

THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

DIVISION OF FRANCHISES,

ROOM 801, 277 BROADWAY. 1
Wednesday, May 3d, 1876.]

CITY OF NEW YORK,
BOARD OF ESTIMATE & APPORTIONMENT,
DIVISION OF FRANCHISES.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3d, 1876.

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REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ . MARTIN.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned, without transacting any business, to meet on Friday, the 5th inst., at 4 o'clock P.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MAY 5th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Before calling the roll the President presented the certificate of the appointment of Wm. C. Wetmore, Esq., as Commissioner, in place of Commissioner Williamson, whose term of office expired on the first instant.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, said certificate was ordered to be entered in full on the minutes, and then returned to Commissioner Wetmore.

(Copy Appointment.)

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of New York. }

I, William H. Wickham, Mayor of the city of New York, by virtue of the power conferred by Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, being "An Act to reorganize the local government of the city of New York," and the acts amendatory thereof, do hereby appoint *William C. Wetmore* to be a member of the Board of the Department of Public Parks for the term of five years from May 1st, 1876, in place of David B. Williamson, whose term of office has expired.

And in pursuance of said power I do hereby issue this Cer-

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tificate of appointment, and have caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed hereto this fourth day of May, 1876.



(Signed) Wm. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor of the City of New York.

The roll was then called and there were :—

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS, President.

“ MARTIN.
“ O'DONOHUE.
“ WETMORE.

By invitation of the Commissioners, David B. Williamson, Esq., was present during the reading of the minutes of the last meetings.

The minutes of the previous meetings of April 28th and May 3d, 1876, were then read and approved, and Mr. Williamson retired.

Election of Officers.

The PRESIDENT stated that the election of officers was now in order.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Board do now proceed to elect, by ballot, a President for the year ending on May 1st, 1877.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioner O'Donohue teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, and the teller announced the result, as follows :

For Commissioner Martin	2 votes.
“ “ Stebbins.....	1 “
“ Blank.....	1 “

There being no election, on motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, a second ballot was taken, the result of which the teller announced, as follows :

For Commissioner Martin	2 votes.
“ “ Stebbins.....	1 “
“ Blank.....	1 “

There being still no election, on motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, a third ballot was taken, the result of which the teller announced, as follows :

For Commissioner Martin.....	3 votes.
“ “ Stebbins.....	1 “

Commissioner Martin having received the votes of a majority of all the commissioners, was declared duly elected President of the Board.

The President, Commissioner Martin, then took the chair.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Commissioner O'Donohue be appointed Treasurer for the year ending May 1st, 1877, which was adopted, all the Commissioners voting in the affirmative.

The following communications were then presented and read :

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Board that the Comptroller had been authorized to issue "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock" to the amount of \$25,000.

(Minutes, April 21st, 1876, p. 770.)

Filed.

Jerome Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards requesting directions as to whether Jerome Avenue is to be sprinkled this summer.

Laid on the table.

Lighting the Parks, &c.

From the following gas companies, viz. :

The New York Gas Light Co., The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., and the Harlem Gas Light Co., in reply to the notification that their proposals had been rejected on the ground that the prices charged were too high. None of said companies offer to reduce the prices which they proposed.

(Minutes, April 28th, 1876, p. 775.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the resolution adopted on the 21st April, 1876, rejecting all the proposals received for lighting the public lamps in the parks, &c., be reconsidered, so far as it relates to the proposals of the following companies, viz. : The New York Gas Light Co., The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., and the Harlem Gas Light Co.

(Minutes, April 21st, 1876, p. 771.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposals (Nos. 1, 3 and 4) of the New York Gas Light Co., the Metropolitan Gas Light Co., and the Harlem Gas Light Co., to light the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under control of this Department, with gas, from May 1st to December 31st, 1876, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bids for the several portions of the city mentioned in their several proposals ; that the contracts be awarded to them therefor at the prices proposed, except that the price to be charged by the New York Gas Light Co. for gas, &c., for each lamp for eight months shall be \$14, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 20th, 1876, p. 757.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The PRESIDENT then presented the following report of the late Treasurer, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

David B. Williamson, Treasurer.

1876.	OR.		
April 19.	By balance.....	\$1,719	26
April 19	} " cash received for rents, licenses and sundries.....	176	02
to May 3			
			<u>\$1,895 28</u>
1876.	DR.		
April 19	} By cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$186	02
to May 3.			
May 3.	" balance in Bank of Metropolis.....	1,709	26
			<u>\$1,895 28</u>

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, May 3, 1876—9:30 A. M.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent of Parks reported that at the present season, for a period of four weeks, he required about twenty-five additional laborers on the maintenance of the parks, and that he can transfer that number of men from construction works to maintenance for the present.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to transfer twenty-five laborers from construction works to the maintenance of parks and places for a period of one month from this date, and that during said month he be not restricted to the sum of \$4,500 fortnightly for the wages of laborers employed on the maintenance of parks and places.

(Minutes, April 8, 1876, p. 742.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution as a substitute for said resolution :

Whereas, The Superintendent of Parks reports that he can dispense with the services of twenty-five laborers now employed on the works of construction for the period of one month,

Resolved, That the force now employed on said works be reduced by discharging that number of laborers.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, preamble and resolution offered by Commissioner Stebbins, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Committees.

The PRESIDENT then appointed the following as the Standing Committees for the year ending May 1st, 1877 :

Executive Committee—

Commissioner O'DONOHUE,

“ WETMORE.

Auditing Committee—

Commissioner O'DONOHUE,

“ STEBBINS.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 5 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 2.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following named work and supplies, viz. :

I.—Paving such portions of the walks and footpaths of the City Hall Park as the Department shall direct.

(Minutes, February 2, 1876, p. 577.)

II.—Lighting the public lamps in the parks, squares and places under the control of the Department in the district bounded on the north by Thirty-fourth Street, and on the south by Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets, with gas or other illuminating material, from May 10th, 1876, to December 31st, 1876, both days inclusive.

(Minutes, April 28th, 1876, p. 775.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The Comptroller of the City.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Commissioner Stebbins occupied the chair.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

I.—PAVING THE WALKS, &C., IN CITY HALL PARK.

1. Frederick W. Lawrence.....	23	cents	per	square	foot.
2. Palmer Sessions.....	22	“	“	“	“
3. Charles Schillinger.....	25	“	“	“	“
4. Charles H. Koster.....	26	“	“	“	“
5. Herman A. Gunther.....	20	“	“	“	“

II.—LIGHTING THE PUBLIC LAMPS, &c.

NAME OF COMPANY MAKING PROPOSAL.	Gas, &c., for each Lamp.	Each Lamp-post straightened.	Each Column re-leaded.	Each Stand-pipe re-fitted.	Each Lamp-post removed.	Each Lamp-post re-set.	Each New Lamp fitted up.
No. 1, New York Mutual Gas-Light Co.....	\$13 75	\$1 50	\$1 50	\$3 50	\$3 50	\$10 00	\$10 00
No. 2, Manhattan Gas-Light Co.....	12 00	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 00	10 00	10 00

The illuminating material proposed to be used by both of the above named companies is gas.

The New York Mutual Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the following public parks and places, namely: "Cooper Institute Park, Jackson Square, Tompkins Square, Washington Square, Washington Monument, Union Square, Madison Square, Worth Monument, and the Candelabra situated at the intersection of Twenty-third Street and Twenty-fourth Street with Broadway."

The Manhattan Gas Light Company proposed to light the public lamps in the public parks and places within that portion of the city of New York bounded as follows: "On the north by Thirty-fourth Street; on the south by Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets; on the east by the East River; on the west by the Hudson River."

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 5th inst. and this A. M. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Tompkins Square.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding a report of the Committee on Law Department of said Board, in relation to the present condition of Tompkins Square, as set forth in a memorial of the taxpayers of the Tenth, Eleventh and Seventeenth Wards, in which it is recommended that this Department be requested to take immediate measures to remedy the present condition of the square, and which report was adopted by said Board.

(Minutes, April 19, 1876, p. 748.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to said communication, stating that the Department had already recommenced

work on a portion of said square, and that proposals for other portions of the work were at present advertised for, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Lincoln Monument Railing.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding a copy of a resolution of said Board, asking this Department to report whether the railing round the Lincoln Monument would be completed before Decoration Day, the 30th inst.

(Minutes, March 6, 1875, p. 564.)

The PRESIDENT said that Commissioner Stebbins, the late President, had replied to said resolution that the work was all ready for completion, except the placing in position of four small granite columns, which the contractor had ordered from Scotland, and it was hoped they would arrive in time to enable the railing to be finished by the day named, and moved that said action be approved.

Adopted.

East River Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the work advisable to be done upon the East River Park, in order to carry out the improvements mentioned in his former report on the same subject.

(Minutes, April 28, 1876, p. 776.)

Received and laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that Mr. John Mahoney, the contractor for the plastering of the Museum of Natural History building, has not yet commenced work, although his contract was executed on the 1st of March last, and that the other contractors are unable to proceed with the work in consequence of his delay.

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 533.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, John Mahoney, the contractor for the plastering of the Museum of Natural History building on that portion of Central Park known as Manhattan Square, under a contract with this Department, dated the 1st day of March, 1876, has failed to comply with the provisions of said contract, in not procuring and providing on the ground the requisite materials and in not carrying forward the work.

And whereas, All other work on said building is interfered with, obstructed and delayed by the said failure of the said John Mahoney, so that the public interests are suffering therefrom.

Resolved, That the provisions of said contract be rigidly enforced against said contractor; that time be made of the essence of the contract; that the said contractor be, and hereby is, required forthwith to proceed with said work and to procure and provide all requisite materials therefor.

Resolved, That if the said contractor neglects to so proceed, procure and provide said materials for three days after service of a copy of these preambles and resolutions upon him, that said work be declared abandoned, and that the Department shall proceed to have said work completed as in such case is provided by law.

Resolved, That notice of this action by the Department be given to the said contractor and his sureties by service of a copy of these preambles and resolutions on each of them.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that when the work of blasting out the rock in the basement of the Museum of Art begins under the contract awarded to Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Son, that it will be necessary to have a competent person placed to watch and inspect the work constantly.

(Minutes, April 19, 1876, p. 753.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be, and hereby is, authorized to employ Lawrence Rock as an inspector on said work when it commences, and that his pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

J. W. Maclay.

From Mr. J. W. Maclay, resigning his position as Principal assistant to the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

(Minutes, February 18, 1876, p. 644.)

Accepted.

Safe.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that a safe, which was the property of the late town of Morrisania, is at present at Police Precinct No. 33, in charge of Captain Hedden.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Commissioners of the Police Department be requested to direct that said safe be delivered to this Department.

Adopted.

Drains from Houses on 134th Street.

From Mr. Geo. C. Goeller, agent for Mr. James Reid, the owner of six houses on 134th Street, between Alexander and Willis Avenues, asking permission to lay a box drain from the sub-cellars of each of said houses to the northeast corner of Alexander Avenue and 134th Street.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that permission be granted

as requested, on the condition that said work be done without cost or expense to this Department.

Adopted.

East River Park.

From Mr. Thomas Rutter and a number of the residents and owners of property, requesting that the Department take immediate steps to have the East River Park laid out.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1876, p. 12.)

Filed.

Sprinkling of Jerome Avenue.

From Mr. Wm. E. Smith, enclosing a petition numerously signed by citizens, requesting that Jerome Avenue be sprinkled.

(Minutes, May 5, 1876, p. 5.)

Referred to the President to report.

Filling for Manhattan Square.

From Mr. P. F. Magnin, offering to deliver filling on Manhattan Square at 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per cubic yard.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 707.)

Laid on the table.

Formosa Tree Fern.

From Mr. A. P. Morewood, offering to donate a specimen of the Formosa Tree Fern.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to notify Mr. Morewood that said Tree Fern would be accepted with thanks.

Adopted.

Music.

From Mr. Harvey B. Dodworth, and also from Mr. C. S. Grafulla, in relation to the employment of their bands on the Central Park during the summer months.

Commissioner STEBBINS, moved that the subject be referred to the President to make an arrangement with Messrs. Dodworth and Grafulla similar to that which was made last year.

(Minutes, June 16, 1876, p. 95.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Byrne, J. E., hay.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		\$156 32
Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		13 50
Christern, F. W., subs. to Zool. Garten, City Parks Impt.			
	Fund.....		3 35
Commercial Advt. Asscn., advertising...	Museum of Art...	\$3 20	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	2 80	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	3 60	
			9 60
Donaldson, Thos., gas fixtures.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., 1875.		4 30
Edwards, Chas. A., rubber hose.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		25 00
Gold & Stock Telg. Co., rent of line....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	Parks and P....	\$15 62	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	46 88	
			62 50
Keuffel & Esser, drawing matls., etc....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$12 16	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	3 60	
	Surveying, laying out 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	14 16	
			29 92

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Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas-meter . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		\$84 50
Mallory & Co., axes and rakes.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$12 25	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	12 00	
		<hr/>	24 25
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas-			
meter.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		7 75
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., files and knives.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		21 42
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., paints, &c.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$11 50	
	Harlem R. B. Reps.,		
	Impt. and M.	42 40	
		<hr/>	53 90
Van Riper, Chas., sundries.	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards.		101 23
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			\$597 54
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$355 06
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1875.	4 30
City Parks Improvement Fund.	77 19
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	101 23
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Main-	
tenance.	42 40
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	14 16
Museum of Art.	3 20
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	\$597 54
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty-four cents.

(Signed) DAVID B. WILLIAMSON, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, April 29th, 1876.

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

Barron, Jas. S., & Co., brooms.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$24 00
Crimmins, J. D. & T. E., building stone.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	176 50
Downer Kerosene Oil Co., kerosene.	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$1 89
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. & M.	1 68
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	6 30
		<hr/> 9 87
Dudgeon, Richard, tube expander....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	21 25
Dugan, Francis, repairs to cottage.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	62 62
Hilton, E. G., Empire couplings.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	20 25
Johnston, J. O., pennants.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	12 60
Lefferts, Jr., Marshal, wire and iron.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	58 13
Mallory & Co., paints, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	27 75
Ogden & Wallace, round iron.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	8 25
Verplanck Bros., harness, etc.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$18 25
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. . .	14 00
		<hr/> 32 25
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and matls.	Museum Natural History.....	12,000 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$12,453 47

King, Jos., keep of horse, April.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$30 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	67 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Company, rent.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$312 50
	City Parks Impt. Fund	937 50
		<hr/> \$1,250 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Company, gas meter.	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.	6 75
Wilson, Saunder, Laws 1876.	City Parks Impt. Fund	50 00
		<hr/> \$6,141 32

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$2,849 16
City Parks Improvement Fund.	3,204 69
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	78 84
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	8 63
	<hr/> \$6,141 32

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-one hundred and forty-one dollars and thirty-two cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*
 W. R. MARTIN.

New York, May 9th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Dohohue—3.

Commissioner Wetmore was, by consent, excused from voting.

Boats on Harlem River.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Executive Committee, to which committee was referred the application of Mr. Cornelius J. Kane to place boats on Harlem Meer, verbally reported and recommended that a license be granted to Mr. Kane for that purpose.

(Minutes, April 19, 1876, p. 752.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and adopted, and that the subject of the terms of said license, and of all other licenses on the parks, be taken up at the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, February 2, 1876, p. 592.)

Adopted.

Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings, &c.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements required the assistance of four extra draughtsmen, temporarily, to enable him to complete the maps of approaches to the suspension bridge for the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and moved that he be authorized to employ four draughtsmen, temporarily, for that purpose, at a compensation not exceeding \$5 per day each.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Advertisements in Corporation Papers.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter, and until further order, on the insertion in the *City Record* of each advertisement ordered to be published, the Secretary shall request the Supervisor of the *City Record* to insert in the corporation newspapers a short

abstract thereof, in accordance with Sec. 111, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873.

(Minutes, April 30, 1876, p. 695.)

Adopted.

Works of the Department.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read the following report upon the various works under the control of the Department, which was ordered to be received, printed in the minutes and laid over.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
New York, 10th May, 1876. }

To the Board :

At the commencement of a new official year, it is proper that a general survey of the operations of the Department should be submitted to the Board.

These are included in three general divisions.

I.—The maintenance of the Parks under our charge.

II.—The construction work in fitting these Parks for the public use.

III.—The Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and Harlem River.

I.—The maintenance includes three general grounds :

First.—The clerical and engineering force. The expenditures here are for salaries.

It is the proportion of the general expenditures of the Department which conveys the funds to their proper object, viz., the maintenance of the Parks in good condition, and the rule of administration is the simple one of the greatest efficiency with the lowest expenditure. It is clear that this expenditure can be diminished and the efficiency increased.

Secondly.—The police.

The object of this expenditure is to protect persons and property, preserve order and add to the enjoyment of visitors.

This expenditure should be reduced to as low a sum as is practicable; the greater the reduction the larger will be the amount left applicable to the maintenance of the Parks.

It is to be accomplished by thorough vigilance and discipline,

and by men of athletic vigor and ability. By this means the same result will be accomplished with fewer men.

Thirdly.—The money expended on the improvement of the Parks and keeping them in order, so as to prevent deterioration and contribute to the public enjoyment.

The notable items of this expenditure are the following :

- The plantations of trees and shrubs.
- The care of walks, roads and buildings.
- The grass and turf.
- The greenhouse and flowers.
- The ice and skating.

The amount expended on these objects is, and must be for this year, much less than heretofore.

The comparison with previous years is as follows :

	Expended.			Appropriated
	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Salaries.....		\$93,347	\$77,060	\$55,000
Police.....	\$89,659	97,369	96,019	110,000
General Maintenance.....	298,527	318,864	250,483	157,500

Of this sum of \$157,500, applicable to general maintenance for 1876, under the appropriation of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, there remains unexpended and unappropriated on 1st May, 1876, about the sum of \$92,600. This leaves an average per month for the remainder of the year after deducting for gas (which may be estimated at \$14,000) available for labor and materials, \$9,825.

Reference is made to the reports made at the meetings, 18th January, 1876, p. 543, and 8th April, 1876, p. 740, where the details of these statistics appear.

Obviously the amount left at our disposal for the important object of keeping the parks in order will require of us the most rigid economy and closest adaptation of means to results ; some matters of admitted importance must be neglected, and others reduced to the lowest verge.

The following table of expenditures compared with appropriation, for this year, divided in the same proportion, will

show the extent to which this enforced reduction must be carried, and be a guide in making the reduction :

CENTRAL PARK.	1874.	1875.	App'n for 1876, Distributed in proportion to Expenditures in 1875.
Roads.....	\$48,900	\$40,160	\$23,745
Walks.....	39,700	20,123	11,948
Plants, &c.....	23,400	19,474	11,539
Turf, &c.....	24,000	22,090	13,014
Water system.....	2,900	2,290	1,359
Skating expenses.....	8,200	14,364	8,529
Trans. roads.....	600	424	252
Tools, &c.....	2,300	2,892	1,718
Buildings, &c.....	22,600	16,977	10,074
Lighting.....	2,700	3,496	2,078
Miscellaneous.....	11,260	17,865	10,616
Stables.....	14,400	14,984	8,897
Animals.....	18,800	18,400	10,924
Masonry.....	1,140
CITY PARKS.			
Care and repairs.....	49,180	43,984	26,015
Lighting.....	26,400	22,012	13,059
Mus. Obs. and Gal. of Art.....	14,884	6,286	3,733

The other appropriations by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for 1876 are as follows :

Harlem River Bridges.....	\$40,000
Music, Central Park.....	5,000
Independence Day, Celebration.....	7,500
23d and 24th Wards, Maintenance.....	40,000
Bronx River Bridges.....	15,000
Surveying, Laying out 23d and 24th Wards and North End.....	25,000
City Hall Park, Pavement.....	10,000

\$142,500

Which makes the total of appropriations by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for 1876, \$495,000.

That Board has power to transfer any surplus of these appropriations to the general maintenance by which the amount applicable thereto may be increased.

It is possible that \$30,000 to \$40,000 may be saved on these appropriations, and added to general maintenance.

Except the items for tools, lighting, stables, the zoological collections and music, the maintenance expenditures are mainly for the laborers' wages, and the materials for road-making, buildings, &c.; so that the number of men employed

is a fair gauge of the rate of expense. The expense is to be regulated at that point, with a consideration of the different seasons, some when the necessity of prosecuting the work is imperative, and others when it can be partially suspended, and at this point the rate of wages paid to the laborers becomes a very important consideration.

One of the objects for which we have a special appropriation should be mentioned. The pavement of the sidewalks in and around the City Hall Park has been advertised and bids received.

II.—THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

This work includes three general classes :—

First.—The Central Park.

Second.—The smaller down-town parks.

Third.—The new up-town parks.

FIRST—THE CENTRAL PARK.

The work here remaining unfinished is—

1ST—WORKS IN PROGRESS, AS FOLLOWS, WITH ESTIMATES :

1. The boat-house.....	\$12,000	
2. Southeast walk system.....	500	
3. Paths at North East.....	300	
		\$12,800

2D—WORKS PLANNED BUT IN WHICH LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

4. Planting Eighth and Fifth Avenue borders.....	\$5,000	
5. Enlargement of walks and protection of turf.....	5,000	
6. Museum of Art approaches.....	1,000	
7. Architectural repairs to bridges, buildings, &c.....	30,000	
8. Eighth Avenue slopes and transverse road No. 2.....	5,000	
9. Additional plantation.....	5,000	
10. Vault for records in Arsenal building.....	2,500	
11. Extension of buildings for Zoological collections.....	10,000	
12. Entrance to Fifth Avenue and 102d Street.....	5,000	
13. Temporary fence for enclosing gates for protecting the Park property.....	5,000	
		\$73,500

SECOND—THE SMALLER DOWN-TOWN PARKS.

14. Tompkins Square, to complete it as a combined Park and Military Parade ground.....	\$20,000	
15. Fountain in Madison Square.....	2,000	
16. Lincoln monument and lamps at Union Square.....	4,000	
17. Five Points Park, trees, seats, &c.....	1,500	
18. Planting.....	2,000	
		29,500

THIRD—THE NEW UP-TOWN PARKS.

19. Manhattan Square filling for approaches to Museum....	\$12,000	
20. Triangles on the Boulevard at Sixty-third and Sixty-sixth Streets—grading and planting.....	3,500	
21. East River Park, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth Streets, restoring it to a natural condition, with repairs to building	10,000	
22. Riverside Park.....	30,000	
23. Morningside Park, sewer, &c.....	5,000	
		60,500
		\$176,300
To this must be added for contingencies, engineers, &c.		25,000
		\$201,300

On the 1st May, 1876, the residue of money, unappropriated for construction work was..... \$262,116 64

It appears from this that there is now enough to complete unfinished work, to advance a little that which has been planned and started in the Central Park, to complete the down-town parks, and to do rough work upon the up-town parks to open them to the public use and enjoyment.

The work on the Central Park is proper because it is the park which is common to the enjoyment of all the citizens of every district of the city; that on the down-town parks, because there is a like local interest in each, and they supply the same enjoyment to the local population who cannot reach the Central Park.

The new up-town parks have been purchased at large cost for the city; they are sites of great natural beauty, and are accessible. They can at a very slight expense be opened to the public, so that they can have the advantage of their use and the advantage of their wild natural beauty and extended river prospect. Riverside Park can be made at once an attractive place for the pic-nics, for croquet and ball playing and for celebrations which have to be excluded from the Central Park, and it will prove to be a much more acceptable place for all such purposes.

A special report on the subject of these parks, and Morningside and Riverside and the East River Park, is in preparation, and will be submitted to the Board.

III.—The 23d and 24th Wards include the following work.

First.—The maintenance of the roads.

Second.—The maintenance and repairs of Harlem River Bridges.

Third.—The maintenance and repairs of Bronx River Bridges.

Fourth.—The surveying and laying out the district.

Fifth.—The construction of new bridges.

Sixth.—The street improvement work.

First.—The maintenance of the roads.

For this work, the appropriation this year is \$40,000, which is \$10,000 less than for 1875. The scheme of the year has been prepared in a report made at the meeting of the Board on the 2d February, 1876. It includes an apportionment of the sum between the five road districts. In 1875 the salaries paid to engineers and foremen was nearly \$6,000. This is too large a proportion of the whole appropriation, and should be reduced, and the work more efficiently carried on.

Secondly.—The Harlem River Bridges.

These are the iron bridge at Third Avenue and the Central bridge at Eighth Avenue.

The first is in good order except the draw. An examination has been ordered to see if the hydraulic power can be made sufficient to move the draw with the requisite rapidity. If not it will be necessary to provide a steam engine.

The Central Bridge at Eighth Avenue is made of wood. During the past year it has been put in as complete order as its structure admitted, and serves its purpose without need of further expense.

The sum of \$40,000 was appropriated for these bridges. Unless the steam engine is found necessary for the the Third Avenue bridge, but a small portion of this sum will be required.

Thirdly.—The Bronx River Bridges.

These bridges are seven in number and cross the Bronx, which is the easterly boundary of this city. By law one half of the expense of maintaining them is to be met by this city, and the other half by Westchester County.

These are wooden bridges, and they are in poor condition. They should be reconstructed of iron. An estimate was made of the expense on 25th August, 1875, as follows :

Draw-bridge, Westchester Road.....	\$12,000
Samuel street and Flour Mill bridge.....	8,500
Bleach bridge.....	9,250
Pelham's bridge.....	9,250
Williams bridge.....	10,000
Woodlawn bridge.....	9,000

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment was requested to appropriate for this purpose one-half of this sum, viz.: \$28,000. They appropriated only \$15,000.

If after keeping these bridges in repair for travel there is any surplus, it should be applied, with the concurrence of the authorities of Westchester county, to the construction of one or more iron bridges.

Fourthly.—Surveying and laying out the district.

This is the most important work in this region, and it demands immediate attention. The surveys, field and topographical work have been completed and the design or plan of the roads remains to be determined. The plans which had been made prior to the winter of 1875 were not approved by the Board, and other plans under the direction of Mr. Olmsted, after long delay, were authorized on November 5th, 1875. These have been studied out for the section north of the Harlem River, between the Tibbet's Brook Valley and the Hudson River, and will at an early day be made the subject of a special report for the consideration of the Board.

The points considered in preparing them are :

1. Drainage.
2. Connection with the city.
3. Lines of rapid transit.
4. Adaptation to an ultimate villa occupation.
5. Economy of construction.

In these respects they will be superior to the rejected plans.

The main ground for disapproval of the former plans was the excessive cost of constructing the roads. It was estimated at \$8,000 per acre of the land left, which was unnecessary and ruinous to property. It was a continuance of the system which had imposed so extravagant a plan upon the island below the Harlem river, under which the sum required to prepare the land for occupation was as much as it would cost to cover it with houses for an average class and density of occupation. This has proved very disastrous and has impeded the settlement of the island, driven population to Long Island and New Jersey, and has depressed the whole of the property from which three-fourths of the taxation is raised.

It is clear to every one that an average of \$8,000 per acre on the annexed district would cover it with houses as well and as thickly as it is likely to be settled. It is injudicious to extend over this district a system which would require such an expenditure to fit it for settlement and the erection of houses.

This work demands our attention and should be completed this year if practicable.

The sums expended on it have been :

1874.....	\$56,201 49
1875.....	33,518 89
Appropriated for 1876.....	25,000 00

The sum appropriated for this year is insufficient, when the real work is to be done, and application must be made to increase it from the surplus of some other fund.

Fifthly.—The construction of new bridges over the Harlem River.

The general scope of the improvements of the Harlem River comprises its opening for navigation. This will take time, and will cost money. The clearing of the channel will be the work of the U. S. Government. Ultimately it will be worth what it will cost, for the business of a great population which may be gathered there. The question now is to attract this population so that it will be worth while to undertake the expense of the improvement. Proper measures for it are the construction of other bridges over the river, so as to facilitate the settlement of the region. Two bridges have been located, one from Madison Avenue to 138th Street, the other a suspension bridge at 181st Street. The plans of these have been partially prepared. The appropriation for them was made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 29th March, 1876. Soundings will now be made to determine the construction of the piers and then the plans and specifications of the bridges can be completed and submitted to the Board for their action, and the construction can be commenced.

Sixthly.—The street improvement work.

This includes sewerage and open drainage, street paving, &c. It is done by contract and in compliance with the ordinances of the Common Council. We have organized a bureau and appointed a surveyor and engineer of street openings and improvements, and we appoint one surveyor in all of this work. This results in great economy, for all our surveys are availed of for the work, and great expense is saved in the assessments. The same officer acts as surveyor in all street opening cases, and furnishes to the commissioners, from our maps, the maps that they need for their work in awarding damages and making assessments. This is also a great saving of expense in the cost of these surveys to the commissioners and to the property owners.

IV.—There are several minor matters of administration where beneficial changes can be made.

The license system has heretofore been based on fees paid into the city Sinking Fund, and which are not of any benefit to this Department.

The proper changes in this respect are indicated in the report made on that subject on the 2d day of February, 1876 (page 592). They will result in having the benefit of these license fees go to the people who visit the park, in the form of enlarged and better accommodations, with better service at moderate rates of payment.

The annual reports have not been published for more than four years. It is very important that they should be issued. They are in press, and will soon be ready. Hereafter none will be issued except they are bound. Books and reports unbound are very rarely preserved.

It will be important for the successful administration of the Department that its offices should be brought together. They are now in three separate places. The principal office in Union Square, the office in the Arsenal, and the Engineer's office at Mount St. Vincent. This renders consultation difficult. The business is not done under the direct supervision of the Board, and no advantage results from the separation. A change by which the Engineer's office can be brought to the Museum, so that a visit to one point in the Park will bring into view all the operations there, will be very advantageous.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT then presented the quarterly report to his Honor the Mayor, for the three months ending on March 31st, 1876.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said report be referred to the President to sign and transmit to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, March 1st, 1876, p. 653.)

Adopted.

