreman Engine 2—Reporting chimney fire at No. 516 West Fifth street. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Engine 5—Reporting chimney fire at No. 426 East Thirteenth street. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Engine 26—Reporting chimney fire at No. 33 West Thirty-sixth street. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Engine 67—Reporting chimney fire at No. 624 West One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, Borough of The Bronx. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Hook and Ladder 4—Reporting chimney fire at No. 110 West Forty-fourth street. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Engine 54—Reporting defective flue at No. 400 West Fifty-second street. To Fire Marshal.

NOVEMBER 29, 1898.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF.

Filed.

From the Inspector of Combustibles—Respecting the complaint of H. F. Burroughs & Co. that their lumber yard on Front street, Long Island City, Borough of Queens, is endangered by the burning of rubbish in close proximity thereto by the New York Sugar Refining Company, and reporting that the company has promised to discontinue the practice and build a receptacle for the burning of its rubbish.

From Nathan Blair, Chairman House Committee—Complimenting the Department for its prompt and efficient service at recent fire at the Harmonic Club, No. 45 West Forty-second street. Reply communicated.

Referred.

From Foreman Engine 52—Reporting chimney fire Bettener's lane, between River avenue and Randolph lane, Borough of The Bronx. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Engine 65—Reporting defective flues at No. 54 West Fifty-third street and No. 24 East Fifty-eighth street. To the Fire Marshal.

BILLS AND PAY-ROLLS AUDITED. Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Schedule 57 of 1898—Salaries (\$174,334.42), Schedule 44 of 1898—Salaries (\$118,824.93), Schedule 45 of 1898—Apparatus, supplies, etc. (\$5,426.18), Schedule 46 of 1898—Apparatus, supplies, etc. (\$478.60), Schedule 16 of 1898—Salaries (\$2,572.28).

EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED. Borough of Manhattan.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Plumbers' supplies for Buildings Superintendent (\$91.00), Supplies, Telegraph Branch (\$88.81), Miscellaneous expenses, Hospital and Training Stables (\$50.00), Rubber tires for carriage at Hospital and Training Stables (\$8.00), Four horses to replace Nos. 443, 445, 627 and 920 (\$800.00), Extra horse bits (\$500.00).

Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 64 sets insignia of rank (\$117.00), Telegraph poles (\$85.00), Wheels (\$264.86).

APPOINTED.

Borough of Manhattan.

Peter Gilmore, Driver, Headquarters, at \$75 per month, from 1st proximo.

RESIGNED.

Borough of Manhattan.

Temporary Oil Collector Peter Gilmore, from 5 P. M., 30th instant.

RETIRED.

Borough of The Bronx.

Fireman 1st grade Julia Lynch, Engine 60, on half-pay after more than twenty years' service, from December 1, 1898.

NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

OPENING OF PROPOSALS.

In presence of the Commissioner and a representative of the Comptroller. Affidavit as to due publication in the CITY RECORD of advertisements inviting proposals was read and filed and approved forms of contract submitted. Proposals were received as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes For Furnishing 200 Tons "Weir-wick" Canal Coal, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, No. 1—Falling Rock Canal Coal Company, with security deposit of \$55, certified check (\$2,200.00), For Furnishing 125 Tons "Weir-Wick" Canal Coal, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, No. 1, Lowell M. Palmer, with security deposit of \$35, certified check (\$1,437.50).

The contracts were awarded to the Falling Rock Canal Coal Company and Lowell M. Palmer, respectively, they being the only bidders, subject to the approval of the statutes by the Comptroller.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF.

Filed.

From Department of Finance—Receipt for security deposits accompanying proposals opened this day.

From the Chief of Department—Respecting application of proprietors of Dewey Theatre for a reinspection of said theatre as to compliance with section 762, chapter 378, Laws of 1898, and recommending the law relating to music halls having been complied with, that the complaint against said premises be dismissed. Recommendation approved, and Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties, notified.

From Foreman in Charge of Repair Shops—Reporting receipt, on 22d instant, from the Peter Barrett Manufacturing Company of four first-size horse wagons, for use in the Borough of Brooklyn, in accordance with the specifications of the contract.

From Foreman Engine 6—Applying for promotion to rank of Chief of Battalion. Municipal Civil Service Commission notified.

From Fireman 1st grade William O'Gorman, Hook and Ladder 14—Applying for promotion to rank of Assistant Foreman. Municipal Civil Service Commission notified.

Referred.

From the Deputy Commissioner—Recommending procurement of four first-class steam fire-engines for Borough of Brooklyn, and submitting in connection therewith statement of condition of appropriation for "Apparatus, Supplies, etc.," for Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, for 1898. To the Chief of Department.

From Foreman Engine 1—Reporting chimney fire at No. 210 Seventh avenue. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Hook and Ladder 16—Reporting chimney fire at Nos. 1218 and 1220 Second avenue. To the Inspector of Combustibles.

From Foreman Engine 65—Reporting defective flue at No. 24 East Fifty-seventh street. To the Fire Marshal.

EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED.

Borough of Manhattan.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Paints, varnish and brushes (\$400.00), Sleigh (\$105.00), Fellows (\$180.00), Ladders, springs, planes, linoleum, clocks (\$400.00), Hose, reels, rope, globes, lamps, etc. (\$350.00), Lumber (\$350.00), Iron work, quarters Hook and Ladder 2 (\$100.00).

Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes With the approval of the Deputy Commissioner, Sleigh (\$125.00), New front doors for quarters Engine 58 (\$80.00).

APPOINTED.

Borough of Manhattan.

Daniel D. Day, Upholsterer at Repair Shops, at \$4.50 per diem, from 1st proximo.

DISCHARGED.

Borough of Manhattan.

Groundman Charles M. Hayes, Telegraph Branch, from 5 P. M., this date.

DECEMBER 1, 1898.

TRIALS.

Borough of Manhattan.

Fireman 4th grade Harry A. Bohm, Engine 35, "absence without leave" and "disrespect to superior officer." Fined five days' pay on each charge, ten days' pay in all, and transferred.

Borough of Brooklyn.

Fireman 1st grade Robert McNeris, Hook and Ladder 5, "absence without leave" and "under the influence of liquor." Fined one day's pay on the first charge and two days' pay on the second charge—three days' pay in all.

Fireman 2d grade Henry F. McKinney, Engine 40, "absence without leave." Fined one day's pay.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF.

Filed.