Paving City Hall Park.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 5) of Mr. Herman A. Gunther for paving the walks and footpaths of the City Hall Park, be accepted as the lowest bid, that the contract be awarded to said Herman A. Gunther, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1876, p. 9.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Lighting the Public Lamps, &c.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 2) of the Manhattan Gas Light Company to light the public lamps in the parks, squares and places under the control of this Department, situated between 34th Street and Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets, with gas, from May 10th to December 31st, 1876, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bid, that the contract be awarded to said company, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1876, p. 10.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of Commissioner WETMORE, the Board adjourned at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works and supplies, viz. :

I.—For the removal, remodeling and construction of cases, erection of an iron staircase, furnishing marble top wash-basins and plumbing for the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, March 30th, 1876, p. 715.)

II.—Grading and setting curb in Tompkins Square.

(Minutes, March 18th, 1876, p. 692.)

III.—Delivery of screened gravel and broken stone upon the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes, April 8th, 1876, p. 742.)

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY.

The following proposals were received and publicly opened :

I.—REMOVING, REMODELING, &C., OF CASES, &C.

1. Morton & Chesley..... \$24,500
 2. J. V. Donovan..... 19,159
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II.—GRADING, &C., IN TOMPKINS SQUARE.

	Per cubic yard of excavation, removal, de- positing and shaping.	Per lineal foot of curbstone recut and set.	Total calculated on 4,000 cubic yards of excava- tion, &c., and 2,600 lineal feet of curbstone, &c., that being the En- gineer's estimate, on which the bids are to be tested.
1. Stephen Roberts.....	33c.	11c.	\$1,606
2. Michael Gavin.....	45	26	2,476
3. McChristie & Mollan....	50	65	3,690
4. John McKim.....	89	29	4,314
5. Denis Cotterell.....	30	26	1,876
6. Michael Sheriden.....	38	32	2,352
7. James Smith.....	45	6	1,956
8. G. S. Harrington.....	29	20	1,680
9. John Mullins.....	35	12	1,712
10. Thomas Kinsley.....	40	20	2,120
11. Patrick Mulholland.....	50	6½	2,169
12. John Slattery.....	37	22	2,052
13. And. D. Campbell.....	59	9	2,594
14. J. D. & T. E. Crimmins..	79	30	3,940

III.—DELIVERY OF SCREENED GRAVEL AND BROKEN STONE.

	950 cubic y'ds of screened gravel, per cubic yard.	1,000 cubic y'ds of trap- rock broken stone, per cubic yard.	1,400 cubic y'ds of broken lime- stone, per cubic yard.	TOTAL.
1. James H. Perkins.....	\$1.84½	\$2.94½	\$2.19½	\$7,770.75
2. John B. Devlin.....	2.15	2.70	2.65	8,452.50
3. D. E. Donovan.....	2.85
4. Wm. McDonald.....	2.38	2.98	2.38	8,573.00
5. John S. Masterson.....	2.35	2.89	2.89	9,168.50
6. Thos. Kinsley.....	2.30	3.20	3.00	9,585.00
7. C. A. Harrington.....	2.90	3.85	2.80	10,525.00
8. John A. Bouker.....	2.15	3.05	2.20	8,172.50

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The Comptroller then retired, and the Board met at 10 o'clock A. M., in regular session.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Friday, the 19th inst., at 2.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, MAY 19th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 10th and 17th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Statue of La Fayette.

From Mr. Henry W. Stuckle, on behalf of a committee of French residents, informing the Department that a statue of General La Fayette, which the French Government intends to present to the city, has arrived, and asking that a site be designated in Central Park for the erection of the statue, and stating that the committee he represents will provide the pedestal for the statue.

The PRESIDENT moved that the committee, consisting of the Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, be requested to examine and report upon said statue as regards its merits as a work of art ;

that the Landscape Architect be directed to report a suitable site for same in Central Park, and that, on the acceptance of said statue and the approval of a site, the Superintendent of Parks be directed to prepare the foundations for the pedestal.

(Minutes, January 12, 1874, p. 522.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Woodlawn Cemetery, 24th Ward.

From Mr. Caleb B. Knevals, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the Woodlawn Cemetery, stating that, at a meeting of said trustees, held the 17th May, 1876, the following preambles and resolution were unanimously adopted, viz. :

Whereas, The Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by resolution adopted on the 4th February, 1876, have laid out or designated certain streets and avenues around the property of the Woodlawn Cemetery, and have made a map or plan thereof, entitled "Map or plan showing proposed streets and avenues around the property of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association," dated "New York, February 1st, 1876," signed "J. J. R. Croes, civil and topographical engineer," a copy of which is now on file in the office of the Association.

And whereas, Under chapter 133 of the Laws of 1847, entitled "An act authorizing the incorporation of rural cemetery associations," the consent of the trustees of this Association is necessary to authorize the said Department to open or lay out the said streets or avenues through any of the cemetery grounds. Therefore,

Resolved, That the trustees of said Cemetery Association have consented, and do hereby consent, to the opening and laying out of the streets and avenues around the property of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association, as designated on the map-
aforesaid.

(Minutes, February 4th, 1876, p. 598.)

Filed.

Commissioner O'Donohue entered the meeting at this point and took his seat.

Laborers' Pay-roll.

From the Comptroller of the city, asking for certain information in connection with the laborers' pay-roll for the two weeks ending April 22d, 1876, as follows, viz. :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

May 11th, 1876.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The pay-rolls of the Department of Public Parks for the two weeks ending April 22, 1876, do not show the works or purposes for which the charges are made against the different accounts with sufficient distinctness to enable this Department to audit said pay-rolls.

Will you have the kindness to transmit to me an authentic copy of the records of the Park Department, showing the rule or method adopted by the Department of Public Parks for making the distribution of the amounts charged against the several accounts. If any delay occurs in the payment of laborers on the park rolls it is solely owing to the want of proper information upon which to distribute the amount included in the pay-rolls to the proper accounts.

And in pursuance of Section 29 of the Charter of 1873, it is hereby prescribed that in all pay-rolls of the Department of Public Parks hereafter presented to this Department for payment, the different works or purposes shall be specified for which each of the charges against the different accounts are made to enable this Department to verify the distribution of the amounts and audit the pay-rolls correctly.

Respectfully,
(Signed) AND. H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

The PRESIDENT stated that, on receipt of the following reply to the above communication, the Comptroller had paid the laborers, viz. :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (east). }

NEW YORK, May 17th, 1876.

To the Comptroller of the City of New York :

Sir,—Your letter of the 11th May, in which you undertake to justify your refusal to meet the pay-roll of laborers in this Department for the two weeks ending 22d April, 1876, is received, and in answer we submit to you the facts which lead to the conclusion that your reasons are insufficient, and that your refusal to pay these men is wrong.

I.—That pay-roll was made upon the forms which have been prescribed by you, which have been in use in this Department since the Charter of 1873 went into operation, and which have heretofore been accepted by you and paid.

II.—The different accounts kept in your Department of the moneys expended by this Department are as follows:

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.

 General Maintenance.

 Salaries.

 Police.

Harlem River bridges, &c.,

Harlem River bridges, repairs, improvements and maintenance.

Music, Central Park.

Independence Day.

Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.

Rebuilding and repairing Bronx River bridges.

Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.

City Hall Park, pavement.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

City Parks Improvement Fund.
 Museums of Natural History and Art.
 Surveying, laying out, &c., north of 155th Street, Chap. 604, Laws 1874.
 Each separate improvement in 23d and 24th Wards that is paid for by assessments.

III.—The pay-rolls and the schedules accompanying them were upon printed blanks in these forms:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Pay-Rolls of Laborers, Carts, Teams, &c., for the two weeks ending April 22d, 1876.

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.	NO. OF DAYS.	RATE OF PAY.	AMOUNT.
John W. Manning.....	Gen'l Foreman.....	14	\$6 00	\$84 00
John Elliot.....	Div. Gardener.....	12	2 50	30 00
John H. Beckett.....	Gardener.....	12	2 25	27 00
Patrick Barrett.....	Laborer.....	12	2 00	24 00
Wm. Bates.....	".....	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 00	18 75

And so through the entire list of the 453 men on that pay-roll, reaching a total of \$13,617.29.

The schedule transmitted with that pay-roll is as follows:

SCHEDULE NUMBER.	NAMES OF CLAIMANTS.	CHARGE TO ACCOUNT OF	AMOUNT.
	Laborers pay-roll, 22d April, 1876.	Maint. and Govt. Parks and Places	\$4,913 14
		City Parks Improvement Fund...	7,948 98
		Harlem R. Bridges, Reps., Impt. and Maint.....	511 17
		Surveying, Laying Out, &c., 23d 24th Wds., &c.....	14 00
		Museum of Natural History.....	203 00
		Museum of Art.....	27 00
			\$13,617 29

This gives you all the information that you have heretofore required of this Department, and which you have found sufficient to audit the pay-rolls, and to charge them to each separate and proper account that you keep, and it is all that you ask in your letter.

IV.—The method in use in this Department in making up these pay-rolls and schedules is as follows: The foreman of each gang keeps a daily account of the name and time of each laborer. This daily aggregate of each gang is divided by another account between the different pieces of work on which the gang is employed.

These two daily accounts are summarized at the end of each two weeks, and the result appears on the pay-roll and the schedule transmitted with it, of which these above given for the 22d of April are an illustration.

You will receive herewith blanks of the forms in use in this Department.

First.—Blank for pay-roll.

Second.—Blank for schedule.

Third.—Blank for division of the work of each gang.

V.—The power given to you in the twenty-ninth section of the Charter "to prescribe the forms of keeping and rendering" the accounts necessarily means that you must prescribe them beforehand. They could not be rendered in any form other or different from the form in which they are kept; and the forms in which they are rendered cannot be rejected until new ones are prescribed in advance, with sufficient time for us to provide and put them in operation. It is obviously impossible for an account to be kept and rendered in the month of April on a form which you prescribed in the month of May. You refuse to pay the men on the ground that this pay-roll does not contain certain information which the forms you have prescribed do not call for.

VI.—If you want any information in regard to the pay-roll of the 22d April, which goes beyond and is not contained in the forms you have heretofore prescribed, it will be proper for you to specify what you desire. If you wish to revise the forms or prescribe new ones, it will be proper for you, in doing so, to give us time to conform to them. The injustice of your refusal to pay the men on such ground is apparent.

VII.—These laborers earn their money and are entitled to their pay, without regard to the forms of keeping and rendering accounts between the departments, and you will be obliged to pay them whether you make trouble about the forms or not. You know that the questions you raise, even if you were right, constitute neither a legal defense nor a good reason for refusing to pay them. Still more inexcusable is it for you to keep them as suffering spectators of this ill-timed and needless controversy, in which you are wrong. We courteously, therefore, commend you to the course which is inevitable, to pay these men without regard to these questions; for they cannot be misled into any error as to the reasons why their money is withheld. At the same time prompt attention will be given to any request for information which your duty leads you to make, and to the directions about the accounts which you are empowered to prescribe, and which you communicate to us with definiteness and precision.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed,) WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said correspondence be referred to Commissioner Wetmore, to confer with the Comptroller thereon.

Adopted.

144th Street.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the application of W. T. Cushing and others, for the construction of a sewer in 144th Street, easterly from Mott Avenue to the canal.

(Minutes, April 8th, 1876, p. 733.)

The PRESIDENT moved that a copy of said report be forwarded to Mr. Cushing, and that he be informed that before

the construction of said sewer can be commenced it will be necessary for the residents and owners of property to obtain an ordinance of the Common Council to enable this Department to prosecute the work.

Adopted.

Lighting the Parks, &c.

From the New York Gas Light Company, refusing to accept the award for lighting the lamps in the parks, &c., south of Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets at a price less than that mentioned in their proposal.

(Minutes, May 5, 1876, p. 6.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the Board in awarding the contract to said company, at \$14 for each lamp, for eight months, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that said contract be awarded to said company at the price named in their proposal.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Sprinkling Fifth Avenue.

From Mr. J. L. Voorhis, offering to sprinkle Fifth Avenue, from Fifty-ninth Street to Eighty-fifth Street, for \$7 per day.

(Minutes, May 21, 1875, p. 37.)

Laid on the table.

North Meadow, Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the

North Meadow, in Central Park, be thrown open to the public under the same conditions and regulations which have heretofore been applied to the Lawn in the South Park.

Laid on the table.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT then presented a copy of the preambles and resolutions notifying Mr. John Mahoney, contractor for the plastering of the Museum of Natural History building, to proceed with said work, with the service of same on said contractor and his sureties, endorsed thereon.

Also a letter from the Superintending Architect, stating that said contractor had commenced said work on the 16th inst.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Baker & McKenny, caps.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	\$154 00
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables..	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	51 70
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.	141 75
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	34 09
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas-meter..	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	61 00
N. Y. Staats Zeitung, advertising.	Museum Natural History.	\$3 00
	City Parks Impmt.	
	F.	3 00
	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	2 20
		<hr/>
		8 20

Rogers, J. F., & Co., emery wheels.	City Parks Impmt.		
	F.		\$3 56
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., nails and hard- ware.	City Parks Impmt.		
	F.	\$23 00	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	35 80	
	Museum Natural History.		50
			<hr/> 59 30
Tysen, Jr., David J., vegetables.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		507 75
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, April. .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		21 60
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards. . .		40 00
Vanderbilt Bros., seed.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		34 50
Watrous & Willson, lumber.	City Parks Impt.		
	F.		48 64
Wheatly, R. R., hay, oats, &c.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		38 22
			<hr/> <hr/> \$1,204 31

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$902 64
City Parks Improvement Fund.	78 20
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	219 97
Museum Natural History.	3 50
	<hr/> \$1,204 31

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve hundred and four dollars and thirty-one cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, May 17th, 1876.

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., hay, straw, &c.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$459 75
American Dist. Telg. Co., rent and ser- vices.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$2 56
	City Parks Im- provement F.	7 58
		<hr/>
		10 14
Architectural Iron Works, iron.	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. and M.	685 56
Byrne, J. E., hay, oats, &c.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	691 28
Claffin, H. B., & Co., gloves, police.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	119 25
Central Gas Light Co., gas.	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. and M.	60 00
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.	City Parks Impt. Fund	13 77
Donegan, C. E., bread.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	61 32
Everard, Jas., paving.	Paving 3d avenue from Westches- ter ave. to north- ern bd'y 23d Ward.	15,167 94
Hogan, John, labor and materials.	City Parks Impt. Fund	975 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas—April.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$172 26
	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. Fund.	59 40
		<hr/>
		231 66
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas—April.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	546 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas—April.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	413 00
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas—April.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	470 15

<i>N. Y. Express Co.</i> , advertising.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$9 00	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	4 20	
	Museum of Art...	4 20	
	City Hall Park		
	Pavement.....	4 20	
		<hr/>	\$21 60
<i>N. Y. Staats Zeitung</i> , advertising.....	City Hall Park		
	Pavement.....	\$3 30	
	Museum of Natl.		
	History.....	3 60	
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	2 70	
	City Parks Imp.		
	Fund.....	3 00	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	3 60	
		<hr/>	16 20
<i>N. Y. Tribune</i> , advertising.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$9 00	
	City Parks Imp.		
	Fund.....	7 80	
	Museum of Art...	4 20	
	Museum of Natl.		
	History.....	5 40	
	Maint., &c., 23d and 22d Wards.	4 20	
	City Hall Park		
	Pavement.....	3 60	
		<hr/>	34 20
<i>N. Y. & Brooklyn Hardwood Lumber Co.</i> ,			
timber.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		501 50
<i>Tone, Theo. F.</i> , coal.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$38 80	
	Harlem R. Bridges,		
	Reps., Impt. and M.	17 80	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	30 40	
		<hr/>	87 00

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Thorburn, Geo., & Co., piles.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		\$110 00
Van Riper, Chas., sundries.....	Maint. etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....		26 40
Verplanck Bros., currycombs and brushes, Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....			13 55
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		81 84
Wotherspoon Bros., land plaster.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		100 00
World, advertising.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$3 20	
	Museum Natural History.....	4 40	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	3 20	
	City Hall Park pavement.....	3 60	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 20	
			17 60
			<u>\$20,914 71</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$3,004 32
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,846 69
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance.....	822 76
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	36 50
Museum of Art.....	8 40
Museum of Natural History.....	13 40
City Hall Park pavement.....	14 70
Paving Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to northern b'dy 23d Ward.....	15,167 94
	<u>\$20,914 71</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty thousand nine hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-one cents.

(Signed,)

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, May 17, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Jerome Avenue, Sprinkling of.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported upon the subject of sprinkling Jerome Avenue, and presented a communication from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, giving an estimate of the cost, and he recommended that during the four months of June, July, August and September said avenue be sprinkled from Central Bridge to the road leading to Tremont, at a cost not exceeding \$400 per month, and that on the seven days of the races at Jerome Park that it be sprinkled to the entrance to Jerome Park.

(Minutes, May 10, 1876, p. 15.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Account.

Commissioners STEBBINS and O'DONOHUE, the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, present-

ed the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes, viz. :

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, David B. Williamson, Esq., up to and including the 31st day of March, 1876, and also up to and including May 1st, 1876, report that they have examined and audited said accounts and find the same correct.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, May 5th, 1876.

(Minutes, April 21, 1876, p. 771.)

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Jos. J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.		CR.	
May 3.	By balance.....		\$1,709 26
May 3	} " cash received from rents and licenses.....		667 63
to			
May 17	}		<u>2,376 89</u>

1876.		DR.	
May 3	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$247 36
to			
May 17	}		2,129 53
May 17		" balance.....	

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Wednesday, May 17, 1876.

9.30 A. M.

John Russell, Park-keeper.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, whom the President designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper John Russell, on a charge of neglect of duty, in that he was off his beat and smoking a pipe while on duty, verbally reported that he found the officer

guilty of the charge, and inasmuch as he ran away from the Lieutenant when detected, and afterwards denied the charge, but could give no excuse for being off his beat, he recommended that he be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved as a substitute therefor that said Park-keeper John Russell be fined ten days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Philip Corcoran, Park-keeper.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of Park-keeper Philip Corcoran, on a charge of being off his beat and smoking while on duty, verbally reported that he found him guilty of the charge and recommended that he be fined five days' pay.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

Commissioner WETMORE moved as a substitute therefor that said Park-keeper Philip Corcoran be dismissed from the employment of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, moved by Commissioner Wetmore, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, O'Donohue—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Washington Monument.

The PRESIDENT stated that application had been made by Mr. John H. Brady, Commander of Post No. 79 of the Grand Army of the Republic, for permission to decorate the Washington Monument on Decoration day, the 30th inst., and keep said decorations up until the 4th of July, and also to place a tent beside the Monument for a short time prior to the 30th inst., for the purpose of receiving subscriptions, and he moved that the permission requested be granted, and that the Department lend, for the purpose, such evergreens, &c., as can be spared and may be required.

Adopted.

Engineers employed on Construction.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to obtain the opinion of Counsel to the Corporation as to whether engineers, &c., employed on works of construction, can be paid from the City Parks Improvement Fund, provided by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875.

Adopted.

Grading, &c., Tompkins Square.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Mr. Stephen Roberts, for grading and setting curb in Tompkins Square, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Stephen Roberts, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 17, 1876, p. 34.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Screened Gravel, Broken Stone, &c.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The sample of gravel submitted with the proposal (No. 1) of Mr. James H. Perkins, for the delivery of screened gravel and broken stone upon the roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, is of an inferior quality and not equal to that called for by the specifications, therefore—

Resolved, That the said proposal of Mr. James H. Perkins be, and hereby is, rejected.

(Minutes, May 17, 1876, p. 34.)

Adopted.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 8) of Mr. John A. Bouker, for the delivery of screened gravel and broken stone upon the roads and avenues in the 23d and 24th Wards, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said John A. Bouker, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 17, 1876, p. 34.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Screened Gravel for the Parks.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent required 3,000 cubic yards of screened gravel for construction purposes and for the maintenance of the roads in the Parks, and moved that the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for furnishing same.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Paving.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Henry Matthews be appointed an inspector on the work of paving Third Avenue from 163d Street to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward, in place of Michael Barry, suspended ; that his pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day, and that John Meehan, inspector on said works, be directed to resume his duties thereon.

(Minutes, April 21, 1875, p. 772.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

Commissioner STEBBINS was, by consent, excused from voting.

Suspension of Laborers.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter no laborer, mechanic or team in the employ of this Department shall be suspended or discharged by the Superintendent or Foremen (unless for the following causes, viz., neglect of duty, intoxication or inefficiency), without first notifying the Board of the same for its action in the matter. When men are suspended for either of the reasons noted above they shall have a proper trial before the Superintendent within two days after said suspension, and a report from the Superintendent shall be submitted to the Board, with his recommendations for its final action.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Commissioner WETMORE left the meeting at this point.

Washington Square Roadway.

The PRESIDENT presented the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 18th May, 1876, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and are hereby requested to report to this Board the reasons why the carriage ways across Washington Square have not been repaired pursuant to a request from this Board by resolution passed March 23, 1876.

(Minutes, April 21, 1876, p. 763.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Superintending Architect, stating that to enable Messrs. D. C. Weeks & Sons, the contractors for the excavation and blasting work, &c., in the basement of the Museum of Art, to proceed with their work, it will be necessary for the Department to remove the scaffolding erected by the Watson Manufacturing Co., the contractors for the iron roof, and to replace same again, as the said company have not yet completed their work, and recommending that an order be given to said Watson Manufacturing Co. to remove and replace said scaffolding at a cost not exceeding \$450.

(Minutes, April 12, 1876, p. 745.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that an order be given to the Watson Manufacturing Co. as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

American Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding a letter from the Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the collections of said Museum at present stored in the basement of the new Museum of Natural History building be removed to the attic story of said building.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized and directed to have said collections removed as requested.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1875, p. 428.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Bowling Green Fountain.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the basin of the fountain in the Bowling Green is in such a leaky condition that the water escapes from it into the vaults of the neighboring houses, and estimating that it would cost \$500 or \$600 to place it in a good condition.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication be referred to the President to report upon.

Adopted.

Matthew Cox.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Matthew Cox, who recently resigned his position as rodman on the civil and topographical force, be restored and reappointed at his former position and pay.

(Minutes, April 28, 1876, p. 779.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Offices for the Civil and Topographical Engineer Corps.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to fit up the first floor of the Museum building (old Arsenal) for the use of the Civil and Topographical Engineering force, at a cost not exceeding \$300, which shall be charged to construction ; and that the said engineering force remove from Mount St. Vincent to said Museum building as soon as said floor is so fitted up.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Inspectors.

The PRESIDENT moved that one inspector be appointed on each of the following named works when the contractors commence work thereon, and that their pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day each, viz. :

1. Grading, &c., Tompkins Square.
2. Paving the roadway through Washington Square.
3. Morningside Park sewer.
4. Laying the pavement on the walks, &c., in City Hall Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Construction Works.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following works of construction be proceeded with, viz. :

1. The gateway to Central Park at 102d Street and Fifth Avenue.
2. Repairs to architectural structures in Central Park.
3. Construction of houses, &c., for the zoological collection.
4. The completion of the public places at 63d and 66th Streets and the Boulevard.
5. Five Points Park.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said resolution be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 6.15 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 22d inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, MAY 22d, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 2.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 19th and 22d insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Chairman of the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, stating that said Committee had adopted the following resolutions, viz.:

“ *Resolved*, That the contract for cases in the new building having been let at less than the original estimate, we request that \$7,000 be transferred to the estimate for fitting up the students' and curators' rooms.

“ *Resolved*, That we respectfully ask the President of the Department to inform us in detail how much remains unexpended of the appropriations for the new building, and the amount necessary to entirely finish the present section.”

(Minutes, January 18th, 1876, p. 536.)

Referred to the President to report.

Third Av. Bridge.

From Mr. J. W. Colwell, asking that the end stone pier and

iron railing on the east side of Third Avenue Bridge, which are opposite, and prevent access to his house, be removed.

Also from the Engineer of Construction reporting upon said application and recommending that said stone pier and railing be removed as requested.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be filed, and that the said stone pier and about six or eight feet of the railing be removed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that Mr. Robert L. Pell, of No. 218 Fifth Avenue, desires to obtain a pair of the Kerry calves owned by the Department, and offers to give in exchange for them \$50 worth of such animals as may be required for the Menagerie.

Referred to the President to report.

Screened Gravel and Broken Stone.

From Mr. James H. Perkins, asking why the contract for the delivery of screened gravel and broken stone upon the roads in the 23d and 24th Wards was not awarded to him, and protesting against same being awarded to any other person.

(Minutes, May 19th, 1876, p. 52.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said letter be filed, and that Mr. Perkins be informed of the reason why his proposal was rejected.

Adopted.

City Hall Park Pavement.

From Messrs. Van Santvoord & Hauff, attorneys for Mr. J. J. Schillinger, notifying the Department of Mr. Schillinger's patent for laying a concrete pavement, being patent reissued No. 4,364, and dated May 2d, 1871, and asking the Department to respect said patent in the work of laying the pavement on the walks of the City Hall Park.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1876, p. 30.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication be received, and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From Mr. William Caldwell requesting, on behalf of many citizens and business men of the 23d Ward, that the present hydraulic engine used for the purpose of opening the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge be replaced by a steam engine, for the reason that the utmost force obtainable by hydraulic power will not be sufficient to open the draw sufficiently quickly for the necessities of travel and navigation.

The PRESIDENT stated, that acting under the directions of the Board of the 18th March last, the Engineer of Construction had the pipes leading to the engine examined, and discovered that there was a leak which could be repaired at a small cost, and he moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to have said pipes repaired, forthwith; that he proceed at once with the preparation of the plans, estimates and specifications for a steam engine for said draw, as directed on the second of February last, and that when said plans, estimates and specifications are prepared, that the Secretary insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to furnish same.

(Minutes, Feb'y 2d and Mar. 18, 1876, pp. 589 and 676.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, as follows :

“NEW YORK, May 24, 1876.

“WM. R. MARTIN, Esq., President:

“Sir—In regard to construction of cases, &c., for Museum of Natural History, in my judgment, and from estimates obtained from responsible parties, the lowest tender is higher by several thousand dollars than the work should be done for.

“The Trustees, on further consultation, desire to make some changes in the plans, and I hope the Department may consider it expedient, under the circumstances, to obtain fresh estimates on the revised drawings and plans.

“Respectfully,
“(Signed)

CALVERT VAUX,
“Architect.”

(Minutes, May 17, 1876, p. 33 and May 24th, 1876, p. 61.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposals of Messrs. Morton & Chesley and of Mr. J. V. Donovan, being the only two received for the removal, remodeling and construction of cases, &c., for the Museum of Natural History building, be rejected for the reasons mentioned in the communication of Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect ; that new plans, specifications and estimates be prepared for the fitting up of the students' and curators' rooms in said building, and that when they are so prepared the Secretary insert the necessary advertisements for proposals.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Worth Monument.

From Mr. John R. Shields, Commander of Post No. 100 of the Grand Army of the Republic, asking permission to decorate the Worth Monument on Decoration Day, the 30th inst.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be granted.

Adopted.

Engineering Corps.

From Mr. F. A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer, stating that Mr. E. A. Miller, Rodman, Mr. J. C. Trimble, Chainman, and Mr. Peter Kelly, Axeman, have worked under his directions on construction works of the Department at various times since the 15th January last, but have received no compensation therefor.

(Minutes, January 13, 1876, p. 517)

Laid on the table.

At this point Commissioner O'Donohue entered the meeting and took his seat.

Licenses on the Parks.

The PRESIDENT stated that the subject of the licenses on the parks was made a special business for the meeting of the 19th inst., but as there was not time to consider the subject at that meeting it was laid over, and was now in order.

(Minutes, May 10, 1876, p. 21.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said subject be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Claffin, H. B., & Co., toweling. Maint. and Govmt.

P. and P.

\$4 60

Commercial Advt. Ass'n, advertising....	City Hall Park		
	Pavement.....	\$2 80	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	3 60	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	2 80	
	Museum Natural		
	History.....	4 00	
	Maint., etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards	2 80	
			<hr/> 16 00
Keuffel & Esser, repairs to tapes.....	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards, etc.		6 00
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		14 38
Kreischer, B., & Son, fire brick and clay..	Museum Natural		
	History.....		42 75
Murphy & Nesbit, brick.....	Museum Natural		
	History.....	\$119 00	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	127 50	
			<hr/> 246 50
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		181 25
Norris & Williams, labor and mat'ls....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		5 43
Rollins, True W., labor and mat'ls.....	Museum Natural		
	History.....		4,992 00
Vanderbilt Bros., grass seed.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		73 75
Wiebusch & Hilger Hardware Co.,			
scythes.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		31 50
			<hr/> <hr/> \$5,614 16

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$300 13
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	144 68
Museum of Natural History.....	5,157 75
City Hall Park Pavement.....	2 80
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	2 80
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	6 00
	\$5,614 16

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-six hundred and fourteen dollars and sixteen cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
 H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, May 24th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Construction Works.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the following works of construction, viz. :

1. The completion of Madison Square fountain.
2. The completion of Five Points Park.
3. Repairs to architectural structures on Central Park, except the decoration of the Mineral Springs and the Music Stand.
4. The completion of the entrance to the Central Park at 102d Street and Fifth Avenue.

5. The building of the foundation of the enclosing wall of Central Park at 74th Street and Fifth Avenue, and placing a neat picket fence at the same place.

6. The placing of pier-stones at each side of the following entrances to the Central Park, viz., 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, and 110th Street and Sixth Avenue, and 110th Street and Seventh Avenue.

7. The completion of the public places at 63d and 66th Streets and the Boulevard.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Record Vault.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be, and is hereby, directed to proceed with the construction of the Record Vault in the Museum (the old Arsenal) in accordance with the plans heretofore approved.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 678.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Engineer for Engine, 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that John Snyder, be appointed an engineer to take charge of the engine used for sprinkling the Jerome Avenue in the 23d and 24th Wards, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.40 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Foremen T. W. Geary and John Meehan.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that foreman T. W. Geary be discharged from the service of the Department, from and after the 25th inst., and that Mr. John Meehan be appointed foreman in his place, and his pay fixed at \$4.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Restoration of Laborers.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to restore the following laborers, &c., who have been absent on account of sickness, viz., Francis Kenney, stone-cutter ; Daniel Foley, laborer, and Patrick Horan, laborer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Paving.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the whole amount of the bill of Mr. Wm. H. Grant, Engineer, for professional servi-

ees in examining the pavement of Third Avenue, viz., \$297, and which bill was presented to the Board on the 30th March, and reported on by ex-Commissioner Williamson on the 21st April, 1876, be ordered to be paid to said Wm. H. Grant, and that it be referred to the President to report what appropriation, if any, the same can be charged to.

(Minutes, April 21, 1876, p. 769.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 5.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 24th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Concord Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 25th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Parks be, and are hereby, respectfully requested forthwith to report to this Board why work upon Concord Avenue, suspended more than one year since, has not been resumed.

(Minutes, Dec. 3, 1875, p. 447.)

Referred to the President to report.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Department that on the 26th inst. said Board authorized the Comptroller of the city to issue \$25,000 of “ City Parks Improvement Fund Stock.”

(Minutes, May 5, 1876, p. 5.)

Filed.

At this point Commissioner O'Donohue entered the meeting and took his seat.

East River Park.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation, }
New York, 23d May, 1876.

HON. WILLIAM R. MARTIN,
*President of the Department
of Public Parks :*

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, requesting certain information, I have to advise you that the report of the Commissioners appointed to acquire title to the East River Park, between 84th and 86th streets, was confirmed April 1st, 1876. The total amount of awards was \$215,119.84. These awards were made to 57 different persons, whose names appear upon the abstracts, filed in the office of the County Clerk and the Commissioner of Public Works.

I do not send the names, owing to their number, but will do so if you desire.

The title to the park became vested in the city upon the confirmation of the report of the Commissioners, and the day fixed in such report for the practical opening of the park was April 15th, 1876.

The Department of Public Parks can take immediate possession of this park and is not obliged to wait until the owners have been paid the amount of their awards by the city.

I am, sir,
Yours respectfully,
(Signed)

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be entered at length on the minutes and filed.

Adopted.

From Mr. James Hogg, complaining of the manner in which the houses on said East River Park, occupied by a Mr. Sulzer are being conducted, and requesting this Department to interfere in the matter.

(Minutes, May 10, 1876, p. 15.)

Filed.

Wool.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that he had delivered to the Acting Property Clerk 85 sheep fleeces, and one Llama fleece.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be authorized to have said fleeces sold at public auction.

Adopted.

Grove Street, 24th Ward.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that, in compliance with instructions from the President, he had notified Mr. James Green to have the fence which crosses Grove Street, on the east side of Forest Avenue in the 24th Ward removed. That Mr. Green consents to do so, but asks permission to keep up the fence until November next, as he has planted a large number of shrubs, &c., on the ground which would now be injured if removed.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to notify Mr. Green to remove said fence on or before the said first day of November, 1876.

Adopted.

St. Paul's Church.

From Rev. Alfred Young, Rector of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, situate at 59th Street and 9th Avenue, inviting the Commissioners to be present at the laying of the corner stone of said Church on the 4th June, 1876.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Secretary be directed to reply to said invitation, accepting it.

Adopted.

Tompkins Square.

From Mr. Henry G. Autenrieth, Chairman of a Committee of Citizens, asking permission to hold a mass meeting in Tompkins Square, on Friday, June 2d, 1876, at eight o'clock P. M., for the purpose of giving expression to public opinion in reference to said square.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested be granted.

Adopted.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. H. Baumann, asking permission to pave with Bel-

gian pavement, and at his own expense, a small portion of Elton Avenue, at its junction with Third Avenue, and opposite his premises.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said permission be granted, on the condition that said pavement is laid under the directions of the Engineer of Construction, and at the sole cost and expense of Mr. H. Baumann.

Adopted.

Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that he requires the following number of laborers, mechanics, &c., to carry on the works ordered on the 24th inst., viz. : 12 masons, 4 stone-cutters, 3 carpenters, 2 painters, 60 laborers, and 2 double teams.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 67.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when the laborers, mechanics, &c., required by the Superintendent, as mentioned in his communication, are employed, their pay be fixed at the rates paid by the Department of Public Works for similar description of work ; and that it be referred to the President, to ascertain and report said rates of pay.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city, as its financial officer, be respectfully requested to give this Department his opinion upon the propriety of reducing the wages now allowed to laborers, mechanics, &c., to the rates now allowed by the Department of Public Works, and that the resolution offered by Commissioner Stebbins in relation thereto, be laid on the table until his reply is received.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 697.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE then moved that the number of laborers, mechanics, &c., required by the Superintendent of Parks be employed at the present rate of wages, unless on receipt of the reply of the Comptroller the wages be reduced.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Tompkins Square.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the excavation, grading and curbing of the whole of Tompkins Square is included in the terms of the contract lately awarded to Stephen Roberts.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 52.)

And that the following works are necessary to be done in order to complete the improvement of the square, viz. :

I.—The mason and iron work of the arbor, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

(Minutes, April 19, 1876, p. 748.)

II.—The finishing of the resetting of the fence, at an estimated cost of not exceeding \$1,000.

III.—The shaping and grading of the southwest corner of said square, at an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000, and which work can best be done by days' labor.

IV.—The planting of trees and shrubs, at an estimated cost of \$600 to \$700.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject of the treatment of the northwest corner of Tompkins Square, being the portion in which it is proposed to locate an arbor, be referred

back to the Landscape Architect and Superintending Architect, for their report and estimate of the expense.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with and complete the work of finishing the resetting of the fence on Tompkins Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with and complete the work of shaping and grading the southwest corner of Tompkins Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with and complete the work of planting trees and shrubs on Tompkins Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Mount St. Vincent.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the build-

ings at Mount St. Vincent are considerably out of repair, and recommending the following repairs to be made, the cost of which he estimates at \$1,000, viz. :

To repair the veranda and entrance porch on south side of principal building.

To repair the flooring and other portions of the rear veranda.

To repair the blinds.

To repair the woodwork in the south wing.

To paint the entire outside and all the blinds of the buildings with one good coat of paint.

The PRESIDENT moved that he be authorized to make an agreement with the lessee of the refreshment saloon in said building, to have the repairs recommended by the Superintendent of Parks made under his directions, and that the cost thereof, not exceeding \$1,000, be deducted from the amount payable by said lessee.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Menagerie.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally and recommended that the Director of the Menagerie be authorized to exchange a pair of Kerry calves, which have been bred on the Central Park, for the following animals and birds required in the Menagerie, viz. : 1 African porcupine, 4 monkeys and 3 parrots ; and he presented a communication of the Director of the Menagerie, stating the value of the calves at \$30, and that of the animals and birds mentioned at \$50.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 62.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the report of the President be accepted and adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had furnished to the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History the information asked for by the resolutions presented at the last meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 61.)

Accepted.

Riverside Park, Sale of Houses.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that it be referred, with power, to the President to prepare advertisements and have sold at public auction such houses on Riverside Park as he may deem expedient to have removed prior to the construction of said Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

John Tuomey, Inspector on Paving 3d Avenue.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that John Tuomey be appointed Inspector on the work of paving Third Avenue, in the 23d Ward, in place of John Meehan, lately appointed foreman, on the Parks; that, as he has performed the duties of Inspector since the 26th instant, his appointment take effect from that date, and that his pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

(Minutes, May 19 and 24, 1876, pp. 53 and 79.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

E. C. Morrison.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after the 1st June, 1876, the salary of Mr. E. C. Morrison, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, be fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 665.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered as a substitute therefor, the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after the 1st June, 1876, the salary of J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, be fixed at \$4,000 per annum, and that of Mr. E. C. Morrison, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, at \$2,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT ruled that the motion was out of order, as the subject of the salary of Mr. J. J. R. Croes was not before the Board.

Commissioner STEBBINS appealed to the Board from the ruling of the President.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would sustain his ruling, and it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to the original resolution offered by Commissioner O'Donohue, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Reduction of Salaries.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after June 1st, 1876, the salaries of the undermentioned employés be reduced to the amounts per annum set opposite to their names respectively, viz :

J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer.....	From \$5,000	to \$4,000
Frederick Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect.....	“ 6,000	“ 5,000
Julius Munckwitz, Supt. of Parks and Supt'g Archt.....	“ 5,000	“ 4,000
Wm. Irwin, Secretary.....	“ 4,500	“ 3,500
H. A. Martin, Chief Clerk, Office of D. and S.....	“ 3,000	“ 2,500
Geo. S. Greene, Engineer, of Construction.....	“ 5,000	“ 4,500

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion moved by Commissioner O'Donohue, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the salary of Mr. J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, be fixed from and after June 1st, 1876, at \$4,000 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Isaac Evans.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary, be, and hereby is, discharged from the employment of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Geo. C. Coffin.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. George C. Coffin be appointed Assistant Secretary, from and after June 1st, 1876, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

D. P. Lord.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that from and after June 1st, 1876, the salary of Mr. D. P. Lord, First Clerk, be fixed at the sum of \$2,400 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

James C. Hawley.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mr. James C. Hawley be appointed a clerk, from and after June 1st, 1876, and that his salary be fixed at \$1,200 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Henry Koster, J. B. Andrews.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mr. Henry Koster, Captain, and Mr. J. B. Andrews, Foreman, both of whom have been heretofore suspended, be, and hereby are, discharged from the employment of the Department.

(Minutes, March 5, 1875, p. 560 and March 30, 1876, p. 725.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

W. Van Valkenburgh.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that from and after June 1st, 1876, the salary of Mr. Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, be fixed at the sum of \$3,000 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Wm. A. Conklin.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that from and after June 1st, 1876, the salary of Mr. Wm. A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie, be fixed at the sum of \$2,000 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

J. F. Belton.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mr. Joseph F. Belton, Clerk, be, and he is hereby, discharged, from the employment of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Stebbins—1.

John F. Carroll.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mr. John F. Carroll be appointed, from and after June 1, 1876, a Clerk in place of Mr. J. F. Belton, discharged, and that his salary be fixed at \$1,200 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Wm. R. Kingeland.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mr. Wm. R. Kingeland be appointed Property Clerk from and after June 1st, 1876 ; that his salary be fixed at \$1,000 per annum, and that he be required to execute a bond, with two responsible sureties, in the sum of \$2,500 for the faithful discharge of his duties, as required by the by-laws.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins.

Suspension of Laborers.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter no laborer, mechanic or team in the employ of this Department shall be suspended or discharged by the Superintendent or Foremen (unless for the following causes, viz., neglect of duty, intoxication, want of work, or inefficiency,) without first notifying the Board of the same for its action in the matter. When men are suspended for either of the reasons noted above, they shall have a proper trial before the Superintendent within two days after said suspension, and a report from the Superintendent shall be submitted to the Board with his recommendation for its final action.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 54.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Laborers Pay-Roll.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to prepare and submit to the Board, at the next meeting, a reply to the letter of the Comptroller of the city, dated the 11th May, 1876, and printed on page 39 of the Minutes.

(Minutes, May 19th, 1876, p. 39.)

Adopted.

Menagerie Grounds.

The PRESIDENT presented a plan for the arrangement of the grounds and houses of the animals of the Menagerie, and moved that the ground plan of the arrangement of the land

be approved and adopted, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to submit an estimate of the cost of enclosing the grounds with a wire fence.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, the 2d June, 1876, at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2d, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WETMORE.

A communication was received from Commissioner Stebbins, stating that he was unable to be present.

A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS.

A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Friday, the 9th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of May 31st, June 2d and 7th, 1876, were read and approved.

Manhattan Square.

Before proceeding with the order of business, the PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, who wished to be heard in reference to the improvement of Manhattan Square, be received.

Adopted.

Mr. Ruggles then addressed the Board with reference to that subject, and urged the immediate improvement of the square, and handed in a written statement in relation thereto, which was received, and on motion of Commissioner WETMORE, referred to the President to report upon.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Tompkins Square.

From his Honor the Mayor, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of Tompkins Square, and asking

why the work on said square was discontinued last year and not resumed as yet.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 75.)

The PRESIDENT submitted the following report, which he had prepared in reply to the communication of his Honor the Mayor, and moved that it be approved and forwarded to his Honor the Mayor.

Adopted.

REPORT ON THE SUBJECT OF TOMPKINS SQUARE.

I.—The plan of this square provides a central quadrangle, with a gravel surface, for a military parade ground, leaving triangular spaces at each corner of the square, to be planted and treated as parks.

Provision is made at the southwest corner for a mound or terrace, from which the parade ground can be overlooked, and in the northwest corner for an ornamental arbor and fountain.

II.—The money used in this improvement was obtained by act of the Legislature in 1875. The passage of the act was advocated by Commissioners Martin and O'Donohue, who visited Albany for that purpose, and they encountered no other opposition except that which came from the Comptroller of the city.

III.—On the 29th June, 1875, Tompkins Square was included in the list of works which the Board ordered to be proceeded with.

Next in order was the appointment of men to proceed with these works, but two of the Commissioners, Messrs. Stebbins and Williamson, would not consent that any men should be employed on Tompkins Square.

On 23d September, the Board gave directions for proceeding with the work of construction, which included Tompkins Square, Mr. Stebbins alone voting against it. The requisitions for men to carry on this work were complied with to the extent of one-half that were required, so that little progress was made upon this work, owing to the insufficient number of men employed. Successive motions were made by Commissioner Martin on 2d and 23d October, for additional laborers on the parks other than the Central Park, the first of which was adopted and the second rejected.

After the commencement of the work on Tompkins Square, in September, its prosecution was therefore delayed by the re-

fusal of the Board to employ a sufficient number of men upon it.

IV.—In November the Comptroller refused to pay the laborers at work on this square, on the ground that the work should be done by contract and not by the day. Delay was occasioned upon the pay-rolls as follows :

Pay-roll of November 6 was not paid until December 1.

Pay-roll of November 20 was not paid until December 14.

On the 13th of December Mr. Stebbins moved to reduce the force employed on Tompkins Square to 30 men, and the motion was lost.

Owing to the legal objections raised to the prosecution of this work by the day, and the winter season, the work was discontinued in January, 1876.

In voting on this subject Commissioners Stebbins and Williamson stated at the time that, while they approved of the work, they were influenced in their opposition by the opinion of the Comptroller that the work could be done only by contract and not by the day, and the statement of the Counsel to the Corporation that the question was doubtful.

The work which might therefore easily have been completed in the summer and fall of 1875, was delayed until the spring of 1876.

V.—On the 18th of March, 1876, a report was made of the work necessary for the completion of Tompkins Square, and specifications were ordered for the grading of the central quadrangle and setting the curb. That was all the work that at that time the Board consented to order.

Bids were received on those proposals, and the contract subsequently awarded to Stephen Roberts, whose sureties have not yet presented themselves for approval, or been approved by the Comptroller, and the work has therefore not been commenced.

In case the contract should not go forward, a great deal of delay will be occasioned in obtaining a new contract, and the owners of property in the vicinity have made an application to the Board of Aldermen to give the Department authority to do it by days' work.

Since the change in the Board on 1st May, 1876, the plans for the square have been taken up, and the work, except the arbor in the northwest corner, has been ordered to be prosecuted.

From the Comptroller of the city, returning the proposal of Mr. Stephen Roberts for grading and setting curb on Tompkins Square, without his approval of the sureties, and stating

that Mr. Roberts desired to substitute Mr. Bernard Maloney as a surety in place of Mr. Frank Vilt, one of the original sureties proposed.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 52.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the substitution of Mr. Bernard Maloney in place of Mr. Frank Vilt, as a surety upon the contract for grading and setting curb on Tompkins Square, be approved and consented to.

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

Ayes--Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore--4.

Unexpended Balances, 1875.

From the Comptroller of the city, calling attention to his request that this Department should adopt a resolution consenting "to the transfer by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to such purposes as they may deem proper," of the unexpended balances of 1875.

(Minutes, April 21, 1876, p. 761.)

The PRESIDENT submitted and read the following reply to said communication, and moved that it be approved, and that the Executive Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Adopted.

[REPLY.]

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square. }

NEW YORK, June 9, 1876.

HON. ANDREW H. GREEN,

Comptroller of the City:

Sir,—In answer to your letter of the 1st of June, requesting this Department to authorize the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer any unexpended balance of appropriations to this Department for the year 1875, not required

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for the purposes thereof, we beg to say that all the unexpended balances are required for the purposes of this Department.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Wm. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Contract System.

From the Counsel to the Corporation as follows :—

LAW DEPARTMENT, }
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION. }

NEW YORK, June 2d, 1876.

Hon. Wm R. MARTIN,

President of the Department of Public Parks :

Sir,—Some months since, when the pay of the laborers who had been employed upon the improvement of Tompkins Square was under consideration, I was requested by the Comptroller to give an opinion whether the contract system, as laid down in the charter, applied to the Department of Public Parks and to the work done under the authority of your Board.

At that time I postponed the consideration of the question, promising that, at some future date, I would take it up and express my opinion. I have done so, and deem it proper at this time, before the summer work has been largely entered upon, to say that, in my opinion, the general provisions of the charter, with regard to doing work by contract, apply with equal force to the Park Department as to the other departments of the city government. The language of the charter creating the present Department of Public Parks provides that they "shall have all the powers and duties belonging to the Department or Commissioners of Parks not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act."

The 91st section provides that "whenever any work is necessary to be done to complete or perfect a particular job, or any supply is needful for a particular purpose, which work and job is necessarily undertaken or supply furnished for the Corporation, and the several parts of the said works or supply shall together involve the expenditure of more than \$1,000, the same shall be by contract," with certain exceptions thereafter named.

I think that these two provisions, quoted together, clearly show that the general contract system, as provided for by the charter, apply to the Park Department as well as to the other departments of city government.

I am, Sir,
Yours respectfully,
(Signed) Wm. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Filed.

Engineers, &c., employed on Construction.

From the Counsel to the Corporation as follows :—

LAW DEPARTMENT, }
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION. }

NEW YORK, May 31, 1876.

Hon. Wm R. MARTIN,

President of the Department of Public Parks :

Sir,—In your letter to me of the 22d instant, you quote the language used by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in making appropriations for the Depart-

ment of Public Parks for the year 1876. You also state that the language so used does not appear to control any other than maintenance moneys, which the Board was appropriating, and that said Board has no control over construction moneys to be raised upon city parks improvement fund stock, under chapter 608 of the Laws of 1875. You also state that you are doing certain construction work, and that there is no surplus left for the payment of the expenses of such work out of the amounts appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and you request to be advised whether you can put engineers, axemen, chainmen, rodmen, &c., on construction works on pay-rolls for that work and pay them in that way out of such construction money.

The question now submitted by you was considered at the request of the then President of the Department of Parks by this Department in the year 1874, after a very full examination of the matter, an opinion was given to the effect that while the Board of Estimate and Apportionment could limit and control the expenditures of the Park Department, so far as the same were payable out of moneys to be raised by taxation, the Board had no control whatever over the disposition of moneys to be raised upon bonds issued under special acts of the Legislature. (See *City Record* of July 22d, 1874, page 783.)

I concur in this view of the matter, and am of the opinion that you can, therefore, employ engineers, axemen, chainmen, rodmen, &c., upon construction works and pay them out of the moneys to be provided under Chapter 608 of the Laws of 1875.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

W. M. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, May 19th, 1876, p. 16.)

Filed.

City Hall Park Pavement.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, with reference to the notice given to this Department by Messrs. Van Santvoord & Hauff, on behalf of their client, Mr. J. J. Schillinger, asking that Mr. Schillinger's patents be respected in the work of laying the pavement on the walks of the City Hall Parks, in which he states, "Mr. Gunther is to give a bond * * * with two sureties, which will undoubtedly prevent the city from loss by reason of any claim for damages on the part of Mr. Schillinger, and any trouble by reason of an injunction restraining the laying of the pavement may be avoided by inserting in the contract a clause permitting the Department, in case an injunction is granted, to rescind the contract.

"I enclose herewith a form of such a provision, which I recommend should be inserted in the contract. This provision has been submitted to Mr. Gunther and his counsel, and they consent to execute a contract with such provision in it."

(Minutes, May 24th, 1876, p. 63.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be filed and that the provision recommended by the Counsel to

the Corporation be inserted in the contract awarded to Mr. H. A. Gunther.

Adopted.

Fountains.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, asking that all the fountains be closed between the hours of 7 o'clock P. M. and 9 o'clock A. M., on account of the limited supply of water.

Referred to the President, with power.

Safe.

From the Police Department, stating that instructions have been given to Captain Hedden, of the Thirty-third Precinct, to deliver to this Department the safe now in his custody and which formerly belonged to the town of Morrisiana.

Referred to the President, with power.

Willis Avenue, &c.

From the Health Department, forwarding a copy of a report of Assistant Sanitary Inspector Comfort upon the condition of the sewerage in Willis Avenue and the adjoining streets.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Sewerage and drainage of the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Health Department, forwarding a copy of the following preambles and resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Health, held on the 6th inst., viz. :

Whereas, The subject of sewerage and drainage in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards is constantly pressed upon this Board; and

Whereas, The health of these wards is seriously jeopardized by the want of adequate provision for drainage and sewerage; therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and is hereby respectfully requested to give this subject their earnest consideration.

Referred to the President to reply.

Ball and Croquet, &c., on the Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending as follows :

1. That ball playing by the public school boys be allowed on

the Green on Saturday afternoons, the rules heretofore applying to ball playing on the Ball Ground being enforced, and a way being made across the transverse road from the Ball Ground house to the Green.

2. That ball playing be permitted on the North Meadow on Wednesday afternoons under similar regulations.

3. That ladies be allowed to play croquet on the Green on Wednesdays.

4. That little children accompanied by their mothers or nurses be allowed to walk or play on the East Green.

5. That the Green and the North Meadows be made common under the usual regulations on Sundays.

6. That the foregoing permissions shall hold good only when the turf is in fair condition, and that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Parks to suspend them whenever the ground is excessively wet or excessively dry.

7. That a flag-staff shall be set up in each ground and suitable flags set daily to indicate when it is closed against all visitors and when it is open and for what purpose.

(Minutes, May 14, 1875, p. 28.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed and that the recommendations therein be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that to carry out the work ordered on Tompkins Square, he requires the following additional laborers, &c.—2 blacksmiths, 10 horses and carts, 60 laborers and 2 foremen.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 75.)

Laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

East River Park.

From Mr. James Hogg, again complaining of the manner in which the East River Park is conducted by Mr. Sulzer, who at present occupies it.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 72.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to carry out the improvements to the East River Park as recommended by the Landscape Architect.

(Minutes, May 10, 1876, p. 12.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that to carry out the improvements to the East River Park, as recommended by the Landscape Architect, he requires the following additional laborers, &c.—40 laborers, 2 foremen, 6 carpenters.

The PRESIDENT moved that the laborers, foremen and carpenters required by the Superintendent of Parks for the East River Park, as mentioned in his communication, be employed.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said motion be amended by adding at the end thereof the following, " and that the pay of the laborers be fixed at the rate of 20 cents per hour."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution as a substitute for the motion moved by the President, viz. :

Resolved, That before the laborers, foremen and carpenters required by the Superintendent of Parks for the East River Park, as mentioned in his communication, are employed, their rates of pay be fixed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said substitute resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows ;

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the Landscape Architect be directed to report whether the improvements on the East River Park, recommended by him, can be executed by contract.

Adopted.

Old Iron Hoops.

From the Property Clerk, reporting that there is a large quantity of old iron hoops on hand, and asking instructions in relation to them.

Referred to the President, with power.

Mason for 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that he requires a mason for a short time.

The PRESIDENT moved that a mason be employed, as required by the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Southern Boulevard.

From Mr. Samuel E. Lyon and from Mr. John J. Crane, complaining of the condition of the Southern Boulevard, and stating that, unless immediate repairs are made to it, the road will be badly damaged.

Filed.

C. Vaux, Architect.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, notifying the Department that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Geo. K. Radford, who will be prepared to act for him in relation to the plans of the Museums of Natural History and of Art, when necessary.

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. John Mahoney, stating that, in making his proposal for plastering the Museum of Natural History, he did not estimate for scratching the first coat of brown mortar, but that the Superintending Architect requires him to do so, and asking an extra allowance therefor of \$984.

Also, stating that the specifications only call for one coat of brown mortar on the soffits of the stairs, but that the work cannot be properly done without two coats, the first of which should be scratched, and asking an extra allowance therefor of \$518.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 43.)

Mr. J. Munckwitz, the Superintending Architect, and Mr. G. K. Radford, on behalf of Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, were then

received, and after hearing their explanation of the terms of the specifications,

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. J. Mahoney, the contractor for the work of plastering the Museum of Natural History building, be informed that the proper interpretation of his contract calls for two coats of plaster and a hard finish, all to be done and executed to the satisfaction of the Department and the Architects and Superintendents, and that no extra allowance can be made for so doing.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Architect and Superintending Architect to report if any additional work than that called for by the specifications is required on the soffits, and if so, to report a fair and reasonable amount to be allowed to the contractor therefor.

Adopted.

Claremont Hotel.

From Mr. J. G. Keator, lessee of the Claremont Hotel, on Riverside Park, asking that the roof of the hotel be repaired, and also stating that if his rent is reduced from \$75 to \$50 per month, he will make all necessary repairs to said hotel at his own cost and expense.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the rent payable by said J. G. Keator be reduced from and after June 1st, 1876, to \$50 per month, on condition that he makes all necessary repairs to said hotel, and that he keeps the same in good repair thereafter, and that it be referred to the President to enter into an agreement with him to that effect.

(Minutes, Feb'y. 8, 1875, p. 510.)

Adopted.

Claim of W. H. Johnson.

From Mr. W. H. Johnson, claiming \$36 for 300 feet of bituminous walk, laid in Central Park over twelve years ago.

(Minutes, Nov. 5, 1873, p. 381.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that, inasmuch as said claim had heretofore been examined by the Department, and re-

jected, that the present application be also rejected, and that Mr. Johnson be so notified.

Adopted.

Fireworks, Abingdon Square.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding a petition from Mr. G. B. Deane, Jr., and others, residents of the Ninth Ward, asking that an appropriation of \$250 be made for fireworks at Abingdon Square on the 4th July.

(Minutes, April 8, 1876, p. 744.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

Booth on Battery Park.

From Mr. J. P. Ryan, asking permission to erect a booth or stand on the Battery Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Affleck, Wm., & Co., oats, straw, corn, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$210 95
Bell, Thos., single harness.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	45 00
Barrow, Jas. S., & Co., brushes.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$7 08
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	42
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Croes, J. Jas. R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and and 24th Wards.	54 23

Campbell, A. W , filling.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		\$3,486 59
Dunne, Thos., flagstones.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards...		322 50
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., expenses			
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		1,564 85
Faure, Alfred, plants.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		315 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line, May.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.....	\$46 88	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		15 62
			<hr/> 62 50
Hosp, F. Philip, plants.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		297 50
Jenks, E. T., locks.....	Museum of Natl. History.....		13 00
King, Joseph, keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....		30 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas-meter. . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		75 50
Moffat, David & Co., leather and sheep skins.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		15 60
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas-meter..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		5 75
Parsons, S. B., & Sons, trees and plants.	City Parks Imp. Fund.....		129 55
Raynolds, C. T., paints.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$16 75	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		2 50
			<hr/> 19 25
Tatham & Bros., bar tin.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		4 62
Wall's Sons, Wm., manila rope.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		3 78

Valentine & Briggs, rent of office.	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$40 00
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		<u>\$6,703 67</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,906 25
City Parks Improvement Fund.	4,292 27
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	407 50
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.	84 65
Museum of Natural History.	18 00
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<u>\$6,703 67</u>	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-seven hundred and three dollars and sixty-seven cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, June 8th, 1876.

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

Ames Plow Co., spades.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$27 20
Bartlett, J. W., globes, tops, etc.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$161 30
	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. and M.	34 00
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Crimmins, J. D. & T. E., building stone.	City Parks Im- provement F.	200 25
Colgate, Robt., & Co., white lead.	City Parks Impt. Fund	31 50
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	27 72
Ives, Murphy & Bonar, hats.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	96 25
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe.	Museum Natural History.	51 95

Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$20	73
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	17	59
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	1	00
	Music Central		
	Park.....	1	00
		-----	\$40 32
Johnson, J. O., putting up awnings....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		5 25
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., sperm			
oil.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$67	76
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	Imp. and M....	19	36
		-----	87 12
Mallory & Co., paints and varnish....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$8	00
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	7	50
		-----	15 50
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mus. Nat'l			
Hist.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		220 54
Roosevelt, Saml., & Co., nails, oilers, and			
bolts.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	\$13	72
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	4	63
		-----	18 35
Slattery, Jas., building stone.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund		109 50
Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		24 80
Vanderbilt Bros., grass seed.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		163 75
Wall's, Wm., Sons, rope.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		9 80

Wiebusch & Hilger Hardware Co., grass, hooks, etc.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	28 36
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		\$1,353 46
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$865 59
City Parks Improvement Fund	380 56
Harlem River bridges, repairs, improvement and maint...	53 36
Museum Natural History.....	51 95
Music—Central Park.....	1 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1 00
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	\$1,353 46
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Amounting to thirteen hundred and fifty-three dollars and forty-six cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, June 8th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Joseph J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.	
May 17.	By balance.....	\$2,129 53
May 17	} " cash received from rents, licenses, grass and to pound.....	845 60
June 7		
1876.	DR.	
May 17	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$630 27
to		
June 7		
June 7.	" balance.....	2,344 86
		\$2,975 13

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, June 7, 1876.

9.30 A. M.

Mount St. Vincent.