From the Department of Finance—Approving the adequacy and efficiency of the statutes on the respective proposals of the Falling Rock Canal Coal Company for furnishing 200 tons "Weir-wick" Canal coal, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, and Lowell M. Palmer, for furnishing 125 tons "Weir-wick" Canal coal, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Contracts ordered to be executed.

From the Corporation Counsel—

1.—Returning, approved, forms of contract for furnishing apparatus, Borough of Manhattan; and hose, Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond, as follows:

One first-size La France Steam Fire Engine; two first-size Steam Fire Engines with Fox Sectional Water Tube Boilers; 5,000 feet fire-hose "Paragon" brand; 2,500 feet "Majestic" brand; 2,500 feet "Maltese Cross" brand. Advertisements inviting proposals to be opened on 14th instant, ordered published in CITY RECORD.

2.—Requesting information concerning the removal of Stablesman Michael H. Quinn, Borough of Manhattan. Reply communicated.

3.—Advising the Commissioner, in response to request of 28th ultimo, that, in accordance with the provisions of section 754 of the Greater New York Charter, he has no authority to appoint to the uniformed force individuals over thirty years of age.

From Joseph I. Green, Attorney—Requesting a copy of the stenographer's minutes of the trial held November 17, 1898, of Fireman first grade William H. Weise, Hook and Ladder 21, dismissed from the service. Copy furnished.

Referred.

From the Manhattan Fire Alarm Company—Reporting that they have annexed the premises of the Old Colony Steamboat Company, Pier 36, North river, and the Atlantic Transport Line, Pier 39, North river, with street box 213. To the Chief of Department.

From the Hodgman Rubler Company—Respecting a fire alarm box which was to be located at Mechanic street and Railroad avenue, Borough of The Bronx. To the Chief of Department.

From George Rosenfeld—Reporting overhauling of slides at Harlem Opera House, 29th ultimo. To the Chief of Department.

From the Inspector of Combustibles:

1. Reporting chimney fires, Borough of Brooklyn. Back with directions to enforce the collection of the penalties.

2. Recommending remission of penalties for chimney fires, Borough of Brooklyn. Approved. Back.

From the Hebrew Free School (Jonas Weil, President)—Requesting permission to run a portion of the steam generated at these Headquarters during cold weather, to heat the building of said school adjoining. To the Buildings Superintendent.

From the Corporation Counsel—Enclosing bill of costs for \$400 in the matter of acquiring title to certain lands on northeastern side of Man street, between Arrow place and Westchester road, Borough of The Bronx. To the Bookkeeper.

DECEMBER 2, 1898.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF.

Filed.

From the Corporation Counsel—

1. Respecting the discontinuance of condemnation proceedings for the acquisition as a site for an apparatus-house premises No. 7 Thames street, Borough of Manhattan. Reply communicated.

2. Advising the Commissioner that the expense of procuring a bond as Treasurer of the Fire Department is properly a charge on the general funds of said Department, and that the expense of procuring a bond as Treasurer of the Fire Department Relief Fund is a proper charge upon said fund.

3. Returning, approved, forms of contract for furnishing three fourth-size La France steam fire-engines, and one fourth-size steam fire-engine with Fox sectional water-tube boiler, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Advertisement inviting proposals, to be opened on 14th instant, ordered published in the CITY RECORD.

From the Chief of Department—

1. Respecting the application of the President of Richmond Engine Company No. 3, to be included in the departmental budget for supplies, Borough of Richmond, and reporting that under the advice of the Corporation Counsel this Department cannot grant the same. Recommendation approved.

2. Respecting the application of the North Side Board of Trade to have an apparatus-house located on Morris Heights, and recommending that their aid be requested in the selection of a suitable site. Recommendation approved.

3. Forwarding report of Chief of Ninth Battalion of action of Fireman 1st grade James. F. Gillespie, Engine 34, in stopping a runaway horse on Ninth avenue, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, November 23, 1898, and recommending that his name be placed on the Roll of Merit for meritorious conduct outside the line of duty, unattended with personal risk. Recommendation approved.

4. Respecting requests of the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties, for reinspections in regard to equipment for fire protection, and recommending that the cases pending against the following be dismissed, the law having been complied with:

No. 11 West street, Mrs. E. Redmond, proprietor.

No. 392 Eleventh avenue, Martha Krommer, proprietor.

5. Respecting request of the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties, for reinspection of premises No. 184 Park Row, John Campbell, proprietor, in regard to equipment for fire protection, and recommending the law not having been complied with, that the same be enforced.

Recommendation approved, and Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties, notified.

Referred.

From Foreman Engine 23—Reporting erection of a frame structure, in violation of law, at No. 505 West Fifty-seventh street. To the Department of Buildings.

From Foreman Engine 25—Reporting no telegraphic communication between Lomas Athletic Club building and Department Headquarters. To the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties.

From the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties—Requesting reinstatement of the following premises in regard to equipment for fire protection:

- No. 451 Seventh Avenue, Ernest Zabel, proprietor.
- No. 177 and 179 Seventh Avenue, Leonard Weiss, proprietor.

To the Chief of Department.

From the New York Telephone Company—Requesting permission to attach two wires to these Department poles west side of Mutl Avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-fifth streets, Borough of the Bronx. To the Chief of Department.

From the "Daily Kubler World" (Managing Editor)—Requesting information concerning the use of rubber tires on wheels of Department apparatus. To the Chief of Department.

From William M. Davis—Proposing the placing of a fire-alarm box on the line of Lexington Avenue in the vicinity of Ninety-third street. To the Chief of Department.

From Harinas, Park & Company and other property owners—Complaining of prospective danger to east of fire to property in Forty-ninth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues, Borough of Manhattan, in consequence of the condition of the roadway. To the Chief of Department.

From Foreman Engine 2—Reporting defective fire at premises Nos. 37 and 39 Ninth Avenue. To the Fire Marshal.

IMMEDIATE.

As it is of the utmost importance that the Chief of Department be enabled to reach the scene of fire as quickly as possible, the Commissioner this day loaned the Department, for his use, a horse carefully selected for such purpose, the price allowed by the City being insufficient to procure one of his speed. In making this present to the City the Commissioner assumes all risk of loss or damage to said animal while in the Department's service. He also presented the Department with a Dresser's photograph such horse as a free-will offering, the horse being a match for use he give the City Department while President of the Board in 1894.



DECEMBER 31, 1898.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF.

Mail.

From the Department of Buildings—Relative to lack of means of exit to roof of premises Nos. 203 and 207 East Seventh Street.

From the Corporation Counsel—Reporting, approved, forms of contract for furnishing 1,000 feet for "Home" "Advance" brand, 1,000 feet "Municipal" brand, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx. Advertisement inviting proposals to be opened on 14 instant ordered published in the City Record.

From the Peter Barratt Manufacturing Company—Submitting written consent of sureties to extension of time granted said company for completion of contract dated July 16, 1898, for furnishing four horse-drawn Horse Wagons, Borough of Brooklyn. Bookkeeper notified.

From the Inspector of Combustibles—Report of operations of Bureau, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, for week ending December 25, 1898, 20,000,501. Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond, for week ending December 25, 1898, 20,000,501.

From Arthur E. Cough—Requesting information concerning Fireman in grade Austin F. Dwyer. Reply communicated.

Referral.

From the Manhattan Fire-Alarm Company—

- 1. Requesting permission to connect the premises of French Kell & Son, East One Hundred and Sixty-third Street, Borough of The Bronx, with street box 2447. To the Chief of Department.
- 2. Requesting permission to connect a two wire fire Department poles on One Hundred and Sixty-third Street and 101 Street, Borough of The Bronx. To the Chief of Department.

From the Inspector of Combustibles—

- 1. Requesting citizens fire, Borough of Brooklyn. Back with directions to enforce the collection of the penalty.
- 2. Recommending extension of penalty for chimney fees. Approved. Back.



BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS.

Mail.

From the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies—In relation to resolution passed by the Municipal Assembly, providing for the transfer to the Health Department of Old Town Hall, Jamaica, Borough of Queens, and requesting that all apparatus belonging to the fire Department be removed from said building.

From the Fire Marshal—

- 1. Report in the matter of investigation at premises No. 31 Jamaica Avenue.
- 2. Report of investigation of complaint concerning woodshed connected with No. 411 Tremont Street.

From the Inspector of Telegraphs—

- 1. Report on the landing out of terminal cable-lay on pole in front of Headquarters building, involving 32 live circuits, 4 poles, 8 guys and 3 telephone circuits outside, and recommending that all permits issued by the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies for wire and pole work be forwarded to this Department for inspection.
- 2. Report in the matter of dangerous pole-line on St. James Place, between Lafayette and Greene Avenues and on Lafayette Avenue, between St. James Place and Bedford Avenue, with recommendation that the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company be required to install said lines, they having been allowed to install wires thereon and this Department only from two to four.

From Chief of Thirty-first Battalion—In reference to rental for Department purposes of premises in 420 Madison Avenue, by Mr. Schultz.

From Chief of Forty-third Battalion—Report as to buildings in vicinity of quarters now occupied by Engine Companies 45 and 46, that could be utilized for new quarters for said companies.

From Foreman Engine 33—Report of inspection of building northwest corner of Schenectady Avenue and Duane Street.

From the Amalgamated Painters and Decorators, Borough of Brooklyn—

- 1. Concerning painting of apparatus buildings by members of the uniformed force. Reply communicated.
- 2. Concerning meeting to be arranged between business representative of said organization and representatives of Repair Shops on December 2, 1898.

From E. R. Spight & Sons—Relative to payment of rent due for current year, for premises occupied by Engine 24. Reply communicated.

From Foster & Foster—Copy of lease of premises occupied by Engine 63 and Hook and Ladder 17.

From William Brown—Consenting the efficient services of the Department at fire at his home, No. 777 Jerome Street. Reply communicated.

Referral.

From Charles H. Edgar—Complaint of defective fire at No. 17 Monroe Street. To Department of Buildings.

From Elizabeth Watson—Complaint in regard to woodshed in rear of No. 143 Clason Avenue. To Department of Buildings.

Permits Requested.

Seven permits were requested from the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, to make necessary repairs to telegraph wires already erected, during the month of December, 1898.

ATTEST: T. DOCHARTY, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS,
Room No. 8, CITY HALL,
Borough of BROOKLYN,
December 27, 1898.

Superintendent of the City Record:
SIR—I beg to advise you of the following action taken in connection with employees of the Department:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
THE ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,
December 27, 1898.**

Superintendent of the City Record:
SIR—I beg to advise you of the following action taken in connection with employees of the Department:

Appointed This Day.
Mrs. Mary Willan, No. 192 First Avenue, Cleaner, at \$35 per month.
John Herlihy, No. 169 West Ninety-ninth Street, Gardener, at \$2 per day.

Salaries Fixed.
By the Commissioner for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, for the month of December only:
Charles H. Woodman, Superintendent of Supplies and Repairs, at \$4,500 per annum.
Ralph De F. Bayley, Assistant Secretary, Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, at \$2,100 per annum.
Fannie B. Ayers, Stenographer and Typewriter, at \$1,200 per annum.
By the Park Board, at a meeting held December 22, for the month of December only:
John W. Hutchinson, Purchasing Agent, at \$5,000 per annum.

Respectfully,
WILLIS HOLLY,
Secretary, Park Board.

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR THE
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
ZBROWSKI MANSION, CLAREMONT PARK,
December 27, 1898.**

Superintendent of the City Record:
DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 1546, chapter 178, Laws of 1897, I hereby notify you, for publication in the CITY RECORD, that, by order of the Commissioner for the Borough of The Bronx, the following persons have been reinstated in the Department:
Edward Tolson, No. 695 East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street, Toolman.
Daniel O'Sullivan, No. 1214 Tremont Avenue, Teamster.
John Kiernan, Plumber.
Respectfully yours,
MAX K. KAHN,
Private Secretary.

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
No. 346 BROADWAY,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1898.

Superintendent of the City Record:
DEAR SIR—As required by section 1546, Laws of 1897, I respectfully notify you that I have temporarily appointed Mr. Archibald R. Brashear as Statistician, who is familiar with the French language, at a salary of the rate of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, subject to the rules and regulations of the Municipal Civil Service Commission and the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as authorized by section 134, Laws of 1897, said appointment to take effect on and after January 1, 1899.

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN T. SAGLE,
Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
NO. 220 FORTTH AVENUE,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK CITY, December 28, 1898.

Superintendent of the City Record:
DEAR SIR—I hereby notify you of the following temporary appointments in this Department:
December 23, 1898, James W. Boyle, Building Inspector.
December 23, 1898, James A. Kiernan, Building Inspector.
December 23, 1898, James Gough, Building Inspector.

Yours respectfully,
A. J. JOHNSON,
Secretary, Board of Buildings.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

To know, it may interest:
The Committee on Railroads of the Council will hold a public hearing in the matter of encroachments on Picton Street, Long Island City, on Tuesday, January 5, 1899, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

E. J. SCHELV,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING which the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which the Courts regularly open and adjourn, as follows: at the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held, together with the hours of Department and Courts:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
Mayor's Office.
No. 5 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.
ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Mayor.
ALFRED M. DREWES, Police Secretary.