The PRESIDENT presented an agreement which he had prepared providing for the repairs to Mount St. Vincent by Mr. C. Ryan, the cost of which, not exceeding \$1,000, shall be deducted from the amount payable by said C. Ryan.

Commissioner O'Donohue moved that said agreement be approved, and that the President be authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 77.)

Adopted.

Laborers' Pay-rolls.

The PRESIDENT submitted and read the following reply, which he had prepared in answer to the letter of the Comptroller of the city dated the 11th May, 1876.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 84.)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square. }

NEW YORK, June 9, 1876.

HON. ANDREW H. GREEN,

Comptroller City of New York:

SIR,—At a meeting of this Department on 31st May, 1876, Commissioner Stebbins moved that “the President be requested to prepare and submit to the Board at the next meeting, a reply to the letter of the Comptroller of the city, dated 11th May, 1876, and printed on page 39 of the minutes.”

In accordance with this request the attention of the Comptroller is called to sections 2, 3 and 4 of the letter addressed to him on the 17th May, 1876, and printed on the same page (39) of the minutes, a copy of which is enclosed. They show the works or purposes for which the charges are made against the different accounts with sufficient distinctness “to enable the Finance Department to audit the pay-rolls of this Department.”

The sufficiency is established by the fact that on precisely such a showing the successive pay-rolls of the Department have been audited from 1873 to the present time.

There are no records in this Department “showing the rule or method adopted by it for making the distribution of the amounts charged against the several accounts.” The method in use is explained to you in the 4th section of the letter of the 17th May, above referred to. It is based upon, and is in conformity with, the forms heretofore prescribed by you under section 29 of the Charter of 1873.

To the prescription that you make pursuant to that section, that in all pay-rolls of this Department presented to your Department for payment, “the different works or purposes shall be specified for which each of the charges against the different accounts are made, to enable the Finance Department to verify the distribution of the different amounts, and audit the pay-rolls correctly”—we answer, first, that this is already done in the forms prescribed by you, and now in use, and secondly, that if you purpose, in pursuance of the 29th section, to prescribe other or different “forms for keeping and rendering the accounts,” you should do so by examining the forms now in use, and making such changes in them, or new forms, as you wish, and give them to us in time to put them in operation.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed,) WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said letter be approved and that the President be requested to transmit same to the Comptroller.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Laborers' pay. Letter to Comptroller.

The PRESIDENT submitted and read the following letter

which he had prepared, on the subject of the rate of the pay of laborers, viz. :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square. }
NEW YORK, June 9th, 1876.

HON. ANDREW H. GREEN,

Comptroller of the City :

Sir,—Below you will find a resolution offered at a meeting of this Department on 31st May, 1876, and secondly, a resolution adopted at the same meeting under which the first resolution was laid on the table.

Commissioner Stebbins offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That when the laborers, mechanics, &c., required by the Superintendent, as mentioned in his communication, are employed, their pay be fixed at the rates paid by the Department of Public Works for similar description of work, and that it be referred to the President to ascertain and report said rates of pay." Commissioner Wetmore offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city, as its financial officer, be respectfully requested to give this Department his opinion upon the propriety of reducing the wages now allowed to laborers, mechanics, &c., to the rates now allowed by the Department of Public Works, and that the resolution offered by Commissioner Stebbins in relation thereto be laid on the table until his reply is received."

The question embraced in this resolution has a general bearing on the financial interests of the city, and on the measures necessary to relieve it from its burden of debt and taxation. Whether the public works such as are within our province are prosecuted or postponed; secondly, whether, if they are prosecuted, the work should be done by contract or by the day; and thirdly, whether, if done by the day, the wages should be \$2.00, the rate we pay, or should be reduced to \$1.60, the rate paid by the Department mentioned in the resolution, are questions of prime moment to every one who takes a comprehensive view of the city finances.

Your position upon the first and second of those questions, adversely to the prosecution of the works and in favor of the contract system when the work is undertaken, has been repeatedly and publicly announced, and it cannot be that the third question has escaped your attention, for it has been the subject of much discussion, and its decision is as important as any question of economy in city expenditures.

In presenting these resolutions, it was for us to recall to you the attitude of this Board in respect to this question.

During the year ending 1st May, 1876, five motions were made and lost for the reduction of the wages. On each occasion they were voted for by Messrs. Stebbins and Williamson, and voted against by Messrs. Martin and O'Donohue. The present is the first time the question has been presented to the Board since the change of its members.

You perceive, therefore, the disposition of the Board on this question. It would be fortified if you concurred in their action in keeping up the wages, at the same time it leaves them ready to listen to the reasons in favor of reduction, if, from your standpoint as the head of the Finance Department, you favor the reduction, and present your reasons for it.

Respectfully,

WM R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said letter be approved and that the President be requested to forward it to the Comptroller of the city.

(Minutes, May 31st, 1876, p. 74.)

Adopted.

Licenses.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had made arrangements with the following licensees on the parks for a better management of their several licenses in the future, and had, subject to the approval of the Department, agreed to reduce their fees, viz. :

Thomas S. Dick, boat service on the Lake.

C. J. Kane, boat service on Harlem Meer.

John Lucas, donkey service.

J. J. Snow, pony service.

Joseph Scott, novelty carriage service.

Isidor Isaac, goat carriage service.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 65.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be accepted, and that the final arrangements and the executing of the agreements to said licensees, be referred to the President with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Park-keepers N. O'Hearn and James McCarthy.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of Park-keepers Nicholas O'Hearn and James McCarthy, the first upon a charge of conversing for twenty minutes while on duty, with a citizen ; and the latter on a charge of arresting a Mr. Jas. A. Campbell without just cause, reported that he had examined both cases at length, and recommended that both charges be dismissed, and stated that officer McCarthy had only done his duty in the arrest of Mr. Campbell.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Department.

Adopted.

Up-town Parks.

The PRESIDENT presented a report upon the proper treatment of the Up-town Parks, and moved that it be received and printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 70.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Communication of the Comptroller of the city.

Commissioner STEBBINS presented a communication which the Comptroller of the city had addressed to Commissioners O'Donohue, Wetmore and himself, and moved that it be received by the Board, as the communication related to public business.

The PRESIDENT ruled that the motion was out of order, on the ground that the communication is a private one and is not addressed to the Department.

Commissioner STEBBINS appealed to the Board from the ruling of the President.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would sustain his ruling, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Reduction of the Force in the 23d and 24th wards.

The PRESIDENT reported that the expenditures in the 23d and

24th wards for the maintenance of the roads, &c., were larger than the appropriation could afford, and moved that the force employed in those wards be reduced by the discharge of eighteen laborers and three double teams.

Adopted.

Francis Hagan, Assistant-Foreman.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE presented charges made by Thomas Floyd, Jeremiah Sheehan and Maurice Doyle, against Assistant-Foreman Francis Hagan, and moved that said charges be filed and that the President appoint one of the Commissioners to investigate said charges and report.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then appointed Commissioner O'Donohue to investigate said charges.

High Bridge Park Hotel.

The PRESIDENT moved that the lessee of the High Bridge Park Hotel be authorized to extend the piazza of said hotel on the east side, at his own expense and cost, and under the supervision of the Superintending Architect.

Adopted.

Bowling Green Fountain.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that the repairs to the fountain in the Bowling Green can properly be charged to the "City Parks Improvement Fund," provided by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, and moved that the Superintendent be directed to have said repairs made and that the cost thereof be charged to said fund.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 55.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Entrances to Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have pier stones placed at each side of all the entrances to the Central Park, which have not already been ordered, except the entrances at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street and Eight Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, and that the walks, drives and turf be completed at all the entrances.

(Minutes, May 24th, 1876, p. 68.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Police.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the appointments of Sergeants Pye, Van Dohlen and Henry, be vacated, and that they be appointed patrolmen, if they apply for such appointment within three days from this date.

Resolved, That the order, by the resolution of 8th October, 1875, detailing Sergeant Beatty on the lower city parks, be rescinded.

Resolved, That patrolmen Flock and Liebenau be, and are hereby, appointed sergeants.

(Minutes October 8th, 1875, p. 327.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said resolutions and the subject of the police force be laid over for consideration at a future meeting.

Adopted.

James McNally.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be

authorized to transfer James McNally, rockman, to the position of skilled laborer, at the rate of pay of \$2.25 per day.

(Minutes, September 29th, 1875, p. 297.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Reports of Meteorological Observatory for 1874 and 1875.

The PRESIDENT moved that he be authorized to make requisition on the Board of City Record for the printing of 500 copies of the report of the Director of the Meteorological Observatory for the years 1874 and 1875, in advance of the publication of the 4th general report.

Adopted.

Commissioner Wetmore left the meeting at this point.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read the following communications :

Senate and Assembly Bills,

From the Comptroller of the city, asking this Department under what ordinance or other authority the claim of Mr. Sanders Wilson for supplying printed copies of the Senate and Assembly bills of last Session of the Legislature to this Department can be charged to the "City Parks Improvement Fund."

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 540.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Gardening Force.

From the Landscape Architect, stating that unless more assistance is given to the Superintending Gardener, the young plantations may be seriously injured, and recommending that three gardeners be appointed immediately, and that ten extra laborers be allowed to work under the orders of the Superintending Gardener during the remainder of the present month.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication and the employing of the gardeners and transferring of the laborers required be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Water in Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the Department of Public Works should be requested to allow a larger supply of water to the Central Park than has usually been allowed from the Croton Water Works.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to communicate with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works in relation to said subject.

Adopted.

Andrew McTail and Karl Deusen.

From Mr. Andrew McTail and also from Mr. Karl Deusen applying to be appointed on the police force.

Laid on the table.

Religious Services on the Parks.

From Mr. Horace Winans, asking permission to hold religious services on the lower city parks on Sundays.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Mr. Winans be informed that it is contrary to the established policy and rules of the Department to grant permission for the holding of religious services on the public parks.

(Minutes, July 21, 1875, p. 142.)

Adopted.

J. D. Armstrong, Inspector.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that on visiting the work of paving Third Avenue, on the 8th inst., he found that Inspector J. D. Armstrong was absent and had not been on the work since eleven o'clock A. M. the day before.

(Minutes, April 21, 1876, p. 772.)

Referred to the President to examine and report.

Concord Avenue.

The President then reported verbally that the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation dated Dec. 1st, 1875, upon the condition of Concord Avenue and the laws affecting the prosecution of the work, was the best explanation of the subject which could be given to the Board of Aldermen, and he moved that a copy of said opinion be sent to that Board.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 71.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 6.25 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY JUNE, 14th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,
“ O'DONOHUE.
“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 9th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Central Bridge.

From the Comptroller of the city, calling the attention of this Department to the fact that the repairs of Central Bridge exceed \$1,000, and asking whether said work has been authorized to be done without contract, as required by section 91 of the Charter.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 156.)

Referred to the President to reply.

F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that “it is stated that Mr. Frederick L. Olmsted holds several public offices “under the State and Federal government,” and that to aid in properly adjusting and paying the amount due to him, an affidavit had been appended to the pay-roll of this Department for Mr. Olmsted to make.

Filed.

S. B. Smith.

From Mr. Samuel B. Smith, Assistant Division Engineer, resigning his position in the Department.

Accepted.

F. S. Odell.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending Mr. Frederick S. Odell as Assistant Division Engineer in place of Mr. Smith, resigned.

Filed.

Removal of Monuments.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, asking that the Department request the Board of Aldermen to pass the ordinance for the prevention of the removal of monuments, as heretofore transmitted to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, Feby 5, 1876, p. 603.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to address a communication to the Board of Aldermen urging the passage of said ordinance.

Adopted.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that Mr. Nathan has offered to place an elephant on exhibition at the Menagerie, on condition that it is fed by the Department on grass so long as the grass is in season, after which time Mr. Nathan will provide food for it.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 664.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that permission be granted to the Director of the Menagerie to take said elephant on exhibition, on the terms mentioned.

Adopted.

Menagerie.

From the director of the Menagerie, stating that Mr. John

Welsh, President of the Board of Finance of the International Exhibition, requests that four swans be lent to him for the purpose of exhibition on the lake in the exhibition grounds.

Referred to the President, with power.

Filling for Manhattan Square.

From Mr. Robert Jardine, offering to deliver any amount, up to 20,000 cubic yards, of earth filling on Manhattan Square for twenty-five cents per cubic yard.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1876, p. 15.)

Referred to the Superintendent to report upon.

Concord Avenue.

From Mr. F. H. Nash, in relation to the condition of Concord Avenue.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1876, p. 117.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report.

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

Byrne, Jas. E., oats, straw, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$382 61
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables...	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	39 85
Campbell & Co., weekly digest.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$5 00
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	5 00
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		10 00
Dripps, M., maps.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	15 00
Donegan, C. E., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	60 59

Eureka Chair & Seat Co., repairs to chairs.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		\$8 85
Hazard Powder Co., fuse.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		52 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas metre.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		31 07
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$28 16	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	26 59	
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	9 27	
	Museum Natural History.....	2 00	
		<hr/>	66 02
Janes & Kirtland, bronze railing.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		2,150 00
Lester Oil Company, oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		41 85
Martin, J. M. C., & Sons, feather duster.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$12 25	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	65	
		<hr/>	12 90
Mallory & Co., rosin, paints, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$33 10	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	65 80	
		<hr/>	98 90
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas metre.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		55 75
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, castings.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$61 35	
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	3 08	
		<hr/>	64 43
N. Y. Express Co., advertising.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$4 20	
	Museum Natural History.....	5 40	
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	3 90	
		<hr/>	13 50

Parry, Henry, stone monuments.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	\$200 00
Thomson, James, rent of office.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	60 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	22 32
Verplanck Bros., leather and grease....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$14 00
	City Parks Impt. Fund	5 92
		<hr/> 19 92
Wheatley, R. R., hay, straw and oats...	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	40 90
Wall's Sons, Wm., manila rope.....	Suspension bridge, etc., over Harlem River	7 50
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, screws, bolts, &c	City Parks Impt. Fund	\$10 75
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	18 56
		<hr/> 24 31
		<hr/> <u>\$3,478 77</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$810 31
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	2,520 76
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	75 65
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	57 15
Museum Natural History.....	7 40
Suspension bridge, etc., over Harlem River.....	7 50
	<hr/> <u>\$3,478 77</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-four hundred and seventy-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Auditing Committee.

New York, June 14th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Tax Maps of 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of Chapter 411, Laws of 1876, which makes it the duty of this Department to make maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Commissioner O'Donohue moved that said certified copy of Chapter 411, Laws of 1876, be filed, and that it be referred to the President to report the best method of carrying out the duties imposed upon the Department by said act.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, and Mr. J. Mahoney, contractor for the plastering of the Museum of Natural History building, be notified to be present at the next meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1876, p. 101.)

Adopted.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT moved that the following resolution adopted on May 5th, 1876, be continued in force for one month from this date, namely :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to

transfer twenty-five laborers from construction works to the maintenance of parks and places for a period of one month from this date, and that during said month he be not restricted to the sum of \$4,500 fortnightly for the wages of laborers employed on the maintenance of parks and places.

(Minutes, May 5, 1876, p. 7.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Special Police.

The PRESIDENT reported that in order to prevent disorder at this season of the year on the Central Park, it was necessary to appoint some skilled detectives for a short time. He therefore moved that George Macomb, James Murphy and Edward G. Tully be, and hereby are, appointed special policemen until August 1st, 1876, and that their pay be fixed at \$2.60 per day.

(Minutes, July 1st, 1875, p. 128.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

E. C. Morrison.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mr. E. C. Morrison, Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be discharged from the employment of the Department from and after the 21st June, 1876.

(Minutes, March 3d, 1876, p. 665.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said motion be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, moved by Commissioner Stebbins, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st, 1876.

9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following work and supply, viz.:

I.—Paving the roadway through Washington Square, leading from Fifth Avenue to South Fifth Avenue.

(Minutes, April 21, 1876, p. 763.)

II.—Three thousand cubic yards of screened gravel.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 53.)

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The Comptroller of the City.

I.

Paving the Roadway through Washington Square.

Twelve proposals were received for this work, but before opening and reading them the Comptroller of the City objected to their being opened, on the ground that the work of repaving said roadway was the duty of the Department of Public Works and not of the Department of Public Parks.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the opening and reading of the proposals for this work be postponed until Wednesday, the 28th June, 1876, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of obtaining the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation upon the question raised by the Comptroller.

Adopted.

II.

Three Thousand Cubic Yards of Screened Gravel.

The following proposals were received for this supply, viz.:

1. John A. Bouker.....	\$2 10 per cubic yard.
2. A. J. Howell.....	1 98 " "
3. Egbert H. Fairchild.....	1 94 " "
4. John S. Masterson.....	2 09 " "
5. Jesse Ryder.....	2 10 " "

The Comptroller then retired, and the Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 9th and 14th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Mill Brook Sewer in Brook Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts be built, commencing in tide water in the kills near Harlem River and extending along Brook Avenue to a point in 163th Street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York; that said sewer, basins and culverts be constructed under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, who may appoint thereon assistant engineers, assistants and inspectors, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen June 8th, 1876, Three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised, as required by law.

Approved by the Mayor June 15, 1876.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 709.)

Filed.

George H. Forster.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that Mr. George H. Forster had lodged a claim in the Finance Department for

\$500 on account of his horse having broken his leg on June 1st, 1876, on the old Post-Road in the 24th Ward, and asking to be furnished with the facts and circumstances connected with the matter.

Referred to the President to investigate and reply.

Trees and Shrubs.

From the Comptroller of the city, asking to be informed where the trees and shrubs described in a bill of S. B. Parsons & Sons, amounting to \$129.55, were planted.

Referred to the President to report.

Brook Avenue Opening.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that the awards and assessments for opening Brook Avenue from tide-water to the Harlem Railroad at 165th street, are as follows, viz. :

Total Awards.....	\$234,574 40
Assessed on property owners.	122,230 00
Assessed on the city.....	121,824 40
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Total assessment.....	244,054 40

(Minutes, July 29, 1874, p. 178.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby direct that the public fund or stock authorized and directed to be created by Section 7, of Chapter 604 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed June 5th, 1874, shall be issued at such time or times, and in such manner, of such description and in such amounts as the Comptroller of the city of New York, in compliance with the provisions of said section, shall from time to time find to be necessary to provide funds for the payment of the damages awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and of the expenses, charges and disbursements, in a certain proceeding instituted by virtue of said chapter, to wit :

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, relative to the opening of

Brook Avenue from tide-water to the Harlem Railroad at 165th street, in the city of New York.

Such public fund or stock shall be payable not more than forty years from date of issue thereof, and shall bear interest payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and the total amount of such fund or stock hereby directed to be issued shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty-one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars and forty cents, and shall be issued in sums composed of even hundreds of dollars, and for not less than the par value thereof.

Proposals for said fund or stock shall be invited by said Comptroller by advertisement for the period of ten days, and the fund or stock shall be awarded by the Comptroller to the person or persons, corporation or corporations who shall offer the highest premium for the same, except that said fund or stock, or any portion thereof, may be subscribed for and awarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the city of New York, without proposals being invited for the same in the manner aforesaid; and the said Comptroller shall, upon the payment of the price for which said fund or stock shall be so awarded, issue certificates therefor in such form as said Comptroller may direct, and as nearly as may be in the usual form of stock of the county of New York heretofore issued.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Avenue B.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, asking that the fences and sheds now standing within the lines of Avenue B, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-sixth streets, be removed to the grounds of the East River Park.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 98.)

Filed.

East River Park.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting that none of the

work of improving the East River Park can well be done by contract, except the painting.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 100.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. C. Vaux, architect, was unable to be in attendance to-day, as he had to leave the city on business, and he presented a letter from him in which he states that the reason why there is an extra amount of plastering work required to be done on the soffits of the stairs of the Museum of Natural History building, is, that Mr. T. W. Rollins, the contractor for the iron work of said building, was allowed to substitute iron lath in place of fire-proof blocks under the stairs, and that Mr. Rollins had agreed, and was now proceeding to have this extra plastering done at his own expense.

Mr. J. Mahoney, the contractor for the plastering of said building, was then received, and he explained that the scratching of the first coat of plaster was not mentioned in the specifications, and that he had not estimated on doing that work. That the three coats of plaster could be laid without scratching, but that it would not be as good or as satisfactory work. The Superintending Architect was then received, and stated that he would advise that the first coat be scratched, and stated that he would not allow the contractor to proceed until he did so.

(Minutes, June 14, 1876, p. 124.)

Commissioner O'DONODUE then moved that John Mahoney be allowed a sum, not exceeding four hundred dollars (\$400), for the work of scratching the first coat of plaster on the Museum of Natural History Building, the work to be executed to the satisfaction of the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Telegraph Poles.

From the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, of the Fire Department, asking for permission to place additional telegraph poles on the north side of Mount Morris Park.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The placing of telegraph poles on the sidewalks of the parks is very detrimental and injurious to the parks.

Resolved, That the Fire Department be, and hereby is, requested and recommended to place their telegraph poles on the side of the streets adjacent to the park, which is more remote from the parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. Dwight H. Olmstead, President of the Executive Committee of the West Side Association, forwarding a copy of the following preamble and resolution adopted on the 17th instant, viz. :

Whereas, The Legislature has recently passed an act which has been approved by the Governor to facilitate the construction of Riverside Avenue

Resolved. That the Department of Public Parks be requested to proceed immediately with said work of construction in conformity with said act.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then presented a certified copy of Chapter

447, Laws of 1876, passed June 2d, 1876, referred to in the foregoing preamble and resolutions, which was ordered to be Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, referred to the President, with power, to have the plans, estimates and specifications prepared for the construction of Riverside drive, as authorized by Chapter 447, Laws of 1876, and, when they are approved by the Board, to direct the advertisements for proposals to be inserted.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 78.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

City Hall Park Pavement.

From Mr. H. A. Gunther, contractor for laying the pavement on the walks and foot paths of the City Hall Park, stating that the Department undertakes, by the terms of the contract, to provide a place on the Battery Park to dump all the surplus material excavated at the City Hall Park, but that the Superintendent of Parks is unable to comply with this condition, and offering to dispose of all the surplus material elsewhere for 35 cents per cubic yard.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1876, p. 96.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said subject and communication be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Statue of the late Wm. H. Seward.

From Mr. W. H. Appleton, as Chairman of a Committee of citizens, offering to present a statue of the late Wm. H. Seward, and also a pedestal for it, to the Department, and requesting that a suitable site be set apart for the statue in the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Committee consisting of the Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the New York chapter of the American Institute of Architects, be requested to examine and report upon said [statue as regards its merits as a work of art ; that the Landscape Architect be directed to report a suitable site for same in Central Park, and that, on the acceptance of the statue and approval of the site, the Superintendent of Parks be directed to prepare the foundations for the pedestal.

(Minutes, January 12, 1874, p. 522.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, [O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Drain in 144th Street.

From Mr. W. T. Cushing, stating that the plan of draining 144th Street, in the 23d Ward, as recommended by the Engineer of Construction is too expensive, and asking permission to lay a box drain at the expense of the property owners on said street.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 41.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Schooner *Samuel Davis*.

From Mr. Michael Fitzsimmons, claiming \$145 damages for injury to his schooner *Samuel Davis*, occasioned by the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge not being properly opened when the schooner was passing through it on May 20th, 1876.

Referred to the Superintendent to report upon.

Stand on Battery Park.

From Mr. G. G. Thompson and others asking that permission be given to Mrs. F. Doran to occupy a small place on the Battery Park for the purpose of selling fruit, &c.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Albert Bickmore, Superintendent of the American Museum of Natural History, asking that the case on the top floor of the Museum Building (old Arsenal) be glazed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, estimating the cost of glazing said case at \$450.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 682.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said case suitably glazed with plate glass, at a cost not exceeding \$450.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that the following additional works should be done at the Museum of Natural History building, by the force in the employment of the Department, viz.

1. Drainage in cellar, including digging, pipes, &c. Estimated cost \$540.

2. Filling in recesses over first story piers on account of offset in walls. Estimated cost \$75.

3. Extra width to iron lintels over first story windows. Estimated cost \$35.

4. Extra gas pipes and fixtures in attic story. Estimated cost \$225.

5. Cutting off iron caps from second story window columns. Estimated cost \$85.

6. Cutting in recess to second story granite window lintels, to allow room for window frames. Estimated cost \$120.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the several additional works specified in said communication.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Parade Ground..

From Mr. Joseph H. Godwin, on behalf of himself and other owners of the property laid out as a military parade ground, asking that further instructions be given to the Counsel to the Corporation to proceed with the matter of acquiring title to said parade ground.

(Minutes, September 8, 1875, p. 267.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said communication be laid over until Friday the 23d instant at 4 o'clock P. M.; that a special meeting be held on that day at said hour, and that the Counsel to the Corporation and Mr. Joseph H. Godwin be requested to attend said meeting.

Adopted.

Camera Obscura.

From Mr. Ferdinand May, asking permission to place a camera obscura on Central Park.

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 540.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be refused.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

Am. Dist. Tel. Co., rent and services.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$3 44	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	10 32	
		<hr/>	\$13 76
Ames Plow Co., hay cutter.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		17 81
Bouker, John A., screened gravel.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P., 1875.	\$2,609 96	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	789 00	
		<hr/>	3,398 96
Boyle, John, awning stripe and thread.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		5 03
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., horseshoe knives and nails.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$0 63	
	H. R. Bridges		
	Reps., Impt. & M.	18 60	
		<hr/>	19 23
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., wire rope.	Maint. and Goymt.		
	P. and P.		8 29

Devlin, J. B., paving.....	Paving Third Av., from Westches- ter Avenue to northern bdy., 23d Ward.....	3,503 82
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music Central Pk.	545 00
Donahue, M. Jr., & Co., cap stone, &c....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	415 00
Early & Lane, matches, brooms, &c....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$52 42
	H. R. Bridges Reps., Imp.&M.	1 08
		<hr/> 53 50
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music Central Pk.	270 00
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Museum Natural History.....	70 85
N. Y. Mutual Gas L. Co., steam heat from January 1, '76.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$57 81
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	173 40
		<hr/> 231 21
N. Y. Mutual Gas L. Co., steam heat to January 1, '76.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$98 16
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1875.	32 71
		<hr/> 130 87
Pierson & Co., iron.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	11 00
Poillon, C. & R., ceiling boards.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	37 50
Ruhe, Louis, mocking blrd food.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	16 00
Thorburn, Geo. & Co., spruce piles.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	79 20
Vanderbilt Bros., clover seed and hemp.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	11 25
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum Natural History.....	1,625 00

Treasurers Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Jos. J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.

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June 7.	By balance.....	\$2,344 86	
June 7 }	" cash received from rents, license, pound, &c.	1,586 18	\$3,931 04
to 21. }			

DR.

June 7 }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$1,527 45	
to 21. }			
June 21.	" balance.....	2,403 59	\$3,931 04

DR.

Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	\$1,709 26	
" " Drawer.....	694 33	\$2,403 59

(Signed)

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

Treasurer D. P. P.

Wednesday, June 21st, 1876.

9.30 A. M.

John Russell.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that John Russell, formerly a park-keeper, and who was dismissed from the employment of the Department on the 19th May, 1876, be restored and appointed a park-keeper from and after July 1st, 1876.

(Minutes, May 19th, 1876, p. 49.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Michael H. Haffey.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Michael H. Haffey, mason, who has been absent from work, be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

F. S. Odell.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. F. S. Odell be, and hereby is, appointed Assistant Division Engineer, in place of Mr. S. B. Smith, resigned, and that his salary be fixed at \$1,500 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

At this point Commissioner Stebbins left the meeting.

The PRESIDENT then presented the following communications :

Filling for Manhattan Square.

From the Superintendent of Parks stating that there is no filling required on Manhattan Square at present.

(Minutes, June 14, 1876, p. 121.)

Filed.

Celebration of Centennial.

From the Secretary, Chief Clerk of the Office of Design and Superintence and other employés, asking that the offices of the

Department be closed on the 3d July, 1876, to enable those employés who so desire, to celebrate the Centennial in an appropriate manner.

The PRESIDENT moved that the request be granted and that the offices of the Department be closed on the 3d July, 1876.

Adopted.

L. D. V. Mason.

From Hon. Allen Campbell Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and Mr. John C. Campbell, Chief Engineer of said Department, certifying to the ability of Mr. L. D. V. Mason as a civil engineer.

Filed.

Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner O' Donohue then moved that Mr. L. D. V. Mason be, and hereby is, appointed Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, and that his salary be fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT moved, as a substitute therefor, that Mr. Edward P. North be, and hereby is, appointed Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, and that his salary be fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

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

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners O'Donohue, Wetmore—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

Police.

The PRESIDENT called up the subject of the police force, and moved that the resolutions offered by him on the 9th inst., amended as follows, be adopted: viz.:

Resolved, That the appointments of Sergeants Pye, Von Dohlen and Henry be vacated, and that they be appointed patrolmen, if they apply for such appointment within three days from this date.

Resolved, That the order, by the resolution of 8th October, 1875, detailing Sergeant Beatty on the lower city parks, be rescinded.

Resolved, That patrolmen Flock and Liebenau be, and are hereby, detailed as acting Sergeants.

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, requested and authorized to make a thorough inspection and examination of the police force, and report thereon, and that he be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$100 in making said examination.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 114.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

Communications from the Comptroller.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, The Comptroller has recently adopted the practice of addressing communications relating to business between himself and this Department to one or more individual Commissioners, and of addressing others to the Department and then enclosing them to an individual Commissioner.

In view of the proprieties of official correspondence, and in order to prevent confusion and embarrassment to the public business,

Resolved, That such letters will not be received or considered by the Board.

(Minutes June 9th, 1876, p. 112.)

Adopted.

Laborers, &c., Tompkins Square, East River Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the following mechanics, laborers, &c., required by the Superintendent for the works on Tompkins Square and East River Park be employed, viz. :

For Tompkins Square, 2 blacksmiths, 10 horses and carts, 60 laborers and 2 foremen. For East River Park, 40 laborers, 6 carpenters and 2 foremen.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1876, p. 98.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

Engineering Force on Construction Works.