Bureau of Licenses.
No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DAVID J. ROYCE, Chief.
GEORGE W. BROWER, JR., Deputy.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.
Rooms 214 and 215 Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN C. HEALING and **WARREN OWEN.**

BOARD OF ARMY COMMISSIONERS.
For Mayor, Chairman, President of Department of Parks and Amusements, Secretary.
Address: **THOMAS L. FERRISS,** Stewart Building, office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.
The Council.
RANDOLPH GUNDELBERGER, President of the Council.
P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.
Clerk's office open from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 10 A. M. to 12 M.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
THOMAS F. WOODS, President.
MICHAEL F. BLAKE, Clerk.

BOROUGH PRESIDENTS.
Borough of Manhattan.
Office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, Nos. 10, 11 and 12 City Hall. 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.
ANDREW W. FERRIS, President.
ISAAC ENGEL RUDEN, Secretary.
Borough of The Bronx.
Office of the President of the Borough of The Bronx, corner Third Avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street. 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.
LEWIS F. HAYES, President.
Borough of Brooklyn.
President's Office, No. 1 Borough Hall. 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.
EDWARD M. GIBSON, President.
Borough of Queens.
FRANCESCA BOWLEY, President.
Office, Long Island City. 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.; Saturdays, from 9 A. M. until 12 M.

Borough of Richmond.
GEORGE CROWWELL, President.
Office of the President, First National Bank Building, New Brighton, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.
Room 202 Stewart Building, 5th Floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN J. RYAN, **MATTHEW J. POWER,** **WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,** **JOHN P. WINDOLLO** and **THE MAYOR** and **CORPORATION COMMISSIONERS:** **HARRY W. WALKER,** Secretary, **A. FURLEY,** Chief Engineer.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.
No. 119 Nassau Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM M. HOAR, Public Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
Comptroller's Office.
Stewart Building, Chambers Street and Broadway. 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS S. COLVER, Comptroller.
MICHAEL T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.
EDWARD J. LEVY, Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
EDWARD GIBSON, Collector of Assessments and Arrears.
EDWARD O'BRIEN, Collector of City Revenues and Superintendent of Markets, Borough of Manhattan.
DAVID E. AUSTIN, Receiver of Taxes.
JOHN J. McDOUGALL, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Manhattan.
JAMES B. BOUCE, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Brooklyn.
JOHN F. GOULDENBERG, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Manhattan.
WILLIAM MCKENRY, First Auditor of Accounts, Borough of Brooklyn.
MICHAEL O'KERRY, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Brooklyn.
WALTER H. HUNT, Auditor, Borough of Richmond.
JOHN J. FERRELL, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Richmond.
GEORGE BRADY, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears, Borough of Richmond.
EDWARD J. COSSATT, Auditor, Borough of The Bronx.
FRANCIS W. BLACKWELL, Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Borough of Queens.
FRANCIS R. CLAIR, Auditor, Borough of Queens.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.
Nos. 22 and 24 Stewart Building, Chambers Street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
PATRICK KEENEAN, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster.
No. 33 Beak Street, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.
Office of Corporation Counsel.
Stewart Building, 2d and 3d Floors, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.
JOHN WALLACE, Corporation Counsel.
THOMAS CURRY, W. W. LAMM, JR., **CHARLES BEARD,** Assistants.
ALBERT F. JAMES, Assistant Corporation Counsel for Brooklyn.
Bureau for Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.
Stewart Building, Broadway and Chambers Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau for the Recovery of Penalties.
Nos. 119 and 121 Nassau Street.
ANDREW T. KIRKMAN, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Bureau of Street Openings.
Nos. 10 and 12 West Broadway.
JOHN F. DUNN, Assistant to Corporation Counsel.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Central Office.
No. 30 Mulberry Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
BENJAMIN J. YONG, President of the Board; **JOHN B. SWANN,** **JAMES HESS,** **HENRY E. ARBELL,** Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.
Central Office.
No. 145 East Twentieth Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
FRANCIS J. LADDY, Commissioner.
N. O. FARRINGTON, Deputy Commissioner.
JAMES J. KIRBY, Deputy Commissioner for Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Office hours for all, except where otherwise noted from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.

Headquarters.
Nos. 117 and 119 East Sixty-seventh Street.
JOHN J. SCARFELLO, Fire Commissioner.
JAMES H. TULLY, Deputy Commissioner, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.
ANDREW T. DOCHARTY, Secretary.
HUGH BOYD, Chief of Department, and in Charge of Fire-Alarm Telegraph.
JAMES DALE, Deputy Chief, in Charge of Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.
GEORGE E. MURRAY, Inspector of Combustibles.
PETER SULLIVAN, Fire Marshal, Boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond.
ALFRED BRYANT, Fire Marshal, Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.
Central Office open at all hours.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
New Criminal Court Building, Centre Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
MICHAEL C. MORRIS, President, and **WILLIAM T. JENNINGS, M. D.,** **JOHN B. COOKE, M. D.,** President of the Police Board, ex-officio, and the Health Officers of the Port, ex-officio, Commissioners;
EDMOND CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
Board of Education.
No. 146 Grand Street, Borough of Manhattan.
CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President; **A. FARRASSON PALMER,** Secretary.

School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.
No. 145 Grand Street, Borough of Manhattan.
CHARLES BULKLEY HUBBELL, President; **ARTHUR McCULLOCH,** Secretary.

School Board for the Borough of Brooklyn.
No. 131 Livingston Street, Brooklyn.
J. EDWARD SWANSON, President; **GEORGE G. BROWN,** Secretary.

School Board for the Borough of Queens.
Flushing, L. I.
G. HOWLAND LEAVITT, President; **JOSIAS B. FITZPATRICK,** Secretary.

School Board for the Borough of Richmond.
Stapleton, Staten Island.
FRANK PROSLEY, President; **FRANKLIN C. VITT,** Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.
Arsenal Building, Central Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 12 M.
GEORGE C. CLARKE, President, Commissioner in Manhattan and Richmond.
GEORGE V. BROWER, Commissioner in Brooklyn and Queens.
ANDREW MORRIS, Commissioner in Borough of The Bronx, Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park.

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

Borough of Manhattan.

Lot 374. No. 1. Flagg and reflagging, curbing and resurfacing in Front-street, Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, lots on Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

Lot 375. No. 2. Laying crosswalks across Avenue B, Nicholas at the northern and southern sides of One Hundred and Seventeenth street.

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Borough of East River.

Lot 377. No. 4. Paving with granite-block pavement the carriage-way and laying crosswalks in Park avenue, from the Twenty-third Ward line to One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street.

The bills within which it is proposed to lay the said assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, plots and parcels of land situated as follows:

No. 1. Both sides of Fourth street, commencing about 100 feet west of Sixth avenue to Seventh avenue, and both sides of Sixth avenue and Seventh avenue, from Fourth to Twenty-first streets.

No. 2. Both sides of Fourth street, from Second to Third streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named proposed assessments, and who are opposed to the same or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Assessors, No. 122 Broadway, New York, on or before January 24, 1899, at 12 o'clock, at which time and place the said objections will be heard and testimony received in reference thereto.

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WILLIAM H. JAMES,
Secretary,
No. 122 Broadway,
City of New York, Borough of Manhattan,
December 29, 1898.

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

Borough of Manhattan.

Lot 378. No. 1. Flagg and reflagging, curbing and resurfacing in Front-street, Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, lots on Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

Lot 379. No. 2. Laying crosswalks across Avenue B, Nicholas at the northern and southern sides of One Hundred and Seventeenth street.

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Borough of East River.

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No. 1. To the extent of half the block from the northern and southern intersections of One Hundred and Seventeenth street and Avenue St. Nicholas.

No. 2. North side of One Hundred and Third street, between Manhattan and Columbus avenues, on Block 187, Lots Nos. 1 to 14.

No. 3. Both sides of Park avenue (Vanderbilt avenue, East), from the south side of St. Paul place to One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
APPEAL, GENERAL BOARD,
Borough of Manhattan, City of New York,
December 29, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES, WITH THE name of the bidder or bidders, and the name of the bidder or bidders, and the name of the bidder or bidders, will be received by the Park Board, at its office, Arsenal Building, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, (Room 1844), New York City, until 12 o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1899.

No. 1. FURNISHING AND DELIVERING FOLIAGE.

No. 2. FURNISHING AND DELIVERING WHITE SAND.

The contract must be bid for separately. Bidders must state a price for each item, and must include in their proposals a check for the amount of the bid, and must state the total amount of their bids. The general terms and conditions are as follows:

No. 1. Approx. Measurement, 100 cubic yards of top soil to garden mould, to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as may be required on the Fort Hamilton Park in the Borough of Brooklyn.

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The Park Board reserves the right to reject any or all the bids received in response to this advertisement if it should deem it for the interest of the City so to do.

Blank forms for proposals for the several contracts and information relative thereto can be had at the office of the Park Board, Arsenal, Central Park.

GEORGE C. CLAUSEN,
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Commissioners of Parks of the City of New York.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

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No. 2. FURNISHING AND DELIVERING STEAM-ROLLER, ROAD SPRINKLERS AND DUMP-CART.

No. 3. FURNISHING AND DELIVERING CRUSHED TRAP-ROCK AND TRAP-ROCK SCREENINGS.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
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SALE OF LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK will sell at public auction to the highest bidder of yearly rental, or his office, in the Stewart Building, No. 58 Broadway, on

WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1899.

At noon, a lease of certain premises belonging to the City of New York, and lying and being in the Twelfth Ward of the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, under and by virtue of the following resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted at a meeting held December 27, 1898, to wit:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 265 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell for the highest marketable price or rental, at public auction after notice advertised, a lease of the premises belonging to the City of New York, consisting of the block of land and the buildings now erected and standing thereon, lying and being in the Fifth Ward of the Borough of Manhattan, of said city, bounded and described as follows:

bounded on the westerly side thereof by Broadway street, on the easterly side thereof by Washington street, on the northerly side thereof by Duane street, and on the southerly side thereof by West street, and including all and singular the buildings thereon, excepting the building on Washington street 34 feet front and 44 feet 10 inches deep, now occupied by the Fire Department of said city, for the term of ten years from the date of execution of the lease. The minimum rental or lease price for which the said lease shall be sold is hereby appraised and fixed at the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per annum, the said sale shall be made upon the following

Terms and Conditions.

The highest bidder will be required to pay the auctioneer's fee and twenty-five per cent of the amount of the yearly rental bid at the time and place of sale. The amount so bid for one-quarter's rent shall be forfeited if the successful bidder does not execute the lease and bond within five days after notice from the Comptroller that the same are ready for execution; and the Comptroller is authorized in his discretion to sell the premises bid off by any person failing to comply with this condition of the sale, and the person so failing to comply shall be liable for any deficiency that may result from any such resale. No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation, and 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 surety or otherwise upon any obligation to the Corporation, as provided by law. The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the same upon thirty days' notice, whenever the premises may be required for public purposes. All water rents laid on the premises, or any part thereof, excepting that used by the Fire Department, during the term of the lease, shall be paid by the lessee. All repairs of the premises shall be made at the expense of the

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BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 28, 1898.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 6618 OF THE Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property, affected by the following assessments for LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS, as follows:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

TWELFTH WARD.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH AND ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH STREETS—SEWERS, between Convent avenue and St. Nicholas terrace; also SEWER IN ST. NICHOLAS TERRACE, between One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets. Area of assessment: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land described upon the map of this assessment, and upon the tax maps of The City of New York, as lots numbered 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 and 85, of Block 277, in Section 7.

DYCKMAN STREET—PAVING, between Kingsbridge road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. Area of assessment: Both sides of Dyckman street, between Kingsbridge road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intermediate streets and terminating roads.

HALLOWAY AVENUE—PAVING, between Kingsbridge road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. Area of assessment: Both sides of Halloway avenue, between Kingsbridge road and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and to the extent of half the blocks on the intermediate streets and terminating roads.

MELROSE AVENUE—SEWER, between East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street. Area of assessment: East side of Melrose avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Melrose and Brook avenues, and north side of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Melrose and Brook avenues.

SHERIDAN AVENUE—SEWER, between One Hundred and Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets. Area of assessment: Both sides Sheridan avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets.

RAHWIG AVENUE—SEWER, between One Hundred and Eighty-seventh and One Hundred and Eighty-ninth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Rahwig avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-seventh and One Hundred and Eighty-ninth streets.

BROOKS AVENUE—SEWER, between East One Hundred and Ninety-third and East One Hundred and Ninety-fifth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Brooks avenue, between East One Hundred and Ninety-third and East One Hundred and Ninety-fifth streets, between Briggs and Valerius avenues.