The PRESIDENT moved that the following named persons be appointed to the positions, and at the pay, set opposite their names respectively, that they be employed only on construction works, and that their pay be charged on the pay-roll to the " City Parks Improvement Fund," authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, viz. :

Emil Bleyer, Ass't engineer, at a rate per day equal to \$2,000 per annum.

J. C. Aldrich, Ass't engineer, at a rate per day equal to \$2,000 per annum.

E. Kennedy, Rodman, at \$3 50 per day.

E. A. Miller, Rodman, at 3 50 "

J. C. Trimble, Chainman, at 3 00 "

Peter Kelly, Axeman, at 2 50 "

(Minutes, June 9th, 1876, p. 95.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

J. W. Manning

The PRESIDENT moved that J. W. Manning, general foreman, be, and hereby is, discharged from the employment, of the Department.

(Minutes, June 16, 1875, p. 94.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

Jeremiah Crowley, Daniel Crimmins.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Jeremiah Crowley and Daniel Crimmins be, and hereby are, appointed foremen, and that their pay be fixed at \$4.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

Wagon.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent be, and hereby is, authorized to purchase a suitable wagon for the use of the officer commanding the police force, at a price not exceeding \$150.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

Licenses.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized, from time

to time, as he may deem advisable, to detail any employé of the Department to the duty of inspection of the several license services, and that he be also authorized to make a deduction not exceeding 5 per cent. from the monthly fee of all those licensees who may be reported, and adjudged by the President, to have fulfilled the conditions of their license.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 111.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 23d June, 1876, at 4 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23d, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ O'DONOHUE.
“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the 21st inst., was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Work on 145th St., 23d Ward.

From the Comptroller of the city, enclosing summons and complaint of Joseph Haidemen and Wm. Klein for \$1,444.07, for certain work alleged to have been executed by them on certain streets in the 23d Ward, under authority of the late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, and asking for any information concerning said claim in the possession of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 18, 1875, p. 281.)

The PRESIDENT read the following reply thereto, and moved that it be approved.

Adopted.

REPLY.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square. }

June 23, 1876.

HON. ANDREW H. GREEN,

Comptroller:

Sir,—In reply to the communication of the Finance Department, dated June 22d, 1876, and received by this Department this day, asking information to enable the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare an answer to the complaint of Messrs. Haideman and Klein vs. The Mayor, &c., and stating that the answer is due to-morrow, I beg to send herewith copies of the following, which were presented to this Department on August 11th, 1875, viz.:

1. Communication from J. R. Angell, Pliffs' Atty.
2. Certificate of E. C. Morrison, Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.
3. Bill of Messrs. Haideman & Klein.

The claim was considered, but as this Department had no authority to direct it to be paid, the claimant was so informed.

I also send you a copy of the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Morrisania, under which it is alleged the work was done. The work appears to have been executed after January 1st, 1874, at which date the office of the Street Commissioner expired. I return herewith the summons and complaint.

Respectfully,
(Signed)WM. R. MARTIN,
President D.P.P.

Boston Avenue.

From the Health Department, upon the condition of the culvert in Boston avenue, opposite Home street.

Referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards to report upon.

Mill Brook Sewer in Brook avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans, numbered A to J, inclusive, and specifications, for the Mill Brook sewer in Brook avenue, from a point in tide water to a point in 165th street.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 128.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said plans and specifications be approved and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.
Commissioner Wetmore was excused from voting.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the Steam Engine, which is required for the purpose of better working the draw on the Third Avenue Bridge, is such a special and exceptional one that it will require skill and great faithfulness in its construction. That it is not advisable to entrust its construction to the lowest bidder, in a competitive letting by contract, and that it should be placed in the hands only of mechanics of the highest character for faithfulness and skill.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 63.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication be received, and that the President be requested to apply to the Common Council for an ordinance, enabling the Department to purchase an Engine for said Bridge otherwise than by contract.

Adopted.

Officer James McGinn.

From Dr. E. R. Pulling, presenting his bill, amounting to \$125, for surgical treatment of Parkkeeper James McGinn.

Also from Police Surgeon Dr. H. Barber, stating that he had offered his services to officer McGinn, but that he had declined them, preferring that his family physician should treat him, and that the officer was allowed full pay during the period of his disability.

The PRESIDENT moved that Dr. E. R. Pulling be informed that the Department declines to pay the bill presented by him,

and that he must apply to the officer personally for payment.

Adopted.

Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that on account of the additional work ordered at the last meeting of the Board, and other works on Central Park, he requires 10 laborers and 8 stone masons in addition to the force now employed.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 135)

The PRESIDENT moved that the number of laborers and stone-masons required by the Superintendent, as stated in his communication, be employed.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue. Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

F. H. Von Dohlen, John Pye.

From F. H. Von Dohlen and John Pye, late sergeants, applying for the position of park-keepers.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 143.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the Lieutenant to place said F. H. Von Dohlen and John Pye on duty as park-keepers in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the 21st instant, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Parade Ground.

The President stated that the Counsel to the Corporation had been requested to be present, but he was unable to attend, as he had to leave the city.

Mr. Joseph H. Goodwin was then received, and after discussion of the subject of acquiring the title to the Parade ground, the President offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, The Map of the Military Parade Ground on the Harlem River was filed under the Act of 1871, Chapter 628, on the 5th day of April, 1873 ;

And *whereas*, This Department has no power to recall the map, or to relieve this property from the effects of filing it.

And *whereas*, The Legislature has in each year since the map was filed, entertained bills, but failed to pass any act repealing the Parade Ground Act, or relieving the owners of the property affected by it.

Resolved, That, without expressing any opinion as to the location, the necessity of a Parade Ground, or the propriety of paying for it in the present depressed condition of city finances, justice to the property owners whose land has been condemned to the public use, who have been denied other relief, and who are entitled to have the legal proceeding to determine their compensation go forward, makes it our official duty to continue the steps which the law directs us to take for the completion of this matter.

Resolved. That the Counsel to the Corporation, be requested to proceed in the application for the appointment of commissioners in this matter, and until its final determination by the court.

(Minutes, June 21st, 1876, p. 136.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Tax Maps.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, Chapter 411 of the Laws of 1876, makes it the duty of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks to cause to be made maps of the 23rd and 24th Wards of the city for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of New York city.

And *whereas*, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said city is authorized by said Chapter 411 of the Laws of 1876

to appropriate from any unexpended balances for the year 1875, the sum of \$10,000 for the use of the Department of Public Parks to pay for the work which may be done under said act during the year 1876.

Resolved, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the unexpended balances for the year 1875 to the use of the Department of Public Parks to pay for such work as may be done under and in pursuance of directions of Chapter 411 of the Laws of 1876, during the year 1876.

(Minutes, June 14th, 1876, p. 124.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

John Hessenaur.

The PRESIDENT moved that John Hessenaur be, and hereby is, appointed a division gardener in charge of the laying out of the East River Park, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 4.45 o'clock, P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 28th June, at 9.30 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following work, viz. :

Paving the roadway through Washington Square, leading from Fifth Avenue to South Fifth Avenue.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 127.)

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, on the objection of the Comptroller to the opening of these proposals, not having yet been obtained, the President moved that the opening of the proposals be adjourned until half-past nine o'clock A. M. on July 12th, 1876.

Adopted.

The Board then met in adjourned session.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 21st and 23d insts., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Third Ave. Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction stating that the pipes leading to the hydraulic engine on the Third Avenue Bridge were repaired, and that the engine now moves the draw efficiently. Also stating that the hot weather so expands the iron railings of the draw as to make them catch and lock the the draw, and recommending that the end pieces of the railings, to the extent of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, be cut off.

(Minutes, June 23, 1876, p. 149.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the ends of the railings of the draw of said Third Avenue Bridge cut off, as recommended by, and under the directions of, the Engineer of Construction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue Wetmore—4.

Central Park Sewerage.

From the Superintending Engineer, submitting a plan and profile for the pipe sewer from the water closets of the Kinderberg, the Dairy and Ball-ground house on the Central Park.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 676.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said plan and profile be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Screened Gravel.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the samples of screened gravel, submitted with the proposals received on the 21st inst., in which he states :

“ I find that the sample of Roa Hook gravel furnished by John A. Bouker, the sample furnished by J. S. Masterson, and also that furnished by J. Ryder, are equal in quality and similar to the sample furnished by this Department. The sample submitted by A. J. Howell is also of good quality, but contains a greater proportion of loam. The sample furnished by E. H. Fairchild is inferior to those above mentioned on account of the quantity of slate contained in it, and is therefore not as acceptable for the construction of roads and walks of this Department.”

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 127.)

Filed.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The gravel obtained from the bank known as the Roa Hook bank, has, through a long course of years, been recognized and found to be superior to all other gravel for the use of the parks.

Resolved, That the proposals (Nos. 1 and 5) of Messrs. John A. Bouker and Jesse Ryder, for the delivery of 3,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, be accepted as the lowest bids for the furnishing of the screened gravel required by the Department, that the contract for the delivery of 1,500 cubic yards be awarded to each, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor :

Resolved, That the proposals (Nos. 2 and 3) of Messrs. A. J. Howell and E. H. Fairchild for the delivery of 3,000 cubic yards of screened gravel, be rejected on the ground that the samples furnished by them are not equal in quality to that called for by the specifications, and that the proposal (No. 4) of Mr. John S. Masterson be accepted as the lowest bid, that the contract be awarded to him, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirm-

ative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Schooner "*Samuel Davis.*"

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the claim of Mr. Michael Fitzsimmons for damage to his schooner "*Samuel Davis,*" at the Third Avenue Bridge, in which he states: "From the evidence that I have gathered in relation to this affair, it appears that the draw tender was in no way to blame, and that the accident could only have happened through the ignorance or carelessness of the persons on board the schooner."

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 135.)

Filed.

Patrick Cunningham.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending that Patrick Cunningham, laborer, who is employed in caring for the animals in the Menagerie, be paid at the same rate as the keepers, viz., \$16 per week.

Commissioner O'Donohue moved that said Patrick Cunningham be hereafter employed as a keeper in the Menagerie, and that his pay be fixed at \$16 per week.

(Minutes, June 9, 1875, p. 77.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Statue of La Fafayette.

From Mr. Worthington Whittredge, President of the National Academy of Design, Mr. R. M. Hunt, President of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and

Mr. John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, reporting that they had examined the statue of La Fayette "and find it a work entirely worthy to be placed in Central Park."

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 37.)

Filed.

148th Street.

From Mr. L. B. Brown, in reference to a small strip of land taken from his property by the authorities of the late town of Morrisania, in widening 148th Street, in the 23d Ward.

Referred to the President to reply.

Settees.

From Mr. Irah Chase, President of the Composite Iron Works Company, proposing to sell to the Department settees for the parks.

Filed.

M. E. Sterne.

From Mr. M. E. Sterne, Clerk, asking for leave of absence, on account of ill health, for two weeks, at such times as the Disbursing Clerk can best spare him from duty.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

F. C. A. Hecker.

From Mr. F. C. A. Hecker, messenger, asking that his title be changed to that of clerk.

(Minutes, January 31, 1876, p. 565.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the title of Mr. F. C. A. Hecker be, and hereby is, changed to that of clerk.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Central Gas Light Co. gas.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp and M.....	\$60 00
Egan, K., & Co., waste.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. and M.....	\$2 50
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 50
		<hr/> 5 00
Fischer, Geo. & Bro., slating.....	Museum of Art.	2,650 00
Gatchel, A. S., tubing and cushions....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 60
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$174 00
	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. and M....	60 00
		<hr/> 234 00
<i>Journal of Commerce</i> , sub., 1876.....	Maint. and Govmt' P. and P.....	15 00
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt' P. and P.....	8 25
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	158 52
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	295 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., Ins. Mus. of Nat. His.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	800 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, castings.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	68 39
National Disinfect'g & Preser'g Co., dis- infectant.....	Maint. and Govmt' P. and P.....	15 36
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	623 87
Raynolds, C. T., & Co., cobalt blue.....	Maint. and Govmt' P. and P.....	7 50

Russell, Wm. D., belting.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	\$12 80
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	96 75
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		\$5,054 04

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Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,171 99
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	96 75
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance.....	122 50
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 80
Museum of Art.....	2,650 00
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\$5,054 04	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five thousand and fifty-four dollars and four cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

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The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

City Hall Park Pavement.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the subject of providing a dumping place for the surplus material excavated at the City Hall Park by the contractor, in the work of paving the walks and paths, reported that he had made arrangement with the contractor, Mr. H. A. Gunther, to dispose of all said surplus material elsewhere for the sum of \$150 in addition to the contract price.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 133.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said report be received and approved, and that the President be authorized to enter into an agreement with said H. A. Gunther on the terms stated in said report.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

John Bogart, Superintending Engineer.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the name of John Bogart be placed upon pay-rolls, at the rate of sixteen dollars per day, for construction work, from this date until the 1st day of August, 1876; such appointment not to be construed to sanction his claim for pay for previous services.

(Minutes, February 18th, 1876, p. 644.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore, O'Donohue—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Engineering Corps.

The PRESIDENT moved that the communication of Mr. F. A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer, with reference to work done under his directions, by certain former members of the Engineering corps, and which was presented to the Board on the 24th May, 1876, be taken from the table, and that it, and the subject of allowing pay for past work to members of the Engineering corps, be referred to the Auditing Committee to report upon.

(Minutes, May 24th, 1876, p. 65.)

Adopted.

Maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards be referred to Commissioner Wetmore to examine and report.

Adopted.

Timothy Nolan.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE presented an affidavit of Mr. Thomas O'Reilly charging Timothy Nolan, an employé of the Department, with allowing coal to be stolen from the Department.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said subject be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Museum of Art and Natural History Stock.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York hereby make requisition upon the Comptroller of the city of New York for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the construction of a Museum of Art and a Museum of Natural History, as provided by Sec. 2, Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.

(Minutes, Sept. 8, 1875, p. 265.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Thos. A. Loomis, H. M. Gilbert.

The PRESIDENT stated that, for work connected with Riverside Drive, it was necessary to appoint another rodman and a leveler, and he moved that Mr. Thomas A. Loomis be appointed such leveler, and Mr. Henry M. Gilbert such rodman, that their pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day each, that they be employed only on construction works, and that their pay be charged on the pay-rolls to the "City Parks Improvement Fund," as provided by Sec. 1, Chap. 608, Laws of 1875.

Also, that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail, as they may be required, for work under the Engineers on Riverside Drive, six skilled laborers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Grading Third Avenue.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved, that the subject of the application of this Department to the Common Council, for an amended ordinance for the grading of Third Avenue, from Harlem River to 147th Street, be referred to the President, with power.

(Minutes, Jany. 18, 1876, p. 542.)

Adopted.

Stands on the Battery Park.

The Landscape Architect reported verbally that, although the conditions of the Battery Park are somewhat exceptional, and a refreshment saloon on that Park would doubtless be of service to the public, yet, as establishing an inconvenient

precedent he could not advise the Board to grant the application of either Mr. J. P. Ryan or Mrs. F. Doran.

(Minutes, June 9 and 21, pp. 103 and 135.)

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, that the great number of people resorting to the Battery for recreation and pleasure, and the lack of any place of refreshment in that vicinity adapted to the class of visitors at the Battery, was a strong reason in favor of granting the application; that Mr. J. P. Ryan was recommended as a suitable person, and he moved that a license be granted to Mr. Ryan to keep a refreshment house on the Battery; that plans be prepared for a building, to be erected by the Department and paid for by the licensee out of the license fee received, that an agreement with Mr. Ryan be prepared, and that the plans and agreement be reported at the next meeting.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

East River Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that a license and permission be given to Mr. Jacob Seabold, Jr., to keep a refreshment saloon on the East River Park; that the President be requested to prepare and submit at the next meeting of the Board, a suitable agreement to be entered into with said Seabold, and that the question of the ferry house and the occupant, Henry Baxter, be referred to the President to report.

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

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Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

On motion of Commissioner O'DONOHUE, the Board adjourned at 12.15 o'clock P. M., to meet on July 12th, 1876, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following work, viz. :

Paving the roadway through Washington Square, leading from Fifth Avenue to South Fifth Avenue.

(Minutes, June 28th, 1876, p. 153.)

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS,
“ WETMORE.

A quorum not being present, the opening of the proposals was adjourned until half-past nine o'clock A. M., on Wednesday the 26th inst.

The Board then met in adjourned session.

Present—Commissioner STEBBINS,
“ WETMORE.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

GEO. C. COFFIN,
Assistant Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 28th of June and 12th July, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Drainage of the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the PRESIDENT, calling his attention to the exclusive authority of this Department, under the terms of Chap. 604, Laws of 1874, to prepare plans for the drainage of the 23d and 24th Wards, and asking that the officer in charge of certain drainage work in those wards, which the Department of Public Works was directed to proceed with by a recent resolution of the Common Council, be directed to co-operate with the Civil and Topographical Engineer of this Department, in order that the work may be executed in accordance with the plans of this Department; in which communication the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works states as follows: “I do not intend to proceed in the matter without examining further into the

“question of the proper authority for doing this work and
 “complying with every condition necessary to legalize the
 “assessment, and will consult with you before any steps are
 “taken towards the execution of the work.”

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 97.)

Filed.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of a resolution of said Board authorizing the Comptroller of the city to issue “City Parks Improvement Fund Stocks” to the amount of \$25,000.

(Minutes, May 31st, 1876, p. 71.)

Filed.

Museums of Art and Natural History Stock.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of a resolution of said Board authorizing the Comptroller of the city to issue “Museum of Art and Natural History Stock” to the amount of \$25,000:

(Minutes, June 28th, 1876, p. 161.)

Filed.

F. W. Brown.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that Frederick W. Brown, Messenger in his office, be promoted to the position of Clerk, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

(Minutes, October 20, 1875, p. 340.)

Laid over until next meeting.

Sale of Lambs.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending that sixty-five lambs, which are not required on the parks, be sold.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said lambs be sold at public auction.

Adopted.

Cats in Central Park.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending that an officer be detailed to shoot cats, which infest the Central Park in great numbers and destroy the birds.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President with power.

Adopted.

Reports of Menagerie for 1874 and 1875.

From the Director of the Menagerie, requesting that 400 copies of his reports of the menagerie for the years 1874 and 1875 be printed in advance of the publication of the Fourth General Report.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to make requisition upon the Board of City Record for the printing of 400 copies of the Report of the Menagerie for the years 1874 and 1875, in advance of the publication of the Fourth General Report.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1876, p. 115.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Exhibition of the N. Y. Horticultural Association.

From the Superintending Gardener, reporting that the New York Horticultural Association had awarded the first prize of \$50 to the collection exhibited from this Department, as the best collection of plants arranged for effect ; and asking what disposition shall be made of the prize money.

(Minutes, April 19, 1876, p. 752.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the said communication and subject be referred to the President, with power to allow

the Superintending Gardener to receive and keep said prize, if it can be legally done.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

New County Court House.

From Mr. W. Blackstone, Chairman of the New County Court House Commission, asking permission to erect a temporary enclosure in the City Hall Park, round said Court House, during the completion of the building.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President, with power.

Adopted.

Statue of La Fayette.

From Mr. Henry W. Stuckle, on behalf of the committee for the erection of the statue of General La Fayette, requesting that a site for said statue be designated at the south end of Union Square, in place of in the Central Park.

(Minutes, June 28, 1876, p. 156.)

Laid over until next meeting.

Edwin B. Jennings.

From Mr. Edwin B. Jennings, applying for the position of Assistant-Engineer, Rodman or Draughtsman.

(Minutes, Oct. 8, 1875, p. 316.)

Filed.

E. C. Morrison.

From Mr. E. C. Morrison, late Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, in reply to a communication of the President, asking an explanation of certain deficiencies in his account of tools at the time of his vacating his office, and in which he states that

he still has in his possession eleven shovels, eight picks, five crowbars, one wheelbarrow and one spike hammer.

The PRESIDENT stated, that he had directed the Disbursing Clerk not to pay Mr. Morrison the amount due him, until further orders, and he then moved that Mr. Morrison's explanation be accepted as satisfactory, and that the Disbursing Clerk be directed to pay him the amount due him for his services, when the Property Clerk certifies that he has received the tools, &c., still in his (Mr. Morrison's) hands, as mentioned in his communication.

(Minutes, June 14, 1876, p. 125.)

Adopted.

Religious Services on the Battery.

From the Rev. J. T. Marchant, asking permission to hold religious services on the Battery Park.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 116.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the request be refused, on the ground that it is contrary to the established rules and policy of the Department.

Adopted.

Camera Obscura.

From Mr. Jonas Chandler, requesting permission to erect a Camera Obscura in Central Park.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 137.)

Refused.

Thomas F. Shay.

From Mr. Henry A. Gumbleton and others, recommending Mr. Thomas F. Shay for a position on the police force.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner STEBBINS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Annin & Co., flags and ensigns	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$88 00
Allen, R. H. & Co., scythes	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	31 50
Byrne, Jas. E., oats, straw, etc.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	179 02
Dodworth's Band, music.	Independence Day.	845 00
Dodworth's Band, music.	Music Central Pk.	270 00
Eureka Chair & Seat Co., reps. to chairs.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	7 50
Gates, Church E., & Co., lumber.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	21 60
Grafulla, C. S., music.	Music Central Pk.	550 00
Gordon, Robert, Actg. Treas., ex- penses Museum of Art.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	533 32
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	26 94
Hotchkiss, Guy C, Field & Co., carriage hardware.	City Parks Impt. Fund	10 20
Keuffel & Esser, engineers' ma- terials.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$19 44
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	1 80
		21 24
King, Briggs & Co., files.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	17 25
McNab & Harlem Mfg. Co., plumb- ing, matts.	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	\$ 75
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	2 38
		\$ 13

Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.. Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	\$ 45	
City Parks Impt. Fund.....	6 03	
	<hr/>	6 48
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas- meter.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	39 50
Murphy, S. O. A., paints, oils, etc..	City Parks Imp. Fund.....	41 23
New Jersey Steel & Iron Co., iron beams.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	698 42
Poillon, C. & R., lumber.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.....	636 68
Shepperd, F., repairs to sprinklers.	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	56 93
Shepperd, G., plumbing materials..	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	24 87
Van Riper, Chas., hardware and nails.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	9 00
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal and wood.	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	13 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hard- ware and nails.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$7 45
City Parks Impt. Fund.....	8 10	
Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	1 60	
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		\$4,147 96

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$917 41
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,437 35
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	128 20
Independence Day.....	845 00
Music—Central Park.....	820 00
	\$4,147 96

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one hundred and forty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
Auditing Committee.

New York, July 19th, 1876.

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

Bancroft & Yetter, royalty on sprinkler.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$50 00
Bartlett, J. W., globes....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	50 00
Bell, Thomas, repairs to harness..	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1875.....	1 35
Bell, Thomas, repairs to harness..	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	8 50
Bouker, John A., gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	285 35
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vege- tables.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	37 90
Coffin, Paul C. & Co., screws and nails.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	22 85
Cross, Jas. R., petty expenses....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	63 61

Cottier, John, repairs to clocks...	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$2 50	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	4 00	
			<u>6 50</u>
Devlin, John B., paving.....	Paving 8d ave., from Westchester ave. to northern boundary 23d Ward.....		2,867 60
Donegan, C. E., bread and soda biscuit.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		64 54
Early & Lane, wooden ware, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		15 75
Everhard, Jas., paving.....	Paving 3d ave., from Westchester ave. to northern boundary 23d Ward.....		6,475 58
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	15 62	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	46 88	
			<u>62 50</u>
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	269 50	
	Museum Natural History.....	5 50	
			<u>275 00</u>
Hill's Archimedean Lawn Mower Co., "wipers".....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		18 90
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	42 19	
	City Parks Imp. Fund.....	70 30	
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	18 27	
	Music Cent'l Park.	1 00	
			<u>181 76</u>

King, Joseph, keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....		30 00
Lester Oil Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	31 50	
	Maint. Harlem R. Bridges.....	9 00	
			40 50
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		387 48
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas- meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		64 75
Mallory & Co, manila rope.....	Independence day		22 33
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas- meter.....	Maint. & Govmt. P and P.....		4 75
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	973 35	
	Museum Natural History.....	45 90	
			1,019 25
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk...	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		21 06
Vaux, Calvert, commissions.....	Museum of Art...		375 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office..	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		40 00
Wall's Sons, Wm., rope.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		12 54
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		25 65
Wheatly, R. R., oats, hay, &c.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		36 96
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			\$12,517 99

“fendants,” which had been served on the Department, restraining it from taking possession of the premises in the East River Park, occupied by the plaintiffs. The President then reported that he had, by request of the Counsel for the Corporation, appeared for the Department, and obtained an order dissolving said injunction order, and he moved that said papers be placed on file.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Paving.

W. H. Grant.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, that there is no appropriation out of which this Department can direct the payment of the bill of Mr. William H. Grant, Engineer, amounting to \$297, for professional services, in making an inspection of the pavement of Third avenue.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 69.)

Accepted.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following preambles and resolution, viz. :

Whereas, There is due and unpaid to Mr. William H. Grant, Engineer, the sum of \$297, for professional services, in making an inspection of the paving of Third avenue in the Twenty-third ward, and

Whereas, There is no appropriation under the control of this Department, out of which said sum can be directed to be paid,

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer from any unexpended balance the sum of \$297, for the purpose of enabling said bill so due to said W. H. Grant to be paid.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

M. Curley.

The PRESIDENT reported that there is still due to Mr. M. Curley, carriage manufacturer, a small bill for repairs to a wagon of the Department, which he had executed under a regular order from the Department, in the year 1872, and that there is now no appropriation out of which to direct said bill to be paid. He, therefore, offered the following preambles and resolution, viz. :

Whereas, There is still due and unpaid to M. Curley, carriage manufacturer, the sum of \$54.30, for repairs to a wagon belonging to the Department of Public Parks, and which repairs were made by him in the year 1872, and

Whereas, There is now no appropriation out of which said sum can be paid,

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer from any unexpended balance the sum of \$54.30, for the purpose of enabling said bill so due to said M. Curley to be paid.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Engineering Corps.

Commissioner STEBBINS, from the Auditing Committee, reported verbally in relation to the following named former members of the Engineering corps, viz., E. A. Miller, J. C. Trimbell and Peter Kelly ; and, inasmuch as they rendered services to the Department subsequent to the termination of their employment on the 15th day of January last, without which service the Department would have been very much embarrassed and its work retarded, he recommended that they be paid for such time as they actually worked subsequent to January 15th last, and for which they have not been paid, at the rates of pay allowed them respectively prior to January 15th,

1876, and that their pay be charged to the "City Parks' Improvement Fund," as provided by Sec. 1, Chap. 608, Laws of 1875.

He also requested leave for the Committee to make a further report upon the amounts due to other members of said Engineering corps.

(Minutes June 28th, 1876, p. 160.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board, and that the Auditing Committee be given leave to make a further report upon the remaining members of the Engineering Corps.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WETMORE, made a partial report, verbally, upon the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards, and recommended that, inasmuch as Acker Merrill, Messenger in the office of the Superintendent of said wards, performed the work of clerk as well as that of messenger, that his pay be raised from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day.

(Minutes, June 28th, 1870, p. 161.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the consideration of said report be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Screened Gravel, Broken Stone, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution, viz. :

Whereas, The contract for gravel and broken stone for the maintenance of the roads in the 23d and 24th Wards was awarded by this Department to John A. Bouker on the 19th

May last, and the proposal of said John A. Bouker was sent to the Comptroller for his action on the sureties on the 23d May last, and has not yet been returned by him, in consequence of which the work of repairing the roads in those wards has been delayed,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to act on the approval of the sureties immediately.

(Minutes, May 19th, 1876, p. 52.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore.—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 26th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following work, viz :

Paving the roadway through Washington Square, leading from Fifth Avenue to South Fifth Avenue.

(Minutes, July 12, 1876, p. 165.)

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The Comptroller of the City.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had received an opinion from the Counsel to the Corporation upon the objection raised by the Comptroller of the City, on the 21st June last, viz., that the work of repaving said roadway was the duty of the Department of Public Works and not of the Department of Public Parks, in which the Counsel to the Corporation states as follows :

“ Under the circumstances, I am compelled to the conclusion “ that the land described in the petition and order,” (being the greater portion of the roadway proposed to be paved), “ ceased “ on the 25th February, 1870, to be a part of the public parks, “ and became part of the public streets.

* * * * *
“ I am therefore, of the opinion, that so much of the present “ roadway through Washington Square as was included in the “ proceedings for the opening and extension of Laurens Street, “ is not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public “ Parks.”

Filed.

On motion of Commissioner WETMORE, the said opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation was ordered to be filed, and the opening of the proposals was adjourned until Wednesday the 9th August, 1876, at half-past nine o'clock A. M.

The Comptroller of the City then retired, and the Board met in adjourned session.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
 “ O'DONOHUE.
 “ WETMORE.

Statue of the late W. H. Seward.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the order of business was suspended, and Messrs. Richard Schell and George J. Forrest, from the Committee of Citizens, who offer to present the statue of the late William H. Seward, were received. Mr. Randolph Rogers, the artist of said statue, was also received.

These gentlemen then requested that permission be given to place the statue on Madison Square, near Fifth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, in place of on the Central Park; and they offered, if the permission were granted, to pay all expenses of the construction of the foundations of the pedestal for the statue.

The PRESIDENT then stated that he had, in company with the Landscape Architect, examined the various sites on the Central Park where the statue could be placed; and that both the Landscape Architect and he were of the opinion that a site at the southwest corner of Madison Square was the best, and most appropriate for the statue, and that they had in the first place suggested this site to the Committee.

The Committee then retired, and the President offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the statue of the late Wm. H. Seward be placed at the southwest corner of Madison Square.