HOLTMAN STREET—BASINS, at the northern and northern corners of Kingsbridge road. Area of assessment: Both sides of Holtman street, extending about 100 feet from the point of beginning at Kingsbridge road; also east side of Kingsbridge road, between Arthur avenue and Lowell place.

POND PLACE—SEWER, between East One Hundred and Ninety-seventh and East One Hundred and Ninety-ninth streets. Area of assessment: Both sides of Pond place, between East One Hundred and Ninety-seventh and East One Hundred and Ninety-ninth streets.

That the same were confirmed by the Board of Assessments on December 16, 1898, and entered on same date in the Record of Titles of Assessments Committed, kept in the Bureau for the Collecting of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rates, and copies of the same shall be paid within thirty days after the date of said entry of the assessment, interest will be collected thereon, as provided in section 200 of said Greater New York Charter.

Said section provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officers authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment to charge, collect and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry in the said Record of Titles of Assessments and Arrears."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears at the Bureau for the Collecting of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rates, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M., and on Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and all payments made therein on or before February 24, 1899, will be exempt from interest, as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 24, 1898.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND ARREARS, ROOMS 1 AND 3 MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, December 25, 1898.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Assessment Rolls in the following-entitled matters have been completed and are now due and payable and the authority for the collection of the various installments of assessments mentioned therein, have this day been delivered to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, and all persons liable to pay such assessments are required to pay the same without delay at his office, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the penalty of the law.

Sewer Map N, District 25—Assessment for sewers in the Eighth Ward, under chapter 367, Laws of 1889, chapter 472, Laws of 1890, and chapter 200, Laws of 1892; fourth installment.

Assessment for benefits from Prospect Park (for lands taken), under chapter 244, Laws of 1894; twenty-first installment.

Main sewers in Map S, Drainage District No. 79, under chapter 316, Laws of 1895, assessed upon the District in the Twenty-sixth Ward and parts of Wards Twenty-four, Twenty-five, Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine; second installment.

Assessments for grading and paving the following-named streets, under chapter 376, Laws of 1892: Merker street, from Jamaica avenue to Atlantic avenue; fourth installment.

Richardson street, from Jamaica avenue to Fulton street; fourth installment.

Belmont avenue, from Rockaway avenue to Powell street; fourth installment.

Sutter avenue, from Rockaway avenue to Alabama avenue; fourth installment.

Miller avenue, from Jamaica avenue to Eastern parkway; fourth installment.

Bevington street, from Atlantic avenue to New Lots road; fourth installment.

Kates street, from Atlantic avenue to Eastern Parkway; fourth installment.

Snyder street, from Liberty avenue to Dumont avenue; fourth installment.

Logan street, from Atlantic avenue to New Lots road; fourth installment.

Sackman street, from Eastern parkway to Livonia avenue; fourth installment.

Vermont street, from Jamaica avenue to Eastern parkway; fourth installment.

Hindale street, from Atlantic avenue to Satter avenue; third installment.

Ashford street, from Jamaica avenue to Arlington avenue; third installment.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LAW. Chapter 273, Laws of 1888, title 9, section 10, and title 19, section 9, as amended by chapter 599, Laws of 1890, and chapter 283, Laws of 1895, as amended by section 937, chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

On all taxes and on all assessments except assessments for grading and paving, which shall hereafter be paid to the Collector, before the expiration of thirty days from the time the same shall become due and payable, an allowance shall be made to the person or persons making such payments at the rate of seven and three-tenths per centum per annum, for the unexpired portion thereof. On all taxes, assessments and water rates paid after the expiration of thirty days from the time the same shall have become due and payable, there shall be added to and collected as part of every such tax, assessment or water rate, interest at the rate of nine per cent. per annum to be computed from the time the same became due and payable, to the date of said payment.

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller. EDWARD GILON, Collector of Assessments and Arrears. M. O. KEEFFE, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears. Borough of Brooklyn.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND ARREARS, ROOMS 1 AND 3 MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, December 1, 1898.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Assessment Rolls for the "second installment" in the following-entitled matters have been completed and are now due and payable and the authority for the collection of the various installments mentioned therein has been delivered to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, and all persons liable to pay such assessments are required to pay the same without delay at his office, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the penalty of the law.

Opening and Grading the Following-named Streets: Forty-third street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Forty-fourth street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Forty-fifth street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Forty-sixth street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Forty-seventh street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Forty-eighth street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Forty-ninth street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Fiftieth street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Fifty-first street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Fifty-second street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Fifty-third street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

Fifty-fourth street, from Fifth avenue to the old city line.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LAW. Chapter 563, Laws of 1888, title 7, section 10, and title 20, section 3, as amended by chapter 599, Laws of 1890, and chapter 283, Laws of 1895, as amended by section 937, chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

On all taxes and on all assessments except assessments for grading and paving, which shall hereafter be paid to the Collector of Assessments and Arrears, before the expiration of thirty days from the time the same shall become due and payable, an allowance shall be made to the person or persons making such payments at the rate of seven and three-tenths per centum per annum, for the unexpired portion thereof. On all taxes, assessments and water rates paid after the expiration of thirty days from the time the same shall have become due and payable, there shall be added to and collected, as part of every such tax, assessment or water rate, interest at the rate of nine per cent. per annum, to be computed from the time the same became due and payable, to the date of said payment.

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller. EDWARD GILON, Collector of Assessments and Arrears. M. O. KEEFFE, Deputy Collector of Assessments and Arrears. Borough of Brooklyn.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, NO. 27 CHAMBERS STREET (MUNICIPAL BUILDING), NEW YORK, December 2, 1898.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS who have omitted to pay their taxes in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx for the year 1898 to pay the same in the Receiver of Taxes, at his office, No. 27 Chambers street, in the Borough of Manhattan, and at Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, in the Borough of The Bronx, respectively, before the 1st day of January, 1899, as provided by section 219 of the Greater New York Charter chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Upon any such tax remaining unpaid after the 1st day of December, 1898, one per centum will be charged, and in addition to the amount thereof, and upon such tax remaining unpaid on the 1st day of January, 1899, interest will be charged, received and collected upon the amount thereof, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the 1st day of December, 1898, on which day the assessments were made, and in the case of taxes delivered to the said Receiver of Taxes, to the date of payment, pursuant to section 219 of said Charter.

DAVID E. ADLSTEIN, Receiver of Taxes.

INTEREST ON BONDS AND STOCKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE INTEREST DUE JANUARY 1, 1899, ON THE Registered Bonds and Stocks of the former City of New York, of the late City of Brooklyn, of the County of Kings, and unaccepted bonds of corporations in Queens and Westchester Counties, now included in The City of New York, will be paid on that day by the Knickerbocker Trust Company, No. 60 Broadway.