That the Superintendent of Parks be, and hereby is, directed to make such changes in the walks of that portion of Madison Square as may be rendered necessary by the erection of said statue; and that the Committee of Citizens presenting said statue be, and hereby are, permitted to construct the foundations for said statue, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 134.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Minutes.

The order of business was then resumed, and the minutes of the previous meetings of June 23th, July 12th and 19th, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read:

Tompkins Square.

From his Honor the Mayor, transmitting a copy of the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 22d June, viz.:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, respectfully requested to make a thorough investigation of the causes that have produced the present outrageous condition of the surface of Tompkins Square, and if it is proved true that the present Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks then in office, and who authorized the destruction of said square, and expended thereon, as is alleged, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, in violation of law and in opposition to the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, the legal adviser of the city officials, then that he prefer charges against such Commissioners, and submit the same, with the testimony taken at such investigation, to his Excellency the Governor, and request his assent to the removal from office of such derelict Commissioners.

His Honor the Mayor also asks for a full report "of all the facts in and about the matters and things in the resolution mentioned or referred to."

The PRESIDENT then presented and read a letter which he had prepared in answer to the communication of his Honor the Mayor.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the letter prepared by the President be approved, that it be entered at length on the minutes, and that it be forwarded to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 144.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

(REPLY.)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East). }
NEW YORK, 26th July, 1876.

To the Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,

Mayor of the City of New York :

Sir,—We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th July instant, communicating the resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen in reference to Tompkins Square, and we propose to reply to it, although the resolution has since been rescinded by the Board.

The origin of this resolution is evident, from the letter of the Comptroller, on the same subject, to Mr. Otterburg and others, dated 6th July, 1876, in which their purport is expanded into definite charges against this Department.

The Comptroller himself is the sole cause of the condition of this square.

It would have been completed last fall but for Comptroller Green's obstructions. The Comptroller has done his best to thwart the work, so that he could take advantage of its present unfortunate condition, unjustly to throw the blame of his own actions upon this Department. The proof of the Comptroller's responsibility for the condition of Tompkins Square is herewith furnished.

The money which pays for the work upon this square was received under an appropriation by the Legislature of 1875. Commissioners Martin and O'Donohue procured the appropriation. Neither of the other Commissioners aided in it, and Comptroller Green used every effort to defeat the appropriation, both before the Senate Committee and the Governor, but he was unsuccessful.

As soon as the bill was signed, the plan for this work was ordered to completion. Commissioners Stebbins and Williamson, who, in the Board as then constituted, represented the views and followed the policy of the Comptroller, refused to put any men at work on Tompkins Square, although it was urged repeatedly by Commissioners Martin and O'Donohue, until 27th September, 1875, and then they consented to only half the number required. On 23d October, Commissioner Martin moved for fifty additional laborers in order to complete Tompkins Square, and it was defeated by the negative votes of Messrs. Stebbins and Williamson.

The result of this was that, for want of a sufficient number of workmen, the work was not completed before the winter set in. With the number asked for it could have been finished.

The work which was done in the fall of 1875 was done by the day, under the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, addressed to the Comptroller under date of 1st November, 1875, in which, in an examination of this question, he says:

"Under these circumstances my opinion is that the Park Department have authority, with reference to the Riverside Park and Tompkins Square, to

"do the work contemplated either by contract or day's work, or in such manner as they shall deem best."

In December the Comptroller raised the objection that the work should be done by contract and not by the day, and he refused to meet the pay-rolls. In consequence of this new obstacle from Comptroller Green the work was obliged to be suspended in January,

In March the plans and specifications were ordered for the grading and curbing of the square, and a contract for this part of the work was in due time advertised and given out, and the work has been begun.

The remainder of the work on the square can be done best by day's work. It is park work; the grading of the green sward, the planting of trees, the shaping of the terraced mound at the southwest corner, and the arbor at the northwest corner. In the nature of the case, and like other park work, this cannot advantageously be done by contract. We take the ground that we have a right to do it, as park work, in which we have been supported by the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, given 1st November, 1875. It is these fruitless and frivolous questions raised by the Comptroller, founded on his opposition to our refusal to reduce the rate of wages, and to the system of day's work, that has delayed the prosecution of this work to the present time. Comptroller Green is solely responsible for this delay. The members of this Board, except those who followed the policy and carried out the views of the Comptroller, have been strenuous in their efforts for the prosecution of this work, and no cause or reason of any kind can be found for the delay or for its present condition, except in the obstructions of the Comptroller.

There are two points on which we have always differed from him; the first is, that we have steadily refused to reduce the wages of the laborer; secondly, we have insisted on doing, by the day and not by contract, work which cannot be done by contract.

These are the only points that we know of, to account for his obstructions.

Tompkins Square was originally laid out in paths and green sward and planted with trees, much the same as Washington Square. In 1870 the trees and grass were removed, having been mainly destroyed by misuse, a tar concrete surface was substituted, and it was turned into an open plaza for military parades. To restore it to grass and foliage would have required the removal of the existing surface and a heavy deposit of mould in its place, which would have been very expensive. A plan was adopted, more economical in treatment and advantageous in effect, on the recommendation of Mr. Olmsted, by which the centre was reserved for a parade ground, and triangles on each corner for grass and planting and for park purposes; on the southwest corner a terraced mound is provided, from which the whole surface of the square can be surveyed, and the northwest corner will be ornamented with an arbor and a fountain. This plan meets all the needs of the public service, and it would have been completed last winter except for the obstructions of the Comptroller, which he properly described as "wholly inexcusable."

In his futile attempt to throw the blame of his own faults over upon this Department, the Comptroller had no other resource than to assign the trouble to false causes. 1st. That there was a lack of experience and ability in the present administration of the Department; and 2dly. That its attention was diverted from its proper duties to personal animosities and political campaigning. He will not in this way be able to turn the attention of the people from the vices of his own previous and long administration of this Department, and his more recent struggle to continue its direction furtively—vices which we are engaged in reforming thoroughly.

We charge directly and distinctly upon the preceding administration of the Department, which was in the hands of the gentleman whom he sought to have made its single and sole head, and which was mainly controlled by his views, that the abuses which we have reformed were those which he had originated, which had filled the Department with partisans, and brought its administration to the highest stage of extravagance and the lowest stage of efficiency.

1st. We have displaced many of these partisans, and each vacancy has been filled by men appointed solely on the ground of superior merit. When it is added

that the men removed were the personal followers of the Comptroller, who were capable of meeting his wishes and imitating, on an inferior scale, his political practices, we describe the worst class of men who can infest a city department.

2d. We have also changed the whole policy of the Department. It waits no longer for the approval of the Comptroller, or any other external officer, upon its measures, and it no longer drifts from plan to plan, and from day to day, at the pleasure of subordinate employés, without executive head or forethought. In place of it we have undertaken an administration which, in the end, will produce results more serviceable to the people with less money, and (despite the efforts of the Comptroller to obstruct us) greater efficiency of management at less expense than has ever before been obtained in its history. In the most effective and conclusive way, to wit, by contrast of the present and the future with the past, we shall utterly condemn the expensive and useless projects of Mr. Green, while he led the Department, and put an end to that reckless extravagance of expenditure, of which there are so many unfinished examples left as his legacies for us to repair, and complete.

His attacks upon us are adroit in two respects:

1st. He charges upon us the very faults which he has been guilty of, and which he knows a reformed administration will steadily bring to light, even though it must expose the errors of his management.

2d. In respect to Tompkins Square, he creates the evil the people complain of, in order to have the opportunity of making out of it a false accusation against the administration which alone, and in spite of him, has accomplished everything that has been done for it. The Comptroller is too well known, and to too many people, to cause any apprehension that any one will be misled by his statements or his charges. To give him an ample opportunity, we challenge him to state a single fact, in respect to Tompkins Square, which will show that the blame for its unfinished condition rests upon any one else than himself or the persons he has influenced, or to state a single fact sustaining any of his charges or instructions. No such fact exists.

In order to obviate further obstructions by the Comptroller, and to prevent him from refusing to meet the pay-rolls, a resolution was introduced on the 9th day of June, in the Board of Aldermen, giving us authority to do the work on Tompkins Square by the day. This resolution was pending before them at the time they passed the resolution finding fault with us, which you transmit to us. They permitted the Comptroller to put them in the inconsistent position of blaming us for the delay in the work of which he was the sole cause, while they were refusing to pass this resolution authorizing us to do the work.

On the 22d of July, instant, they passed the resolution under which, if you approve it, we will now be authorized to go on with this work, limiting its effect to the first day of September next. This, everybody knows, is an insufficient time in which to complete the work, for none of the planting, for instance, can be done before November; but it gives them the opportunity, in face of their own actions and in opposition to the truth, to assume that they and not we have been making determined efforts for the completion of Tompkins Square.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

W. R. MARTIN,

President D. P. P.

Pay-rolls.

From his Honor the Mayor, forwarding a copy of the following communication which he had received from the Comptroller of the city concerning the pay-rolls of this De-

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partment, and asking that "if the causes for complaint therein contained are just, that they be remedied, if in the power of the Department so to do."

(COPY LETTER OF THE COMPTROLLER.)

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

June 26, 1876.

HON. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,

Mayor :

Sir,—Herewith I transmit to you the pay-rolls of the Department of Public Parks for the two weeks ending June 17, 1876, with warrants therefor amounting to \$15,242.73.

I have signed the warrants because the laborers and employees upon the rolls have, as I am advised, a just and legal claim for their services, and should not suffer by delay on account of irregularities in the management of the affairs of that Department.

But, in transmitting these pay-rolls, I call your attention to the fact that they are not made out in accordance with forms and methods of keeping the accounts which have been prescribed by the Finance Department, and which should be done in order to enable this Department to examine and audit the pay-rolls properly and correctly, in conformity with the law.

I have repeatedly brought this matter to the attention of the Department of Parks, and requested that the pay-rolls shall be made out correctly, and the information furnished which is necessary for the guidance of this Department in examining and auditing them. In the absence of such information this Department can exercise no check upon wasteful and unlawful expenditures by the Department of Public Parks, and it cannot be ascertained whether the work charged for has been performed in accordance with law.

Very respectfully,
(Signed)

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read a reply to the communication of his Honor the Mayor.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said reply be approved, that it be entered at length on the minutes, and that it be forwarded to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 108.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

(REPLY TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square (East.)
New York, July 26th, 1876. }

HON. WM. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor of the City of New York:

Sir,—In reply to your letter of 5th July, inst., transmitting one to you from the Comptroller, of 26th June, I have the honor to submit copies of all the correspondence between this Department and the Comptroller since 1st May, 1876, on the subject of our pay-rolls, to wit:

1. Letter from Comptroller, dated 11 May, 1876.
2. Letter from this Department, dated 17 May, 1876.
3. Letter from this Department, dated 9 June, 1876.

(Here follows the above mentioned letters in full, and which are to be found on pages 89 and 109 of the minutes of May 19th and June 9th, 1876.)

From this correspondence it will be clear—

1st. That we keep and render the accounts in the forms which have been prescribed by the Comptroller, which have been in use by us, and accepted as sufficient by him since 1873.

2d. That these accounts give the Comptroller all the information that he has asked for, to the full extent to which he has notified us of what he wants.

3d. That he has not prescribed any new or different forms for keeping and rendering the accounts.

4th. That we are willing to give him any information as to these accounts that he wants, but that he has not specified any.

You will see that all the substantial statements of his letter, to wit:

1st. That the pay-rolls are not made out in accordance with the form which he has prescribed;

2d. That he has repeatedly requested that the pay-rolls should be made out correctly,

3d. That information should be furnished him which is necessary for the guidance of the Finance Department;—
are precisely contradicted by the facts.

His statements are probably supported in his own mind by the circumstance that he has written letters on the business of the Department to individual Commissioners, and has written letters to the Department, and enclosed and addressed them to individual Commissioners.

These letters have never been received by the Board, nor have their contents become known to them.

The practice of corresponding privately with different Commissioners on such separate topics of business as the Comptroller might select, and of sending letters to the Department addressed to individual Commissioners, at their offices or residences, it was foreseen, would lead to so many delays and embarrassments that the Board, on the 21st June, 1876, adopted the following preamble and resolution:

“Whereas, The Comptroller has recently adopted the practice of addressing communications, relating to business between himself and this Department, to one or more individual Commissioners, and of addressing others to the Department, and then enclosing them to an individual Commissioner.

“In view of the proprieties of official correspondence, and in order to prevent confusion and embarrassment to the public business:

“Resolved, That such letters will not be received or considered by the Board.”

It cannot cause any inconvenience to the Comptroller to send his official correspondence directly to this Department, and we will not allow ourselves to be drawn into any of his irregular practices of entangling and embarrassing public affairs.

He has chosen to use language in his letter to you which implies that there are irregularities in the management of our affairs, and wasteful and unlawful expenditures. Persons familiar with the moods of the Comptroller will recognize such imputations as his habit, when he knows that he is in the wrong.

He knows that he cannot state any facts in support of such imputations.

The member of our Board, to whom the Comptroller asked the Legislature to give the whole powers of the Department, and constitute its single head, has repeatedly moved to reduce the rate of wages, but these motions have always been defeated.

For such of our work as can advantageously be done by contract, we have adopted that mode of doing it; while for such as cannot advantageously be done in that way, we have continued the method of day's work.

Besides these two points, we do not know of any differences with the Comptroller. If we could expect him to face the responsibility of declaring these or any of our operations as "irregular, wasteful or unlawful," we would meet him, and for every one of his false accusations, show ten distinct reforms in economy and efficiency, since the time when he had the control or directed the management of this Department.

We do not expect this from him, for he can never face the facts; but in due time, our work will show contrasts with his, which we will not hesitate to publish, and which will show him to be the originator of the useless and extravagant projects in this Department, which have proved to be so disastrous to the public.

We are now conducting the general maintenance of the Parks at an expense one-half less than that of either of the few preceding years, and are enforcing economy in every field of our work, and, with greater efficiency of management, we are producing results every way more beneficial to the public.

No one knows this better than the Comptroller. The proof of it is found in this: that in all his attacks upon us, at the present time, or before the Legislature last winter, he has never passed from vague and scandalous charges to the definite specification of a single fact.

A letter has recently—on the 12th July ult.—been received from Comptroller Green on the subject, in which he conforms to the request made in our letter of 11th June, and prescribes new forms for the accounts. This is now under consideration to its practicability, and the additions which will be necessary to the clerical force. By this letter he concedes the whole point of the correspondence, and shows that we have, up to this time, fully conformed to everything, in respect to the accounts, which we had been required to do.

I am, sir,

Yours respectfully,

WM. R. MARTIN,

President D. P. P.

Pay-rolls.

From the Comptroller of the City, enclosing a form of pay-roll, and prescribing as follows, viz :

"That a separate pay-roll shall be prepared by the Department of Public Parks in the form hereto annexed, properly certified by the Commissioners of said Department, of the persons employed by said Department on each different work or kind of work conducted and carried on by said Department, and the location of each of said works respectively.

"That there shall also be made out and transmitted to the Finance Department, with each pay-roll, a schedule stating the account to which the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks deem it proper that the total amount of said pay-rolls should be charged.

"That the said pay-rolls be so prepared by the Department of Public Parks, that no employee on any work, payable out of taxation as prescribed by the Board of Estimate and

“ Apportionment, shall be included on the same roll with work payable from the proceeds of any other account or fund.”

The PRESIDENT then presented and read a report upon the subject of the Comptroller’s communication.

Commissioner O’DONOHUE moved that said report be received and printed at length on the minutes.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 108, and page 189.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O’Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, ON THE SUBJECT OF PRESCRIPTIONS
OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, WITH REFERENCE TO THE
PREPARATION OF THE PAY-ROLLS.

The letter from Comptroller Green, upon the form of keeping and rendering the accounts, dated 8th July, 1876, was sent to the office of this Department on the 12th instant.

I.—It contains the first indication ever received from the Comptroller as to the changes he desired in the form of keeping and rendering accounts. His language—which for one so well acquainted as he is with the accounts, seems to be purposely obscure—calls for the following changes in the making up of the pay-rolls.

1st. That the men who are employed on maintenance work and paid out of the moneys received from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, shall be placed on pay-rolls distinct from those on construction work paid for out of the moneys appropriated by the Legislature ; and that this shall be done even in the case of a laborer who works a part of his time on each class of work, and that each laborer shall appear on each separate pay-roll for the time he gives to each distinct work.

2d. That the different works or kinds of work, and their location, whether of construction or maintenance, shall be placed on separate pay-rolls. This appears to refer to the subdivision of maintenance and construction money. There is no indication that this subdivision should extend further.

3d. That these pay-rolls shall be accompanied by a schedule,

in which they are summarized under the head of the accounts, to which the different pay-rolls are chargeable.

II.—Under the existing appropriation the following classifications are made by the sources from which the appropriation is derived.

1. Maintenance money, appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Salaries.
Police.
Maintenance of Parks (and Museums).
Harlem River Bridges.
Music Central Park.
Independence day.
Maintenance and government 23d and 24th Wards.
Rebuilding and repairs Bronx river bridges.
Surveying, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.
City Hall pavement.

2. Construction money under Chapter 908, Laws of 1875.

III.—These are the only subdivisions of work recognized by the authority which has made the appropriation, and to which we are under any legal obligation to conform. Since the Comptroller has failed to define any further subdivisions, although the whole subject is minutely within his own knowledge, we are not to infer that he means anything more than the law requires.

In any view, to go beyond the subdivision above indicated will materially interfere with the operations of the Department, and will increase the expense of the clerical force without any advantage.

IV.—For a long period of years the method of conducting the operations of the Department have been as follows:

The men have been grouped in gangs under different foremen, each covering certain kinds of mechanical work, or else general work in a certain locality.

The following are the subdivisions at the present time:

1. Foreman Treadwell, over the carpenter's work, with about fifteen men.

2. Foreman Van Riper, over the machinist's work, with about twelve men.

3. Foreman Croft, over the mason's, with about fifty men (including fifteen laborers).

4. Foreman Smith, over rock excavation work, with about twenty-five men.

5. Foreman Meehan, over the stables, with about thirty-five men.

6. Foreman McGovern, over the upper section of the Park, with about eighty men.

7. Foreman Hodges, over the central section of the Park, with about fifty-two men.

8. Foreman Crowley, over the lower section of the Park, with about sixty men.

9. Foreman Flanagan, over the small City Parks above Canal Street, with about twenty men.

10. Foreman Crimmins, on the small City Parks below Canal Street, with about ten men.

11. Foreman Johnson, on East River Park, with about forty-five men.

The first four of these foremen follow their mechanical work in whatever locality work of their kind is going on. The remaining seven supervise all the work of all kinds, both maintenance and construction, within their allotted district, except the mechanical work coming under the first four foremen.

Each one of these foremen attends to all the work that comes within his supervision, with the same men, and men are used in maintenance work or construction work as the work is ready to be done. It often happens that men are transferred from a piece of maintenance work to a piece of construction work, and that one man may be employed on several different works on the same day. In the actual operation in the field, an economical method requires that the same men shall be employed on the work that at the time needs to be done, and that construction and maintenance work may be put before them in frequent alternation. In this respect, the division between the maintenance and construction accounts is artificial; for instance, the carpenter's gang may be employed for a whole or part of the day upon repairs of a building which is maintenance, and then transferred, a part of them, to the new boat house, which is construction, and the rest of them to repair one of the wild animal's cages, which is maintenance; and this duty of keeping the men constantly employed, and the work rapidly pushed, is the test of a capable foreman.

It will appear from this that the distinction between maintenance and construction work is, in some sense, arbitrary; for instance, the graveling of a road when it has been washed away is maintenance, and the extension of the same road up to the gate, where it had been left unfinished, is construction. Setting out new trees is construction, and pruning standing ones is maintenance. These distinctions are sometimes nice, but they are settled upon long established rules and practice in the Department, which are applied with precision to meet these distinctions, and they are points on which the Department, if they have any function at all, must exercise an unquestioned judgment.

By the present practice, the foreman of each gang divides

the aggregate of hours his men (say 30) have worked that day (say 240 hours) upon the different pieces of work upon which they have been employed, for instance—

	Hours.
Road—repairing	40
Road—constructing	130
Planting	20
Grass cutting	8
Cleaning walks	25
Care of buildings	7
Preparing manure	10
	240

and this return goes to the Superintendent, who marks these works respectively as construction or maintenance, according to established principles, for this duty is not left to the foremen; the pay-rolls are made out for these men every two weeks; the amount for each gang is added together, and the aggregate of the pay-rolls of all the gangs is divided into two items, showing how much of it went to construction and how much to maintenance.

V.—To make the change proposed by the Comptroller of placing each man on a separate pay-roll for the time he gives to construction work and the time he gives to maintenance work, when they are transferred so frequently from one piece of work to another, and each gang has so many different items of work to attend to, both of maintenance and construction, will require an account to be kept with each laborer, and their transition is so frequent as to require a large increase in the clerical force. They will require also a new system of time books and foremen's returns and the preparation of new blanks.

VI.—From this outline of the field work of the Department, it is apparent that it is not necessary to make any further sub-divisions than as above set forth, for the following reasons:

1st. The law does not require it.

2d. The details of work are entirely within the control and management of this Department, and not of the Comptroller; our actions and determinations are not subordinate either to his judgment or criticism. These are among our unquestionable powers and duties, and the law makes our conclusions binding upon the Comptroller. This is a situation which there is no propriety in our changing.

3d. The present method of keeping the accounts will exhibit all that is above stated, if we have the increase of the clerical

force above indicated, for it will necessarily require, instead of a division of the aggregate of the hours each gang are employed, an individual account with each laborer.

4th. The power given the Comptroller under the 29th Section of the Charter, to prescribe the form of keeping and rendering the accounts, refers to those accounts which we are by law required to keep and render. It does not give the Comptroller any new legislative powers to require of us more than the law imposes on us.

Comptroller Green has now, and has had for many years, an accurate knowledge of all the modes of operations of the Department, and of all that is here stated; and until he chooses to indicate some more minute subdivision, it is proper to assume that he wants of us exactly what the law requires us to give.

VII.—I therefore recommend:

1st. That new time-books and the necessary blanks be prepared, and requisition made for printing of the same.

2d. That, when these books and blanks are obtained and approved, the accounts be kept and rendered as follows:

(a.) Showing the men employed on maintenance and those on construction on separate pay-rolls, including the case where the same man does both kinds of work.

(b.) That the nature or kind of work be subdivided according to the requirements of law, as stated in the second paragraph, with a description of the location to the same extent.

3d. That at the outset, an attempt be made to do the additional clerical work with one more clerk.

VIII.—In addition to the business points, which are proper subjects of his communication, and which have been above fairly considered, the Comptroller lowers his office to make his official correspondence the vehicle of his personal spite, of attempts at petty annoyance, and for deliberate falsehoods. In these respects he is not to be sheltered or protected by the proprieties of an official correspondence. His action, in doing so, makes it the duty of this Department to meet these attacks at once, to put the proper stamp on him, and to make the proper distinction between the official intercourse which they are compelled to have with him, and his shameless conduct as a man.

IX.—Since the control of the Department was changed in May of this year, and the Comptroller saw that his traditional modes of administration were subverted, his hold upon it lost, and that every change would bring to light the corruptions and abuses that have grown under his fostering care, his instinct led him to recognize the necessity of making some attack on the Department, and he had to resort to falsehood when he

could find no facts to serve him. He began by the practice of writing communications personally to one, or to three, of the four Commissioners, and not to the Department or to its officers. When he found that these communications were treated as they deserved, he resorted to the practice of heading his letters to the Department, and then enclosing them in envelopes addressed to an individual Commissioner, and sending them to his house or office, and afterward addressing them personally to one of the Commissioners and sending them to the office of the Department. These practices were such a violation of official propriety that the Board, by a resolution, on 21st June last, refused to receive or consider them.

It was foreseen that this practice would lead to embarrassments and entanglements in the public business, which would further his purpose of making trouble with the Department. There could be no reason why he should not send his communications directly to the Department, and he admits the irregularity of his practices and his personal purposes by addressing properly, and sending directly, to the Department such communications as the one now in question, to which he desires to receive an answer.

Mr. Green could never expect such practices to be tolerated. Mr. Green's effort at Albany, last winter, in reference to this Department, was to give its whole powers to one of the Commissioners, as its single executive. This purpose was defeated, and he now seeks, in the mode above described, to manage it when he can, and to entangle it where he cannot manage it.

X.—This puerile practice of descending to petty annoyances further aids the Comptroller in making false issues with the Department. He knows that we did not, and should not have paid any attention to his letter of 29th May, and that the Department had not any knowledge of its contents. He knows that his statements, that we have been repeatedly requested, but are unwilling to furnish him the required information, or that we have sent to him pay-rolls without regard to the prescribed mode of making them, that our attention has been repeatedly drawn to the insufficiency of the schedules, that these schedules have been continued against the repeated protests of his Department, that we have attempted to evade the subject, or to frustrate his efforts to obtain information, and that the schedules are not correct—are unqualified and malicious falsehoods. Those letters were never sent officially to the Department, and have never come to the actual knowledge of any of the officers, except to the three of the four Commissioners to whom they were first addressed, and who did not communicate them to the Department. This mode of writing letters is a cunning

invention to make trouble. If it was tolerated, it would enable him to have a record of letters sent to the Department which they might never receive, or receive too late for the contents to be of service to them. It would enable him to occupy different Commissioners with separate subjects of business, procure discordant action, and, with the collusion of the Commissioner who co-operates with him, carry out his purpose of creating as much embarrassment as he can. On every ground of official propriety, self-respect, and of appreciation of his purposes, the majority of the Board were right in stopping this at the start.

XI.—The Comptroller has good reasons for his hostility to this Department. He knows it is full of abuses and corruption which he has created, of incapable partisans whom he has foisted into it, of sinecures and extravagances which have served his personal ends. He knows the present administration will conduct it with greater efficiency at a greatly reduced expense, and that every contract which this year's administration will make, will expose his incompetence, his extravagance, and exhibit him as the originator—except where he has been controlled by the better judgment of other men—of the reckless and extravagant projects which led on to the recent regime of profligate expenditure that has proved so disastrous to the general interests of the city, and which will stamp his true character in the Park management, where he has gained a reputation by putting forth the work and ideas of capable men under his own name. The inevitable necessity in which he finds himself in respect to this Department, supplies him with the motive for breaking down its present administration, and for his attacks upon it. They do not justify his falsehoods, nor the false issues he is making. On the facts we challenge him to any controversy he dares to face.

XII.—One additional fact will illustrate the extent to which he will go, the false position he will take, and the injuries he will inflict in carrying out his hostile purposes. The pay-roll of April 22, 1876, was presented to him at the end of that month. It was made on forms which had been in use, and accepted by him as sufficient since 1873. He refused to pay it for four weeks, on the ground, stated on 11th May, that it did not contain information, which he had never asked for, and which was first communicated to us in his letter received 12th July, and which is now under consideration. This objection was utterly untenable on its face, and whatever its merits, there was no reason for making the laborer suffer for it. The President, on behalf of these laborers, caused a 30 days' demand to be made for each of them, which was preliminary to the com-

mencement of a suit. It was an appropriate remedy, because it brought him to the day on which he did not dare to meet the consequences of his own injustice to the laborers, and also because the right way to deal with an officer who is lost to all sense of justice, was to force him into that position where he had to back out.

It is an unpleasant part of official duty to have to meet such attacks. When they are made there is no other course than to meet them so decidedly as to end them.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and hereby is, authorized to purchase, otherwise than by contract, a steam-engine, with all its necessary appurtenances, to be used for the purpose of opening and shutting the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge, over the Harlem river.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, July 13, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, July 18, 1876.

(Minutes, June 23, 1876, p. 149.)

Filed.

Employés of the Department.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolutions, viz. :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, directed to report to this Board, as soon as possible, a statement showing the names of every employee of that Department, with the residence of, and compensation paid to each, including laborers; also a statement showing, in detail, the expenditures under the items of appropriation made for said Department, for the present year.

Referred to the President to reply.

Boston Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting that he had repaired the culvert in Boston Avenue, opposite Home Street, which the Board of Health had complained of.

(Minutes, June 23, 1876, p. 148.)

Filed.

F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in reply to a commu-

nication from the President, asking his opinion as to whether Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect, had vacated his position as an employé of the Department, by accepting the position of a commissioner to make a survey of the State of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 193, Laws of 1876, in which he states :

“ Under the circumstances I think the question submitted by the Department is one which should be passed upon by the courts, and which cannot be settled except by a decision of the court of last resort. I shall of course be happy to do anything in my power to facilitate Mr. Olmsted in obtaining an early decision from that court.”

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, On 31st May, Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, the Landscape Architect of this Department, accepted and entered upon an office tendered him by the State, under Chapter 193 of the Laws of 1876, without advice as to the effect it might have on his said position as Landscape Architect in this Department, under Section 114 of the Charter of 1873,

And whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has given his opinion that it is doubtful whether Mr. Olmsted's acceptance of said State office did not vacate his position as Landscape Architect of this Department, and Mr. Olmsted has thereupon resigned the office which he held from the State.

Resolved, That Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted be, and he hereby is, reinstated and continued Landscape Architect of this Department from this date, at the salary of six thousand dollars per annum.

And whereas, Mr. Olmsted has, during the whole period from 31st May to the present time, rendered to this Department, and this Department has received from him, without interruption, the same services as were heretofore rendered by him as Landscape Architect ; therefore, it is further

Resolved, That allowance and payment be made to him for his services to the Department from 31st May to the present date, at the rate of six thousand dollars per annum.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said preambles and resolutions be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

Gravel for the repair of Roads, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that if he does not receive a supply of gravel, for the repair of the roads and walks in the Parks, from the contractor to whom the late contract was awarded, he will be obliged to make a requisition for six or eight hundred cubic yards.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Comptroller had not yet returned the proposal of Mr. John S. Masterson, to whom the contract was awarded, with his action in regard to the approval of the sureties. He, therefore, moved that screened gravel to the amount of three hundred and fifty cubic yards, for the repairs of the roads and walks of the Parks, be purchased as the Superintendent shall require it.