The interest due January 1, 1899, on the Coupon Bonds of the late City of Brooklyn will be paid on that day by the Nassau National Bank of Brooklyn, No. 28 Court street.

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller. CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, November 21, 1898.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. TO CONTRACTORS. PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

SEALED ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING materials and making and completing Alterations, General Repairs and Improvements, to the Station-house of the Eighteenth Precinct, situated at No. 277 East Twenty-second street, Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, will be received at the Central Office of the Department of Police, in The City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898.

The person or persons making an estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Estimate for Alterations, etc., Eighteenth Precinct Station-house," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

For particulars of the nature and extent of the work to be done, reference must be made to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chief Clerk of the said Department.

Bidders will state in writing, and also in figures, a price for the work complete. The price is to cover the furnishing of all the materials and labor and the performance of all the work called for by the specifications, plans, drawings and form of agreement. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the head of said Department to reject any or all bids which may be deemed prejudicial to the public interests.

No estimates will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The entire work is to be completed within sixty (60) days from the date of the contract.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed by law, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

Each estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in 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 making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in The City of New York, and to worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract and herein stated, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, and that the adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered has been approved by the Comptroller, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as irrevocably to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and filed, as provided by law.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn on the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract, such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelopes containing the estimates, but must be handed to the person or persons of the Department who has charge of the estimates, and its receipt can be dispensed with by said person or persons, and no receipt is required by said person or persons, and no receipt is required by the successful bidder, will be returned to the person making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder neglect or refuse to execute the contract within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be included in and be returned by the City of New York as liquidated damages for breach of contract, and if he shall execute the contract within the time provided, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Bidders are informed that no decision from the Department will be allowed unless a written proposal shall be received, and such proposals have been obtained from the head of the office.

Plans may be examined and specifications and final estimates may be obtained by application to the undersigned at his office in the Central Department.

WILLIAM H. RYAN, Chief Clerk. New York, December 21, 1898.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, NO. 200 BROADWAY STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS. PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

SEALED ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING materials and making and completing Alterations, General Repairs and Improvements, to the Station-house of the Sixth Precinct, situated at Nos. 27 and 29 East Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, will be received at the Central Office of the Department of Police, in The City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898.

The person or persons making an estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Estimate for Alterations, etc., Sixth Precinct Station-house," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

For particulars of the nature and extent of the work to be done, reference must be made to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chief Clerk of the said Department.

Bidders will state in writing, and also in figures, a price for the work complete. The price is to cover the furnishing of all the materials and labor and the performance of all the work called for by the specifications, plans, drawings and form of agreement. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the head of said Department to reject any or all bids which may be deemed prejudicial to the public interests.

No estimates 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 a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The entire work is to be completed within sixty (60) days from the date of the contract.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed by law, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in 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 making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in The City of New York, and to worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract and herein stated, over and above all his debts of every

contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either currency or a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, being five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimates and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but it shall execute the contract within the time specified the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and refer as provided by law.

The work must conform in every respect to the plans and printed specifications. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract. The form of the contract, including specifications and plans, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, No. 148 East Twentieth street, New York City, and bidders are cautioned to examine such and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, No. 148 EAST TWENTIETH STREET, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 26, 1898.

PROPOSALS FOR MATERIAL AND WORK REQUIRED FOR FURNISHING SIX SELF-DUMPING CARS FOR RIKER'S ISLAND.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR SIX SELF-DUMPING CARS FOR RIKER'S ISLAND, in conformity with plans and specifications, will be received at the office of the Department of Correction, No. 148 East Twentieth street, in The City of New York, until 12 o'clock A. M.

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The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for six Self-Dumping Cars for Riker's Island," with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, in the hand of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the Commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, of said Department and read.

The Commissioner of the Department of Correction reserves the right to reject all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, as provided by section 409, chapter 215, Laws of 1897.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, or surety or guarantor, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in some well pursued business, and must have satisfactory recommendations to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each to the total amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence or place of business of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the work in which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders, security, trust or deposit companies in 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 making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance, and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting, the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the supplies by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in The City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 22 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of The City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either currency or a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS, being five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in

said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but it shall execute the contract within the time specified the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and refer as provided by law.

The work must conform in every respect to the plans and printed specifications. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract. The form of the contract, including specifications and plans, and showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, No. 148 East Twentieth street, New York City, and bidders are cautioned to examine such and all of its provisions carefully, as the Commissioner of the Department of Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

FRANCIS J. LANTRY, Commissioner, Department of Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, MAIN OFFICE, NEW YORK LIFE BUILDING, No. 148 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

CONTRACT FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF LOADING AND TRIMMING DECK SCOWS AND DUMPS, AND UNLOADING POCKET DUMPS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX, OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE CONTRACT for the above privilege, including in sealed envelopes, and addressed with the name and address of the person or persons making the same, and the date of presentation, at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, New York Life Building, No. 148 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, of The City of New York, until 12 o'clock A. M.

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at which time and place the said bids or estimates will be publicly opened and read.

The work under the contract for which these bids or estimates are to be received is to be begun on the Monday following the date of execution of said contract.

The said contract is to be for a term of one year, with the provision, however, that it may at any time be terminated by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning on ten days' notice to the contractor.

The person or persons to whom the said contract may be awarded will be required to execute said contract within five days of the receipt of a notice that after, and in case of failure or neglect to do so, he or they will be considered as having abandoned said contract, and as in default to the Corporation, whereupon the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may re-advertise and refer the privilege, and so on until the contract be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state under each of their bids or estimates their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested, they shall distinctly state that fact; also that the bid is made without any collusion with any other person making any bid or estimate for the same work; that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the work in which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. Where more than one person is interested, it is required that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

The price to be paid for the work shall be written and must also be given in figures. This price must distinctly specify in each instance the several amounts that will be paid for this privilege at each of the following times, to-wit:

- EAST SIDE DUMPS. Rutgers street, Swanon street, East Seventeenth street, East Thirty-eighth street, East Forty-sixth street, East Fifty-first street, East Eightieth street, East One Hundred and Tenth street, Lincoln avenue and Harlem river.

- WEST SIDE DUMPS. Canal street, West Nineteenth street, West Thirtieth street, West Forty-seventh street, West One Hundred and Twenty-first street.

all in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, and the whole price to be paid for the entire work under the contract at all of the said dumps.

Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to reject all the bids should he deem it best for the interest of the City so to do. The said Commissioner also reserves the right to select from the bids received that bid the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, best secure the efficient performance of the work. No bid will be accepted from, nor will the contract be awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, or surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or estimate shall also 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, or of two guarantee or surety companies, duly authorized by law to act as surety, incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the bid or estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000); and that if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to The City of New York any difference between the sum which he or they would have paid for four weeks' privilege under the contract and that which The City of New York may be obliged to accept from the person or persons to whom the contract may be subsequently awarded, for the same period of four weeks. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in The City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of

every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered shall be approved by the Comptroller.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a certified check on one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of said city, for five per centum of the amount for which the bidder proposes to perform the work for one year or by money to that amount. On the acceptance of any bid, the checks or money of the unaccepted bidders will be returned to them; and upon the execution of the contract, the check or money of the accepted bidder will be returned to him.

All bids must be made with reference to the form of agreement and the requirements thereof on file in the main office of the Department of Street Cleaning, or if not so made they will be rejected. The form of agreement (with specifications) may be seen and blank forms of bids or estimates may be obtained at the main office of the Department.

N. B.—Bidders, before bidding, should satisfy themselves of the existing conditions of the various dumps aforesaid, by personal inspection, and also by consultation with the Superintendent of Final Disposition of the Department of Street Cleaning at the office of said Superintendent, No. 23 Rutgers slip, in the Borough of Manhattan.

Bidders are notified that no boxes, cans, or other refuse of an organic nature can be accepted and removed from the said dumps, as such materials belong to another party and are not to be the property of the City.

NEW YORK, DECEMBER 26, 1898.

JAMES M. CARTNEY, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, MAIN OFFICE, NEW YORK LIFE BUILDING, No. 148 BROADWAY, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

CONTRACT FOR THE TOWING OF LEADED DECK SCOWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FROM THE SEVERAL DUMPS OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX TO RIKER'S ISLAND, AND THE RETURN TO THE SAID DUMPS FROM RIKER'S ISLAND OF LIGHTHOUSE.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE ABOVE WORK, including in sealed envelopes, and indorsed with the title of the work, and the names and addresses of the person or persons making the same, and the date of the said bid or estimate, will be received at the Main Office, New York Life Building, No. 148 Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, in The City of New York, until 12 o'clock A. M.

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at which time and place the said bids or estimates will be publicly opened and read.

The person or persons to whom the said contract may be awarded will be required to execute the said contract within five days of the receipt of a notice to that effect, and in case of failure or neglect to do so, he or they will be considered as having abandoned the said contract and as in default to the Corporation, whereupon the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may re-advertise and refer the contract, and so on until the contract be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state under each of their bids or estimates their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested they shall distinctly state that fact; also that the bid is made without any collusion with any other person making any bid or estimate for the same work; that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the work in which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. Where more than one person is interested it is required that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

The price to be paid for the work shall be written and must also be given in figures. This price must distinctly specify in each instance the several amounts that will be paid for this privilege at each of the following times, to-wit:

- PERMISSION WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ANY BID OR ESTIMATE, AND THE RIGHT IS EXPRESSLY RESERVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING TO REJECT ALL BIDS SHOULD HE DEEM IT BEST FOR THE INTEREST OF THE CITY SO TO DO. NO BID WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM, NOR WILL THE CONTRACT BE AWARDED TO, ANY PERSON WHO IS IN ARREARS TO THE CORPORATION UPON DEBT OR CONTRACT, OR WHO IS A DEFAULTER, OR SURETY OR OTHERWISE, UPON ANY OBLIGATION TO THE CORPORATION.

Each bid or estimate shall also 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, or of two guarantee or surety companies, duly authorized by law to act as surety, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the bid or estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000); and that if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same, he or they will pay to The City of New York any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled on its completion and that which The City of New York may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be subsequently awarded, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder of The City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered shall be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Each bid or estimate must be accompanied by a certified check on one of the State or National banks of The City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller of said city, for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), or money to that amount. On the acceptance of any bid, or the rejection of all the bids, the checks or money of the unaccepted bidders will be returned to them, and upon the execution of the contract the check or money of the accepted bidder will likewise be returned to him.

All bids must be made with reference to the form of contract and the requirements thereof, on file at the Department of Street Cleaning, or if not so made they will be rejected. The form of contract, with specifications, showing the manner of payment for the work,

may be seen, and forms of bids or estimates may be obtained at the main office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 26, 1898.

JAMES M. CARTNEY, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

PERSONS HAVING BULKHEADS TO FILL, IN the vicinity of New York Bay, can procure material for that purpose—sawed, dressed, or rough, such as is collected by the Department of Street Cleaning—free of charge, by applying to the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, 148 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, JAMES M. CARTNEY, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

VAN TASSEL & KEARNEY, AUCTIONEERS, on behalf of the Fire Department, will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at their sale rooms, Nos. 2 and 121 East Thirtieth street, Borough of Manhattan,

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at 12 o'clock noon, the following property belonging to the Fire Department of the City of New York:

Five horses, together with harness in the Department, Nos. 114, 69, 749, 751 and 761.

JOHN J. SCANNELL, City Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, New York, December 26, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING the materials and labor and doing the work required to furnish electric lighting plants at the following places: Zulia Mill, Engine Company No. 31, "The New Yorker," Engine Company No. 37 and "Robert A. Van Wack" Engine Company No. 64, of the Department, will be received by the Commissioner of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 127 and 129 East Thirty-ninth street, in The City of New York, until 12 o'clock A. M.

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at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the hand of said Department and read.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done, bidders are referred to the specifications, which form part of these proposals.

The form of the proposals, with specifications, showing the manner of payment for the work, may be seen and blank forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

The work to be done shall be completed and delivered within forty-five days after the execution of the contract.

The amount to be paid by the contractor for each day that the material may be furnished after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired will be fixed and determined by the City of New York.

The name of the contractor and his name as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any person making an estimate for the work shall present the same to a certain and specified place at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which estimate shall be returned with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation and a statement of the work, at which place.

The Fire Department reserves the right to analyze any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, or surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Municipal Assembly, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the work in which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall 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, or of two guarantee or surety companies, duly authorized by law to act as surety, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, as shall be satisfactory to the Comptroller, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the bid or estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000); and that if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same, he or they will pay to The City of New York any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled on its completion and that which The City of New York may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be subsequently awarded, the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in The City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the banks of The City of New York, payable to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by The City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but it shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and refer as provided by law.

JOHN J. SCANNELL, Commissioner.