(Minutes, June 28th, 1876, p. 155.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

John Murphy.

From Mr. Frederick Smyth and others, recommending Mr. John Murphy for a position on the police force.

Filed.

Communications from the Comptroller.

Commissioner STEBBINS presented two letters, which he had received from the Comptroller of the city, and which, he stated were addressed to the Department, and had relation to public business.

The PRESIDENT ruled that said communications could not be received, as they were addressed and sent to an individual Commissioner, and not to the Department.

(June 21, 1876, p. 143.)

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report: .

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

Baker, Smith & Co., labor and materials.	Museum Natural History.....	\$4,000 00
Bouker, John A., screened gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1,208 57
Byrne, Jas. E., corn, oats, bran, &c....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	343 21
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Harlem R. B. Rps., Impt. and M...	60 00
Colts Arms Co., casting for engine.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	3 80
Composite Iron Works Co., lamp-post...	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	12 00
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	70 88
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music Central Park.....	275 00
Gates, Church E. & Co., lumber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	39 40
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music Central Park.....	275 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$174 00
	Harlem R. Bridges Reps., Impt. & M.	59 50
		<hr/> 233 50
Horgan, Cornelius, meat.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	279 18
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials.....	Music Central Park.....	\$8 40
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	75 50
		<hr/> 83 90
McDermott, P., labor and materials.....	Museum Natural History.....	2,000 00

Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		295 00
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks.....	Museum Natural History.....	\$64 00	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	463 00	527 00
Mulholland, Patrick, labor and materials.	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		1,861 88
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		624 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, varnishes, &c	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$1 20	
	City Parks Impt. Fund	42 48	43 68
Roberts, G. S., testing iron.....	Harlem R. B., Rps., Imp. and M.....		42 50
Russell, W. D., belting.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		36
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	21 20	
	Harlem R. B., Rps., Imp. and M.....	80	
	City Parks Impt. Fund	53 00	80 00
Van Nest Bros., harness materials....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		20 71
Van Tassell & Kearney, wagon.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		145 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, nails, &c....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$3 82	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	20 72	24 54
Wheatley R. R., oats, straw, &c.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		41 34

Wiébusch & Hilger, Hardware Co., cups, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	6 27
		<u>\$12,596 72</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,134 16
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	2,592 46
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maint..	162 80
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	84 90
Music Central Park.....	558 40
Museum Natural History.....	6,064 00
	<u>\$12,596 72</u>

Amounting, in the aggregate, to the sum of twelve thousand five hundred and ninety-six dollars and seventy-two cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing Com-*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *mittee.*

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The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

J. P. Ryan. Jacob Seabold.

The PRESIDENT presented agreements, which he had prepared, with Mr. J. P. Ryan and Mr. Jacob Seabold, Jr., for the conducting of the refreshment saloons on the Battery Park and East River Park, respectively.

(Minutes, June 28, 1876, p. 163.)

Laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, be requested to attend at the next meeting of the Board and explain the reason of his delay in presenting the plans and specifications for the completion of the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, January 7, 1876, p. 505.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Laborer detailed to the President.

The PRESIDENT stated that since his accession to office, and under his directions, the Superintendent had detailed a laborer to report personally to him each morning and evening for orders, and that he found such assistance necessary in the discharge of his administrative duty. He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the President above stated be approved, and that the Superintendent be, and is hereby, directed to continue to detail a laborer for the service of the President whenever he may require such assistance.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Copy Minutes for Comptroller.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved, that the Secretary be directed to transmit to the Comptroller of the city a printed copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Carpenters.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent required six additional carpenters, and moved that that number be employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Statue of La Fayette.

The PRESIDENT then moved to take up the subject of the site for the statue of General La Fayette.

(Minutes July 19, 1876, p. 170.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the statue of General La Fayette be placed at the south end of Union Square.

That the Superintendent of Parks be, and hereby is, directed to make such changes in the walks in that portion of Union Square, as may be rendered necessary by the erection of said statue ; and

That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the construction of the foundation for the pedestal.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Minutes.

The SECRETARY reported that twenty volumes of the Minutes, for the year ending April 30, 1876, had been bound, and were now ready for distribution as the Board should direct.

(Minutes April 28th, 1876, p. 780.)

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Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that said volumes be distributed by the Secretary, on the order of the President.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 1 o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 28th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. LEWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, JULY 28th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ O'DONOHUE.
“ WETMORE.

Commissioner WETMORE stated that, owing to the sudden death of a friend, of which he had just received notice, he was unable to remain for the meeting, and he then retired.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 26th inst., was dispensed with.

• Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT stated, that, in accordance with the directions of the Board at the last meeting, Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, was in attendance, with the plans and specifications for the completion of the Museum of Art, and he moved that he be now received.

Adopted.

Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, was then received, and he presented the plans and specifications for the following works in

connection with the Museum of Art, and which, he stated, were all that were necessary to complete the said building, viz :

Carpenter's work.

Plasterer's work and gas-fitting.

Plumber's work.

Heating and ventilating.

Elevator.

Tiling.

The PRESIDENT moved that John Taylor Johnston, Esq., President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Committee of said Museum on the plans of said building, be requested to attend at this office on Tuesday, the 1st August next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of consultation in regard to said plans and specifications, in pursuance of the resolution of January 7th, 1876.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 205.)

Adopted.

Police.

The PRESIDENT stated that, in pursuance of the authority given him at the meeting of June 21st last, he had engaged Dr. John T. Darby to make an examination of the physical condition of all the police force, and that he now had received his report giving the particulars of his examination of each man, which report was open to the inspection of the Commissioners.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 143.)

Special Police.

The PRESIDENT moved that Special Policemen George Maccomb and Edward G. Tully be continued in the employment

of the Department during the month of August, at the same rate of pay which they now receive.

(Minutes, June 14, 1876, p. 125.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Mill Brook Sewer in Brook Avenue,

The PRESIDENT moved that Edgar B. Van Winkle be, and hereby is, appointed an Assistant Engineer on the work of the construction of a sewer in Brook Avenue, from the Kills near Harlem River to a point in 165th Street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 128.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Reduction of Maintenance Force.

The PRESIDENT stated that it was necessary to reduce the expenses of the maintenance of the parks immediately, and therefore moved that the maintenance force be reduced by the discharge of forty laborers and five horses and carts.

(Minutes, June 14, 1876, p. 124.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Statues.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Landscape Architect, upon the subject of the erection of statues in the Parks, and moved that it be referred to Commissioner Stebbins to report upon.

Adopted.

(Minutes, January 12, 1874, p. 521).

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2d, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WETMORE.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Friday the 4th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of July 26th and 28th, and August 2d, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Tompkins Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby, ordered and directed that the Department of Public Parks forthwith proceed to have all the work necessary to complete Tompkins Square, according to the plans on file in said Department, not embraced in the contract for grading and regulating said Square, made with Stephen Roberts, to be completed as speedily as possible; and for that purpose authority is hereby given to said Department to prosecute said work by days' labor, and they are hereby directed to so prosecute said work by days' labor, and they are hereby directed to so prosecute the same. The authority hereby given shall continue only until the first day of September next.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, July 22d. 1876, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor, August 1st, 1876.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 185.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that the work of completing Tompkins Square would now go forward as heretofore determined on by the Board, and that the number of men authorized to be employed would be placed on the work as soon as possible.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 144.)

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the pay of all laborers, &c., employed on Tompkins Square, be fixed at the same rates which are now allowed and paid by the Department of Public Works.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 99.)

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

Aye—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that he had obtained the following estimates for a steam-engine, with a wooden platform and roof, covered with tin, viz. :

W. E. Worthen	\$3,100 00
C. H. Delamater & Co.....	4,300 00
New York Safety Steam Power Co.....	6,400 00

Also stating, that the engine made by W. E. Worthen will be sufficiently good for all purposes required, but recommending that the platform and roof be made of iron in place of wood and tin, although it would slightly increase the expense.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 63.)

The PRESIDENT moved, that an order be given to Mr. W. E. Worthen for a steam engine, with an iron platform and cover, to be placed in proper position on Third Avenue Bridge; the engine to be constructed, and the work to be executed, under the directions and to the satisfaction of the Engineer of Construction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, stating that the following are the estimates of the cost of the several contracts for completing the Museum of Art, the specifications for which he submitted on July 28th ult., viz. :

Carpenter's work.....	\$39,500
Plasterer's ".....	18,000
Plumbing and gas-fitting.....	4,500
Heating and ventilating.....	17,500
Elevator, &c.....	6,300
Tiling.....	12,000

Also submitting the specifications and plans for an additional contract, for the iron work for galleries in the Main Hall, the cost of which he estimates at \$13,600.

(Minutes, July 28, 1876, p. 209)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. John Taylor Johnston, the President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Committee of the Trustees of said Museum, were invited to attend and examine the plans and specifications, as directed by the Board. He then presented a letter from Mr. Theodore Weston, on behalf of said Committee of Trustees, approving of the following plans and estimates, viz. :

Carpenter's work.
Plasterer's work.
Plumbing, &c.
Heating and ventilating.
Elevator, &c.

(Minutes, July 28, 1876, p. 210.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following plans and specifications submitted by Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, for the completion of the Museum of Art, be approved, viz.: carpenter's work, plasterer's work, plumbing and gas fitting, heating and ventilating, and elevator.

And that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Maintenance of 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Wm. G. Ackerman and others, complaining that certain roads in the King's Bridge District of the 24th Ward are greatly out of repair, and requesting that they be covered with gravel as soon as practicable.

(Minutes, July 19, 1876, p. 180.)

Referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, to report.

The PRESIDENT then presented a statement, prepared from the books of the Department, which shows that the appropriation for the maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards stood as follows on July 31, 1876, viz. :

Balance July 31, 1876.....	\$17,503 28
Pay Roll for July, estimated.....	\$5,500 00
Contract for gravel awaiting approval of sureties.....	8,172 50
	————— 13,672 50
Balance available for remainder of year.....	<u>\$3,830 78</u>

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be, and hereby is, directed to discharge, from and after the 5th

inst., one-half of the laboring force, including teams employed in said wards, and that within ten days thereafter he discharge one-half of the remainder.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Annin & Co., flags.....	Independence Day	\$144 00
Casey, John A rosin and barrells.....	Independence Day	114 00
Colgate & Co., candles.....	Independence Day	57 20
Detwiller, Street & Co., flags and fire-works.....	Independence Day	690 91
Edge, Isaac & Son, fire-works.....	Independence Day	2,135 00
Edge, J. G., fire-works.....	Independence Day	1,225 00
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Independence Day	133 00
Günsel, Theodor, decorating.....	Independence Day	50 00
Hadfield, J. W., fire-works.....	Independence Day	1,000 00
Maximilian, Mrs. M. K., loan of flags..	Independence Day	22 00
New York Calcium Light Co., Calcium lights.....	Independence Day	40 00
Pew, Blackburn B., Labor and materials.....	Independence Day	161 50
Siron A., illuminating.....	Independence Day	25 00
Werner Felix, materials and services....	Independence Day	94 00

\$5,891 61

RECAPITULATION.

Independence Day, Celebration of. \$5,891 61

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-eight hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty-one cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, July 28, 1876.

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and service.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.	\$4	46
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	18	40
		—	\$17 86
Burgess R., labor and materials.	Independence Day		29 25
Dodworth's band, music.	Music Central Park		275 00
Early & Lane, brooms.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.		19 50
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$15	62
	City Parks Imp.		
	Fund.	46	88
		—	62 50
Gunther, Herman A., labor and materials.	City Hall Park Pavement.		2,550 00
King, Joseph, keep of horse.	Surveying, &c., 23d & 24th Wards		30 00
Labagh, W. O., salt.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		6 26
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		554 00
Mehlig, Henry, wood.	Independence Day		112 50

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N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	\$987	50
	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.	312	50
		—————	1,250 00
Olmsted, F. S., petty expenses.	Independence Day		84 72
Watrous & Willow, lumber.	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.		17 00
			—————
			<u>\$4,958 59</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$912 24
City Parks Improvement Fund.	1,014 78
Independence Day.	176 57
City Hall Park Pavement.	2,550 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	30 00
Music—Central Park.	275 00
	—————
	<u>\$4,958 59</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifty-nine cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
Committee.

New York, August 4, 1876.

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

Darby, John T., M. D., services inspecting		
police.	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. & P	\$100 00
		—————

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred dollars.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
HENRY G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, August 4th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Jos. J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.		CR.	
June 21.	By balance.....		\$2,408 59
June 21	} " cash received for rents, licenses, to pound, &c.....		
Aug 2.			1,950 93
			<u>\$4,354 52</u>
1876.		DR.	
June 21	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$2,592 26
to			
Aug. 2.	} " balance.....		1,762 26
Aug. 2.			<u>\$4,354 52</u>
		DR.	
	Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....		\$1,709 26
	" drawer.....		53 00
			<u>\$1,762 26</u>

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Wednesday, August 2, 1876—9:30 A. M.

Riverside Drive.

The PRESIDENT presented plans and specifications for the improvement and construction of Riverside Drive, from 72nd Street to 130th Street, and stated that the property owners had attended at the Department, and unanimously advocated the construction of the Drive for its whole width, and up to its

full grade, and not as a temporary road. He then offered the following resolution viz. :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for the improvement and construction of Riverside Drive, from 72nd Street to 130th Street, this day presented to the Board, be, and hereby are, approved and adopted.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 133.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Reduction of Laborers on the Parks.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the President, with power, to reduce the laboring force employed on the Parks, by the discharge of fifty men, if, in his judgment, there is not sufficient work for the number now employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

John Bogart, Superintending Engineer.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the name of John Bogart be placed upon pay-rolls, at the rate of sixteen dollars per day, for construction work, during the month of August, 1876; such appointment not to be construed to sanction his claim for pay for previous services.

(Minutes, June 28, 1876, p. 160.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore,—4.

J. P. Ryan, Jacob Seabold.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the agreements with Mr. J. P. Ryan, and with Mr. Jacob Seabold, Jr., for conducting refreshment saloons on the Battery Park and the East River Park respectively, and which were presented to the Board on the 26th July, 1876, be approved, and that the President be authorized to execute same on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, July 26th, 1876, p. 204.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolutions, which had been laid over from the meeting of July 26, 1876, viz. :

Whereas, On 31st May, Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, the Landscape Architect of this Department, accepted and entered upon an office tendered him by the State, under Chapter 193 of the Laws of 1876, without advice as to the effect it might have on this said position as Landscape Architect in this Department, under Section 114 of the Charter of 1873 ; and

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has given his opinion, that it is doubtful whether Mr. Olmsted's acceptance of said State office did not vacate his position as Landscape Architect of this Department, and Mr. Olmsted has thereupon resigned the office which he held from the State,

Resolved, That Mr. Frederick Law. Olmsted be, and he hereby is, reinstated and continued Landscape Architect of this Department from this date, at the salary of six thousand dollars per annum ;

Whereas, Mr. Olmsted has, during the whole period from 31st May to the present time, rendered to this Department, and this Department has received from him, without interruption, the same services as were heretofore rendered by him as Landscape Architect, therefore it is further

Resolved, That allowance and payment be made to him for his services to the Department from 31st May to the present date, at the rate of six thousand dollars per annum.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 199.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preambles and resolution, as a substitute therefor, viz. :

Whereas, It is necessary, on account of the limited amount of the appropriations for the maintenance of the parks for this year to reduce all expenses as far as possible ; and

Whereas, There is not now a sufficient amount of new work being executed by the Department to require the continued services of a Landscape Architect ; and the organization of the Superintendent's office is sufficient for all the purposes of superintendence, therefore

Resolved, That the office of Design and Superintendence be, and hereby is, discontinued until further order, and that all the employés in said office be, and hereby are, discharged from the employment of the Department.

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

At this point Commissioner O'Donohue left the meeting.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read the following communications :

Screened gravel.

From the Comptroller of the City, enclosing a copy of a letter he had received from Mr. Egbert H. Fairchild, claiming to be entitled to the contract for the delivery of three thousand cubic yards of screened gravel on the Parks.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to obtain from the Counsel to the Corporation his opinion as to legality of the award of said contract, made to Mr. John S. Masterson.

(Minutes, June 28, 1876, p. 155.)

Adopted.

Foreman's Report.

From the Comptroller of the City, demanding that this Department shall furnish to the Finance Department, "with each" and every pay-roll of laborers to be hereafter transmitted for "payment, duplicate daily foremen's reports, such as are at present made by the foremen to the Department of Public Parks;" also requiring that duplicates of the foremen's daily reports for three months prior to July 19, 1876, be furnished by this Department to the Finance Department.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Pay-Rolls.

From the Comptroller of the City stating that the pay-roll for the two weeks ending July 1, 1876, are not made out in accordance with the forms and method of preparing the pay-rolls which have been prescribed by the Department of Finance.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 188.)

Filed.

Mount St. Vincent.

From the Comptroller of the City, calling the attention of the Department to the agreement made with Mr. C. Ryan for the repairs of Mount St. Vincent, and stating that such an arrangement is a plain violation of express provisions of law, as all rentals are pledged to the Sinking Fund; and requiring that the full amount received for rent of said building, be paid to the Chamberlain.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 108.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Estimates for 1877.

From the Comptroller of the City, requesting, in pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that this Department would send the estimate for the year 1877 to said Board, on or before September 1, 1876, and that a duplicate thereof would be sent to the Board of Aldermen at the same time.

Referred to the President to prepare and submit draft Estimates for 1877.

L. A. Risse, Draughtsman.

From Mr. L. A. Risse, Draughtsman, requesting that his pay be fixed at a sum per annum, instead of per day.

The PRESIDENT moved that the pay of Mr. L. A. Risse, Draughtsman be, and hereby is, fixed at \$1,800 per annum, from and after August 1, 1876.

(Minutes, October 23, 1876, p. 347.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, on behalf of the Committee on plans of the American Museum of Natural History, submitting certain plans for tiling the Museum of Natural History building, and requesting that the tiling be completed in accordance with the plans as soon as possible.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication be referred to the President, to examine and report what arrangement can be made with Mr. Lawrence, the contractor, for laying the artificial stone flooring on said building, to omit so much of said flooring as will enable the tiling to be laid.

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 535.)

Adopted.

Third Avenue Improvement.

From Mr. David B. Williamson, attorney for Mr. E. C. Morrison, late Engineer of the Improvement of Third Avenue, stating that there is still due to Mr. Morrison, as such Engineer, the sum of \$437.50, and requesting that the Department make requisition on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to transfer that amount from the unexpended appropriation of 1875, for surveying and laying out of the 23d and 24th Wards, to pay said sum so due to Mr. Morrison.

(Minutes, Oct. 8, 1875, p. 321.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, It is doubtful whether there is legal authority for the Comptroller of the City to issue bonds for the Improvement of Third Avenue, in the 23d Ward, to the full amount of the bonds delivered to him by the Supervisor of the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of Section 9, Chapter 329, of the Laws of 1874 ; and

Whereas, The Comptroller has not issued the full amount of said bonds ; and

Whereas, It is stated that there is still due and unpaid by the Finance Department to Mr. E. C. Morrison, late Engineer of said improvement, the sum of \$437.50 ;

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made for the year 1875, for "surveying, laying out, monumenting, &c., of the north end of the island and the 23d and 24th Wards," a sum not exceeding \$437.50, for the purpose of paying to said E. C. Morrison the amount so still due and unpaid to him as such Engineer as aforesaid.

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 537.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Streets in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, in which he states as follows, viz. :

"The Counsel to the Corporation having stated in a letter to the Board of Aldermen, dated July 25, 1876, that he had suspended proceedings for acquiring title to certain streets in the 23d Ward, until such streets had been classified in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 436, of the Laws of 1876, passed June 2, 1876, it is necessary to make such classification to ensure further action on his part in the opening of those streets, which opening has been urgently requested by property owners.

"All of said streets are needed as main thoroughfares or for drainage, and therefore belong to the first class.

"I submit herewith three similar maps or plans, making the designation required by law."

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, In the judgment of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, the following named streets, roads and avenues, to wit :

138th street, from the Harlem river bulkhead line to the State water grant line on Long Island Sound.

148th Street, from Third Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue.

149th Street, from the Harlem River bulkhead line to the Southern Boulevard.

156th Street, from Third Avenue to Elton Avenue.

161st Street, from Jerome (late Central) Avenue to Third Avenue.

165th Street, from Boston Avenue to Union Avenue.

Cliff Street, from Third Avenue to Union Avenue.

Morris Avenue, from 138th Street to the northerly boundary of the 23d Ward.

Third Avenue, from the Harlem River to the northerly boundary of the 23d Ward.

Willis Avenue, from the Harlem River to Third Avenue.

Brook Avenue, from the Harlem River to the northerly boundary of the 23d Ward.

Tinton Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to 169th Street.

Prospect Avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to 156th Street.

The Southern Boulevard, from Third Avenue to the westerly boundary of the late town of Morrisinia.

Westchester Avenue, from the Third Avenue to the City line in the Bronx River.

The approaches to the Suspension Bridge, from Tenth Avenue to Aqueduct Avenue;

are or may be needed for the convenience of the general public as main routes of travel or for drainage; as the same are laid down and indicated by red color and by field notes and explanatory remarks on three similar maps or plans entitled "A map or plan of streets, roads and avenues within that part of the City of New York lying North and East of a line commencing at the termination of the Southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River, running thence Easterly along said Southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River; and running thence Southerly along the middle of said Harlem River to the Sound, North of Randel's Island, as laid out and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of chapters 329 and 604 of the laws of the State of New York, passed respectively May 29, and June 5, 1874, which said streets, roads and avenues are designated as streets of the first class, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, passed June 3d, 1876," dated "New York, August 1st, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues above named of the

width, extent and direction that the same are shown on the above named maps by red color and by field notes and explanatory remarks, and do designate the same and all parts of the same as "streets of the first class."

Resolved, That William R. Martin, the President, and one of the officers of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file, as provided by law, said three similar maps or plans.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, the interests of the public demand the opening of the following named street, roads and avenues in the 23d Ward of the City of New York, viz. :

138th Street, from Harlem River to Long Island Sound ;
 149th Street, from Harlem River to the Southern Boulevard ;
 Westchester Avenue, from Third Avenue to the City line at the Bronx River ;
 Cliff Street, from Third Avenue to Union Avenue ;
 161st Street, from Jerome (late Central) Avenue to Third Avenue ;
 165th Street, from Boston Avenue to Union Avenue ;
 Tinton Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to 169th Street ;
 Prospect Avenue, from 156th Street to the Southern Boulevard ;
 Willis Avenue, from 147th Street to Third Avenue ;
 148th Street, from Third Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue ;
 156th Street, from Third Avenue to Elton Avenue.
 Morris Avenue, from Third Avenue to Railroad Avenue, at 156th Street.

And that the President be authorized, and directed, to instruct the Counsel to the Corporation to begin proceedings to acquire the title, for the public use, to the above-named streets, roads and avenues, wherever the same have not been heretofore legally opened ; and to include them all in one proceeding.

(Minutes, Oct. 27, 1875, p. 353.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Board of Aldermen.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Commissioners of the Department to attend the meeting of said Board, to be held on Friday, the 4th August, 1876, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Filed.

Drainage of Central Park.

The Landscape Architect presented a report upon the drainage system of Central Park, which was ordered to be received and

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 699.)

Filed.

Watering the Drives in Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that on account of the late very dry weather, he was obliged to give orders to keep the men at work watering the drives until 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board approved of the action of the Superintendent.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Battery Sea Wall and Walks in the Battery.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the Battery Sea Wall was, sometime since, badly damaged by a steamboat striking against it. Also, that the Walks on the Battery Park

behind the wall, and on other portions of the Park, require to be repaired.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication be referred to the President, with instructions to include in the estimates for 1877, an amount for the purpose of making the necessary repairs to said Battery Sea Wall and the Walks on that Park.

Adopted.

Statues on Central Park

Commissioner STEBBINS reported verbally upon the communication of the Landscape Architect, on the subject of Statues on the Central Park, and recommended that the following amendments to the rules regulating the placing of statues on Central Park, which are proposed by the Landscape Architect, be approved and adopted, namely :

Amend rule third by adding " except in close connection with the buildings of the American Museum of Natural History, and of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and at the request of their respective Boards of Trustees."

Add rule sixth as follows : " Statues to be placed on the Mall shall be of bronze, and of heroic size. Colossal statues shall not hereafter be placed on the Park."

Seventh. Plans and elevations for the pedestals of statues to be placed on the Mall, shall be submitted to, and approved by, the Department. They shall be of granite, of simple outlines, and free from elaborate decorations. They shall not exceed in height above the surface of the ground one-half the height of the figure to be placed upon them. They shall have no inscription except one in front designating the subject commemorated and its period, and one in the rear recording the date of the presentation of the statue, and designating in the simplest terms from whom it was received. The letters and figures required to be used in the front shall not exceed 4 inches, and those in the rear 2 inches in height.

(Minutes January 12, 1874, p. 521, and July 28, 1876, p. 212.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the report be accepted and that the subject be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

By-Laws.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the rules and regulations concerning the placing of statues on Central Park, amended as proposed by the Landscape Architect, be incorporated in and made a part of the by-laws of the Department.

He then moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive Committee, to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Communication from Finance Department.

Commissioner STEBBINS presented a communication from the Finance Department, dated August 1st, 1876, which he had received in an envelope addressed to himself personally.

The PRESIDENT ruled that it was out of order to receive said communication.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 201.)

Pay-Rolls.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the following recommendations, contained in the report of the President on the regulations of the Finance Department with regard to the preparation of the pay-rolls, be adopted, viz. :

1st. That new time books and the necessary blanks be prepared, and requisition made for printing of the same.

2d. That, when these books and blanks are obtained and approved, the accounts be kept and rendered as follows :

(a.) Showing the men employed on maintenance and those on construction on separate pay-rolls, including the case where the same man does both kinds of work.

(b.) That the nature or kind of work be sub-divided according to the requirements of law, as stated in the second paragraph, with a description of the location to the same extent.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 191.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

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a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore.—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 9.30 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following work, viz. :

Paving the roadway through Washington Square, leading from Fifth Avenue to South Fifth Avenue.

(Minutes, July 26th, 1876, p. 183.)

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has given his opinion, sustaining the objection raised by the Comptroller of the City, that this Department has not jurisdiction over the whole of the roadway through Washington Square, from Fifth Avenue to South Fifth Avenue,

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals, for repaving said roadway, be adjourned *sine die*.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

The Board then met in adjourned session.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of July 26th and 28th, and August 2nd and 4th, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the following works in connection with the Museum of Natural History building, are not provided for in any contract, and that it is necessary they should be executed, viz :

To furnish and put up wrought-iron angle bars for all dormer windows, at an estimated cost of \$156.

To furnish blue-stone flagging for all sliding doors, at an estimated cost of \$42.

To furnish and put up on roof, six plain galvanized-iron caps over ventilators, at an estimated cost of \$81.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 135.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with the several works, recommended to be executed in his said communication.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintendent of Parks stating that the drains for the cellar story and areas of the Museum of Art building

must be laid and completed before the fall and winter ; also stating that he will require an additional force of twelve laborers for the work, the cost of which he estimates at \$800 to \$850.

(Minutes, April 19, 1876, p. 753.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed with said work, and that twelve laborers be employed for the purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Inventory of Tools, &c.

From the Property Clerk, forwarding an inventory of all the tools, implements, &c., belonging to the Department, on July 1st, 1876.

(Minutes, February 2d, 1876, p. 580.)

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. A. De Nobriga and other property owners, complaining of the condition of Elton Avenue, in the 23d Ward, and of the slow progress made in the work of regulating the avenue by the contractor.

Referred to the President to report.

Roger McDermott.

From Mr. Andrew Blessing and others, recommending Mr. Roger McDermott for a position on the police force.

Laid on the table.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Am. Dist. Telg. Co., rent and service.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$3	28
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	9	86
		—	\$13 14
Clafin, H. B. & Co., gloves, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		17 92
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$21	17
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	60	28
		—	81 45
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		2,000 00
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., expenses of Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		1,194 83
Harmer, Hays & Co., horse sheets.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		6 25
Hart, A. H. & Co., twine... ..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		3 60
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		19 80
Hotchkiss, Guy C. Field & Co., hub bands	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		1 25
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$16	96
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	48	60
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	14	88
		—	80 44

Keogh, C. B. & Co., sashes and door.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		63 88
Kruffel & Esser, drawing matls.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		18 48
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		57 25
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing			
matls.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P... ..	\$1 87	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	56 18	
		<hr/>	58 05
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, castings.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		39 18
Murphy & Nesbit, brick.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		112 50
New York Cement Co., cement.....	Mus. Nat. History		33 75
Sacket & Miller, Agts. uniforms.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		93 75
Watrus & Wilson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		210 69
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, cups & nails..	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$20 16	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	7 20	
		<hr/>	27 36
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			\$4,133 57
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Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,438 88
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	646 06
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	14 88
Museum of Natural History.....	33 75
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	\$4,133 57
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one hundred and thirty-three dollars and fifty-seven cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
 " H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, August 9, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Edward Kelly, Gate-keeper.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of gate-keeper, Edward Kelly, upon the following, two charges, viz. :

1. Smoking while on duty, on July 6th, 1876.
2. Being absent for two and a half hours, without leave, on July 13th, 1876,

reported, that he found him guilty of the first charge, and recommended that he be fined five days' pay; also, that the gate-keeper had applied for leave of absence on the 13th inst. on account of a death in his family, but that for some reason the application had not reached the Lieutenant, and he therefore recommended that the second charge be dismissed.

The PRESIDENT moved that the report be accepted, and the recommendations therein adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Mr. E. C. Morrison.

The PRESIDENT stated, that it was reported that Mr. E. C. Morrison, late Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, claimed that his removal from the Department was not in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 28, Chap. 335 of the Laws of 1873; and he then presented a report which he had prepared, as one of the committee to whom was referred the charges made against Mr. Morrison on the 3d day of March last, but which had not been presented before, out of regard for Mr. Morrison, and moved that it be received, entered at length on the minutes as of the 31st day of May last, and that it be adopted by the Board as stating the true grounds for his (Mr. Morrison's) removal, and filed.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 79.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

REPORT.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square. }

23d March, 1876.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

As one of the committee, appointed by the resolution passed on the 3d day of March, 1876, to examine and report on certain charges against Mr. E. C. Morrison, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, I respectfully report, that on the same day I sent for Mr. Morrison; that Mr. Morrison attended at the Department on the same day and was informed of the nature of the charges against him, and that they were sufficient cause, unless explained, for his removal from office; that subsequently on the 23d day of March, 1876, Mr. Morrison attended to

be examined on the subject of said resolutions, and for any explanation he wished to make; that his examination was reduced to writing and is hereto annexed. That on his examination Mr. Morrison stated that he had obtained signatures, from about twenty-four residents of the 23d and 24th Wards, to a petition in favor of Assembly bill No. 37, for the reduction of the number of Park Commissioners to a single executive, and that he had presented the same to other residents, who had not signed it; that Mr. Barlow, formerly in the Engineering Department, a brother-in-law of Mr. Van Valkenburgh, the Disbursing Clerk, had come to him for the purpose and that he had twice gone around in the wagon of the Department, which was placed at his service for his official duty, to get signatures, the first time with Mr. Barlow, the second time alone. That when the point was put to him, that conceding his entire liberty of speech and action, his conduct was questionable in this respect, that while in the employ of the Department he owed his duty to the entire board, as the head of the Department, his conduct had been in aid of an unsuccessful attempt to make a change in favor of one of its members, he said that he had done it on the first occasion at the suggestion of Mr. Barlow, and on the second entirely of his own accord, and that he had not been influenced by any one in the Department; that he understood the purpose and effect of what he was doing, but that the impropriety of it had not occurred to him; that he refrained from any further expression of his feeling in regard to it, or in regard to his conduct in the future.

From his statement of the case, he has exhibited his own estimate of his duty as a public officer, and displayed his own character. It is not such as to command respect. The duty of preserving liberty of speech and action leads us to give consideration even to a person who does not comprehend its proper limits. Mr. Morrison occupied a prominent and responsible position. He does not attempt to justify his conduct, nor propose to amend it. Such an example leads to insubordination and disorder, which impairs the public service. It is therefore recommended that Mr. Morrison be discharged.

WM. R. MARTIN.

Communications from the Comptroller.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the words "and of addressing others to the Department and then enclosing them to an individual Commissioner," be stricken out of the preamble adopted by the Board on the 21st June last, in relation

to communications from the Comptroller, and entered on page 143 of the Minutes.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 143.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Commissioner STEBBINS then stated that he had received, in envelopes addressed to himself individually, the following communication from the Comptroller, all of which are addressed to this Department, viz :

- Communication, dated August 2d, 1876.
- “ “ “ 3d “

and two communications which are sealed, but which had been enclosed in envelopes addressed to him individually, and he moved that said communications be received.

The PRESIDENT ruled that the motion was out of order.

Commissioner STEBBINS appealed from the ruling of the President.

The PRESIDENT ruled that the appeal of the Commissioner was out of order, as the question had previously been definitely decided by the Board.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 234.)

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.
“ STEBBINS,
“ O'DONOHUE.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 9th August, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Ordinances of the Common Council.

From Alderman Wm. H. McCarthy, Chairman of the Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, forwarding the following preamble and resolution adopted by said Board on the 10th instant, and asking for information in relation to the subjects therein referred to, viz. :

Whereas, For the past few years it has been a cause of constant complaint, that important ordinances, passed by the Common Council, have been unnecessarily delayed, and sometimes entirely overlooked, by the heads of the several Departments charged with their prompt execution ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Works be, and they are hereby, instructed to place themselves in communication with the heads of the several Departments, in order to ascertain the exact condition of all such ordinances, and that they report fully thereon to this Board at their earliest convenience, and that thereafter a like report be made by the same Committee semi-monthly.

Referred to the President to report.

Horses.

From the Superintendent of Parks stating that two of the horses belonging to the Department are unfit for work on “ ac-

count of age and other infirmities," and recommending that they be sold, and good horses purchased in their place.

The PRESIDENT moved that said two horses be sold at public auction, and that two other horses be purchased in their place.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

Lawrence Rock.

From the Superintendent, stating that, the work of excavating the rock from the basement of the Museum of Art building being done, he had transferred Lawrence Rock, inspector of that work, to Tompkins Square, and given him charge of a gang of men.

(Minutes, May 10th, 1876, p. 14.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the action of the Superintendent of Parks be approved, and that Lawrence Rock be appointed a foreman, and his pay fixed at \$4.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

Tompkins Square.

From the Landscape Architect, reporting upon the improvements on Tompkins Square, with special reference to the treatment of the northwest corner of the Square, for which he presented modified plans of the proposed Arbor, the estimated cost of the construction of which he stated was \$10,000.

(Minutes May 31, 1876, p. 75.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the plans presented by the Landscape Architect for the treatment of the northwest corner of Tompkins Square be approved. That specifications be prepared for the iron work required for the Arbor to be erected in said northwest corner ; and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals therefor ; and that the Superintendent be directed to proceed with all other work in connection therewith.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

The PRESIDENT then moved, that the report of the Landscape Architect, this day presented to the Board, on the subject of the treatment of Tompkins Square, be printed as a document of the Board.

(See documents No. 71.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Croes, J. Jas. R., incidental expenses Surveying, laying
out, etc., 23d and
24th Wards. . . .

\$63 73

Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music Central Pk.	275 00
Fisher, W. L., incidental expenses.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.....	18 97
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music Central Pk.	275 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards....	40 00
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and materials.	Museum of Art..	8,000 00
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor	Museum Natural History.....	205 00
		\$8,877 70

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Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.....	63 73
Music, Central Park.....	550 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	18 97.
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	40 00
Museum of Art.....	8,000 00
Museum of Natural History.....	205 00
\$8,877 70	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy cents.

(Signed)

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, August 16th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Joseph J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.		
Aug. 2.	By balance.....	\$1,762	26
Aug. 2 }	" cash received from rents, licenses and sundries	1,024	52
to			
Aug. 16. }			<u>\$2,786 78</u>

	DR.		
Aug. 2 }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$193	87
to			
Aug. 16. }			
Aug. 16.	" balance.....	2,592	91
			<u>\$2,786 78</u>

	DR.		
Aug. 16.	Cash in Bank.....	\$1,709	26
"	" " Drawer.....	883	65
			<u>\$2,592 91</u>

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Wednesday, August 16th, 1876.

9.30 A. M.

Revised Statutes.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Secretary be directed to purchase, for the use of the Department, a copy of the last edition of the Revised Statutes of the State of New York.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

J. C. Aldrich.

The PRESIDENT stated that the rate of pay for which Mr. J. C. Aldrich, Assistant Engineer, had agreed to give his services to the Department was \$2,400 per annum, but that by a misapprehension his pay had been fixed at \$2,000 per annum. He, therefore, moved that Mr. J. C. Aldrich be allowed pay, at a rate per day, equal to \$400 per annum from June 21st, 1876 (being the day of his appointment), until July 31st, 1876; and that his pay from and after August 1st, 1876, be fixed at a rate, per day, equal to \$2,400 per annum.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 144.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

F. W. Brown, A. K. Merrill, Waldron Young and John Hannigan.

The PRESIDENT moved that the following changes in the rates of pay and position of the undermentioned employés be made, to take effect from this date, namely:

F. W. Brown, Messenger, at \$2 per day, to be Clerk, at \$2.50 per day.

A. K. Merrill, Messenger, at \$2 per day, to be Messenger, at \$2.50 per day.

Waldron Young, laborer, at \$2 per day, to be skilled laborer, at \$3 per day.

John Hannigan, laborer, at \$2 per day, to be skilled laborer, at \$2.50 per day.

(Minutes, July 19, 1876, p. 168 and 180.)

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

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a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Communications from the Comptroller.

Commissioner STEBBINS stated that he had received, in envelopes addressed to himself, five communications from the Finance Department, all of which are addressed to the Department, and he moved that they be opened and read.

The PRESIDENT ruled that the motion was out of order.

(Minutes, Aug. 9, 1876, p. 244.)

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned, at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 23d inst., at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23d, 1876.

9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Meeting for the purpose of publicly opening proposals for the following works, viz. :

I.—Building a sewer with its appurtenances in Brook Avenue, from a point in tide-water, to a point in One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Street, in the Twenty-third ward of the city of New York.

(Minutes, June 23, 1876, p. 148.)

II.—The construction and laying of pipe-sewers in Central Park.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 676.)

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The estimate box was opened by the President, and the envelopes containing the proposals for each work were separated.

At this point the Comptroller of the city entered.

The proposals were then opened with the following result :

II.

Construction, &c., of Pipe-sewers, in Central Park.

	For 1 ft. 6 in. pipe per lineal foot. Estimated quantity 750 lineal feet.	For 8-inch pipe per lineal foot. Estimated quantity 900 lineal feet.	For each man-hole, Es- timated number 5.	Total.
1 Cornelius Smith.....	\$1 98	\$ 70	\$25 00	\$ 2,240 00
2 John W. Manning.....	2 03	58½	27 50	2,184 25
3 Joshua D. Miner.....	3 00	1 80	75 00	4,245 00
4 John Mulholland.....	2 30	65	30 00	2,460 00
5 Wm. H. Kukuck.....	1 60	40	40 00	1,760 00
6 Jas. Baird.....	1 53	15	40 00	1,527 50
7 M. P. H. Casey.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	2,405 00
8 F. A. O'Donnel.....	1 00	15	30 00	1,035 00
9 James J. Jones.....	1 60	30	30 00	1,620 00
10 John B. Healy.....	1 25	35	16 00	1,332 50
11 F. Stollmeyer.....	2 10	60	50 00	2,365 00
12 C. Devlin & J. McKim....	2 25	2 25	40 00	3,912 50
13 Green Wright.....	2 10	65	40 00	2,360 00
14 Daniel Gallagher.....	2 25	1 25	40 00	3,012 50
15 Hugh McCabe.....	1 56	20	18 00	1,440 00
16 Michael Flanagan.....	1 50	50	75 00	1,950 00
17 Wm. Everard.....	1 65	35	49 00	1,797 50

The COMPTROLLER of the city then retired, and the Board met in an adjourned session.

Present.—Commissioner Martin, President.

“ STEBBINS,
“ O'DONOHUE,
“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 16th inst., was dispensed with.

The following communications were then presented and read:

Parade ground.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.
NEW YORK, August 18, 1876. }

IN THE MATTER

of

THE APPLICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
Public Parks and the Department of
Public Works, to acquire title to cer-
tain lands for a Military Parade Ground,
and the streets adjoining the same.

HON. WILLIAM R. MARTIN,
President of the Department of Public Parks.

Sir,—The original petition upon which application was to have been made for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in this matter, appears to have been lost. It was returned to this office from the Department of Parks and the Department of Public Works in June, 1875, prior to my accession to office, and was in charge of Mr. Tidball, a clerk in this office, for a long time previous to the first of May last. There being occasion to examine the petition in June last, enquiry was made for it, but it could not, after search, be found. I have recently caused a most thorough search to be made for the petition in every place in this office and elsewhere, where it might possibly be, but it cannot be found. I have also made enquiry of Mr. Tidball, who is no longer connected with this office, but he can give no information in regard to the matter, and is unable to remember when he last saw the petition.

Under these circumstances it is necessary that a new petition should be prepared, and I accordingly enclose herewith a copy of the one heretofore signed, with the request that you will cause it to be executed in a proper manner on behalf of the Department of Public Parks.

There was attached to the other petition a map of the proposed parade ground and the streets adjoining the same, and reference is also made in the paper now enclosed to such a map. It will, therefore, be necessary to prepare a new map to be attached to the present paper. I presume it will be but little trouble to the engineer who prepared the other map, to make another copy.

The application for the appointment of commissioners has been adjourned to Friday, the 25th inst., but as it will also be necessary for me to procure the signature of the Commissioner of Public Works to the petition, I will thank you to return it to me as early as possible next week.

I am sir,

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, June 23, 1876, p. 150.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized and requested to sign and verify on behalf of this Department the new petition, prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation,

for the appointment of commissioners to acquire the title to the parade ground.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Cooke & Beggs, contractors for fitting up the elevator in the Museum of Natural History, stating that they have delivered the elevator at said museum building, and would have had it completely set up, only that the building is not in a position to enable them to do so, as yet ; and asking for payment on account of their contaact.

(Minutes, January 18th, 1876, p. 536.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintending Architect be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to prepare an estimate for Messrs. Cooke and Beggs contractors for up fitting the elevators, &c., in the Museum of Natural History building, on account, and not exceeding the sum of \$1,500, if, in his judgment, sufficient work has been done and material delivered to justify said payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Cricket on Central Park.

From Mr. James T. Soutter, President of the St. George

Cricket Club, asking that permission be given to said club to play cricket on the Central Park.

(Minutes, March 29th, 1876, p. 708.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect for his report.

154th Street, Twenty-third Ward.

From Mr. D. Fredericks and others complaining of the condition of 154th street, in the Twenty-third Ward, between Elton and Courtland Avenues.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for his report.

Mill Brook sewer in Brook avenue.

From Mr. James E. Serrell, city surveyor, protesting against the plan for the construction of the Mill Brook sewer, in Brook avenue.

Filed.

From the Engineer of Construction reporting upon the protest of Mr. James E. Serrell.

(Minutes, August 23d, 1876, p. 255.)

Filed.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be, and he is hereby, required forthwith to create and issue, in such manner and under such regulations as he shall determine, a public fund or stock, to be denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," to the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars, as authorized by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places, which are now, or hereafter may be under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, April 21, 1876, p. 770.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10:45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 30th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 16th inst. were read and approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d inst. were read, when

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that they be amended by inserting on page 255, and immediately after “At this point the Comptroller of the city entered.” the following words, “and after listening to, and examining the various bids, he enquired for the charter and examined the clause relating to the opening of the same, when he objected to the proceeding on the ground that they were not in conformity with law.”

The PRESIDENT then moved that the approval of the minutes of the 23d inst., and the motion of Commissioner Stebbins to amend same, be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Drinking Fountain at Sixth Avenue and Thirty-third street Park.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen forwarding a com-

munication from Mr. T. G. Ellsworth, County Secretary of the Good Templars, complaining that the drinking fountain at Sixth Avenue and Thirty-third Street Park is out of order, and requesting that it be repaired.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for his report.

Urinal at the Dairy, Central Park.

From the Health Department, complaining of the condition of the urinal at the Dairy in the Central Park.

Referred to the Superintendent of parks for his report.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of a resolution of said Board, authorizing the Comptroller of the city to issue City Parks Improvement Fund Stock to the amount of \$25,000.

(Minutes, Aug. 23, 1876, p. 261.)

Filed.

Celebration of Independence Day.

From the Comptroller of the city as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

August 26, 1876.

To the Department of Public Parks :

Bills of S. C. Edge, for fireworks at Union Square, amounting to \$1,225; J. W. Hadfield, for fireworks, amounting to \$1,000; Isaac Edge & Son, for fireworks, amounting to \$2,135.08; Detwiller, Street & Co., for fireworks, amounting to \$690.91; Feodor Gunzel, for decorating and illuminating at Madison square, amounting to \$50; Felix Werner, for decorating and illuminating at Madison square \$94; John A. Casey for tar barrels, etc., amounting to \$114; A. Sivori, for illuminating 36 Union square, amounting to \$25; New York Calcium Light Co., for calcium lights, amounting to \$40; R. Burgess, for labor and materials, amounting to \$29.25; Dodworth's band of music furnished at City Hall, amounting to \$133; M. K. Maximillian, for rent of flags, amounting to \$22; Fred. Law Olmstead, for special services and disbursements, amounting to \$34.72, have been received at this Department.

Section 14 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, provides that no money shall be expended for any celebration, unless by vote of four-fifths of all the members of the Common Council.

Will you please inform this Department whether the necessary vote was obtained in these cases.

(Signed.)

Respectfully,
ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

August 30, 1876.]

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The PRESIDENT stated that he had transmitted to the Finance Department the following reply, and moved that this action be approved.

Adopted.

(Minutes, Aug. 4th, 1876, p. 219.)

[REPLY.]

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. }
NEW YORK, August 29th, 1876.

To the Comptroller of the City of New York :

In answer to yours of the 26th instant, we beg leave to inform you that no vote has been obtained in the Common Council in reference to the bills of I. G. Edge and others, for fireworks in Union Square, &c., on the celebration of Independence day, and that none was necessary.

Serious complaints have reached this Department of your dilatoriness in solving so simple a question, and of the hardships these persons have suffered in having an untenable objection raised against the payment of their just claims.

We trust you will see the propriety of prompt action in these cases.

Respectfully,

(Signed) .

WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Liberty Pole at Union Square.

From Mr. Eugene Cruger, Recording Secretary of the Young Men's Democratic Union Club, asking permission for said club to erect a liberty-pole near Washington Monument, Union Square, and undertaking to remove said pole immediately after the elections in November.

Laid over until next meeting.

Ice on the Pool, Central Park.

From Mr. Jacob Boehm, stating that he had paid \$700 to this Department for the right to cut ice on the Pool in Central Park last winter. That on account of the mildness of the season, he did not obtain any ice last winter. And asking that he be granted the privilege of cutting the ice this coming winter season.

(Minutes, Nov. 3, 1875, p. 364.)

.Laid over until next meeting.

East River Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to give notice, through the daily papers, that the East River Park will be opened to the public on Friday, the 1st September next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 144.)

Adopted.

Sewer in Brook Avenue.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 22), of Messrs. Charles Jones and Thomas P. McQuade, for building a sewer with the necessary receiving basins, culverts and appurtenances, in Brook Avenue, from a point in tide water to a point in 165th Street, in the 23d Ward of the city of New York, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Messrs. Jones and McQuade, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, August 23d, 1876, pp. 256 and 257.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Pipe-sewers in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 8), of Mr. Frank A. O'Donnel, for the construction and laying of pipe-sewers in Central Park, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Frank A. O'Donnel, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, August 23d, 1876, p. 258.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative,

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a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square (East).

NEW YORK, 1st September, 1876.

Mr. WM. IRWIN, *Secretary D. P. P.*

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Monday, the 4th inst., at 9 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of taking such action as may be necessary in relation to the inauguration of the statue of Lafayette.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. R. MARTIN,

President D. P. P.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 207.)

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WETMORE.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the President, the approval of the minutes of the 23d August, 1876, was laid over; and the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 30th August and 4th September, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Fountains.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, requesting that all the fountains, except the one at the Terrace in Central Park, be discontinued, on account of the very limited supply of Croton water, occasioned by the long continued drought.

The President stated that the Department of Public Works had, since he received said communication, cut off the supply of water to the fountains, thereby rendering any action on the matter by this Department unnecessary, and he moved that said communication be filed.

Adopted.

Jeremiah McCarty.

From Mr. John O'Donnell and others, asking that Mr. Jeremiah McCarty be appointed a foreman.

Filed.

James Crow.

From Mr. James Crow, applying for the position of inspector on Brook Avenue sewer.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner O'Donohue, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Ayers, Saml. P., Estate of, rubber valves. Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$12 00
Byrne, James, E., hay oats and bran.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	185 78
Boyd, Edw'd A., glass.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	449 63
Central Gas Light Co., gas.	Harlem R. B. Reps.	
	Imp. and M.	60 00
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., nails.	Harlem R. B. Reps.	
	Imp. and M.	18 60
Colgate & Co., soap.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	6 40
Horgan, Cornelius, meat.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	243 00
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.	16 15
Mahoney, Michael, blue-stone.	Mus. Nat. History	\$42 00
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.	353 60
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		\$395 60
Merchant, S. L., & Co., cement.	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.	21 00

Metropolitan Gas L. Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		\$33 75
Metropolitan Gas L. Co., gas, July.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		295 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbers,			
Materials.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		27 45
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, July.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		636 00
Prentice, James, repair to transit.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund... ..		30 00
Poillon, C. & R., lumber.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$447 80	
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	Imp. and M....	395 50	
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Reilly, P., bread and crackers.....	Maint and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		50 68
Rogers, Robt., services as diver.....	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	Imp. and M....		50 00
Rogers & Graham, services as divers...	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	Imp. and M....		50 00
Scanlon, John P., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		12 16
Stackpole & Bro., repairs to thermome-			
ter.....	City Parks Imp.		
	Fund.....		2 00
Smith, Geo. W., & Co., revised statutes.	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$11 00	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	5 50	
		<hr/>	16 50
Scott, D., fish and vegetables.....	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.....		55 15
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hardware...	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$6 00	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	3 24	
	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards.	2 46	
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Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music Central Pk.	\$275 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$154 00
	H. R. B., Reps.,	
	Impt. & Maint..	60 00
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		214 00
Walmsley, R. G., pipe....	Museum Natural	
	History.....	1 30
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, pick handles..	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	12 15
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		<u>\$6,036 45</u>

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$166 40
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	51 20
Paving Third av. from Westchester av. to northern boundary 23d Ward.....	5,482 55
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maintenance...	60 00
Music, Central Park.....	275 00
Museum Natural History.....	1 30
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	<u>\$6,036 45</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand and thirty-six dollars and forty-five cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
 " H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, September 6th, 1876.

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

Anderson, Pierce & Co., paint, oils and varnish.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	\$204 34
	Maint. & Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	34 39
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		\$238 73
Allen, R. H. & Co., knife rivets.....	Maint. and Govmt. *	
	P. and P.....	1 00

Ames Plow Co., shovels.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		\$51 20
Boyle & Co., corn, oats, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		185 00
Cooke & Beggs, labor and mats.....	Museum Natural History.....		1,500 00
Croes, Jas. R., incidental expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....		85 44
Coffin, Paul C., & Co., pails and nails..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$12 00	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		26 45
			<hr/> 38 45
Early & Lane, pails and brooms.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$18 50	
	Harlem R. B., Reps. Impt., Maint....	9 00	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	19 50	
			<hr/> 42 00
Edwards, Chas. A., hose.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		22 50
Gold & Stock Telg. Co., rent of line....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$15 62	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		46 88
			<hr/> 62 50
Gordon, Robert, Act'g. Treas., expenses			
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		535 25
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter, Ang..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		27 77
Hazard Powder Co., shot, caps and powder.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		1 96
Hillman, Caleb, monument.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.		100 00

Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$7 79
Irwin, Wm., incidental expenses.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$28 68
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	27 00
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	0 25
	Mus. Nat. History	0 48
	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards, etc.....	16 74
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Keese & Valentine, sundries..	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards....	1 78
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 60
King, Joseph, keep of horse, August....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	30 00
Lanthier, L. A., passe partouts.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	3 50
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, July....	Maint. and Govmt't P. and P.....	551 50
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govmt't P. and P.....	8 52
Murphy, S. O. A. & Co., soap & chamois,	Maint. and Govmt't P. and P.....	5 23
Murphy & Nesbitt, brick, lime & hair,.	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	84 15
Parry, Henry, marble basin slab,.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	12 00
Poillon, C. & R., lumber,.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	45 00
Ruhe, Louis, bird food,.....	Maint. and Govmt't P. and P.....	16 00
Scanlan, John P., milk for August,....	Maint. and Govmt't P. and P.....	12 40
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal,.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	6 50

Van Riper, Chas., plow share, etc.,	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	\$86 58
Verplanck, Bros., tacks,	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	1 00
Watrous & Willson, boards	City Parks Impt. Fund.	23 50
Watson Mfg. Co., iron and labor.	Mus. Nat'l Hist.	2,500 00
Weeks, D. C. & Son, labor and materials, Mus.	Nat'l Hist.	6,896 00
Ziegler, J. & Co., enameled cloth,	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	1 75
		\$13,210 75

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,483 09
City Parks Improvement Fund.	492 29
American Museum Natural History.	10,896 48
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	215 69
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	114 20
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maint.	9 00
	\$13,210 75

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred and ten dollars and seventy-five cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, September 6th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Lafayette Statue.

The PRESIDENT reported that the Consul-General of France and the Committee of French residents, had arranged formally to present the Statue of Lafayette to the city, on this afternoon, the 6th inst. That he had seen his Honor the Mayor, who was to receive the statue on behalf of the city, concerning the arrangements, and that his Honor had requested that this Department would make the necessary preparations and incur the expenditures suitable to the occasion; and had promised that, if funds were required for the purpose by this Department he would have a transfer made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose.

He then moved that he be authorized to expend an amount not exceeding \$400, in making the necessary preparations for the unveiling and inauguration of the said statue of Lafayette.

(Minutes, Sept. 4, 1876, p. 270.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Filling on Manhattan Square.

The PRESIDENT moved that an order be authorized to be issued, on the requisition of the Superintendent, for an amount of filling, not exceeding 10,000 cubic yards, for the purpose of completing the approaches from 77th Street to the Museum of Natural History Building, on Manhattan Square, at a price not exceeding 10c. per cubic yard.

(Minutes, March 29, 1876, p. 707.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Patrick Cunningham, Owen Carr.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE stated that Patrick Cunningham, a keeper in the Menagerie, had tendered his resignation, and he moved that it be accepted, and that Owen Carr be appointed a keeper in his place, at the same rate of pay, viz., \$16 per week.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned, at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of August 30th, September 4th, and September 6th, 1876, were read and approved.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of August 23d, 1876, was laid over until the next meeting.

The following communications were presented and read :

Geo. C. Coffin—Isaac Evans.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in which he states that, as it appears from a letter addressed to him by the President, on the question of the removal of Mr. Isaac Evans, late Assistant Secretary, and the appointment of Mr. Geo. C. Coffin to that position, the provisions of the charter were not complied with in the removal of Mr. Evans, his removal was irregular, but that he is inclined to think that Mr. Evans' acquiescence amounted to a waiver of any objections he might have taken as to the manner of his removal, and that he is neither the incumbent of the office or position of Assistant

Secretary, nor entitled to the salary attached thereto. He also states as follows :

“ Even if the position of Assistant Secretary is an ‘ office ’ and Mr. Evans, by reason of the irregularity of his removal, is still the lawful incumbent of that office, I do not think this act can operate to deprive Mr. Coffin of his salary. If there is such an ‘ office ’ as that of ‘ Assistant Secretary,’ and Mr. Coffin has not heretofore filled that ‘ office,’ because it was not vacant, he is, nevertheless, a duly appointed clerk or subordinate of the Department of Public Parks, and has performed such duties as were assigned to him by the Board governing that Department, and is entitled to receive such salary for those services as was fixed by the Department at the time of his appointment, provided there is now a sufficient amount of the appropriation for the Park Department to cover such payment.”

The PRESIDENT stated that the Comptroller had refused to pay Mr. Geo. C. Coffin his salary for the month of July, and on that account he had requested the Counsel to the Corporation to give his opinion as to the legality of his appointment, and he then moved that said communication be received and filed.

(Minutes, May 31, 1876, p. 80.)

Adopted.

Berrian Avenue—Marrion Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the property owners on the line of Berrian Avenue had laid the flagging on the west side of said avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street, excepting 125 lineal feet between Kingsbridge Road and John Street, and 185 lineal feet opposite the hotel and in front of the horse shed, adjacent to Kingsbridge Road.

That on Marrion Avenue only 50 lineal feet, in front of the property of Mr. J. Ridgeway, had been laid.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1875, p. 435, and March 1, 1876, p. 650.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that

the balance of the work, not done by the property owners, be executed by contract, the specifications for which shall be prepared by the Engineer of Construction; and that the Secretary prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore.—3.

Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. James Everard, contractor for paving Third Avenue, claiming that certain days on which the Inspectors employed on the work of paving said avenue had worked, should not be charged against him in his final estimate.

Also from the Engineer of Construction, stating that the whole number of days worked by the Inspectors was 222; that the work was suspended, by reason of wet weather, &c., for $22\frac{1}{2}$ days; that the contract called for the work to be finished in 85 days; that therefore the number of days with which the contractor is to be charged is $114\frac{1}{2}$. That Mr. Everard now claims he is entitled to a deduction of 20 days from this $114\frac{1}{2}$ days. He submits a statement showing the work done on the days claimed by the contractor, and states that he does not think that any deduction should be made for them.

The PRESIDENT moved that the recommendation of the Engineer of Construction be accepted, and that the claim of Mr. Everard be disallowed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore.—3.

Fordham Avenue, Kingsbridge Road, 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a map or plan of Fordham Avenue and connecting streets.

(Minutes, February 4th, 1876, p. 595.)

Laid over until next meeting.

Maps of 23d and 24th Wards and north end of Island.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that photo-lithographic copies of the maps of the 23d and 24th Wards, and of the north end of the Island, be made on a scale of 300 feet to one inch.

Laid over until next meeting.

Thomas L. Beebe.

From the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements, stating that in running out the lines for the sewer in Brook Avenue he had found it necessary to employ an axeman for one day, and had obtained the services of Mr. Thos. L. Beebe, and requesting that his action be sanctioned by the Board, and that Mr. Beebe be allowed pay for said day.

The PRESIDENT moved that the action of the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements be approved, and that Mr. Thos. L. Beebe be allowed pay as an axeman for one day, at the rate of \$2.50 per day, which shall be charged to the appropriation for "surveying and laying out, &c., the north end, &c."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Riverside Ave.

From Messrs. Henry Gantz & Co., requesting that a clause be inserted in the contract for improving Riverside Avenue,

requiring a certain description of asphalt pavement to be laid on said Avenue.

(Minutes, August 4, 1876, p. 222.)

Filed.

Dennis Fitzpatrick.

From Alderman Wm. Wade and sixteen other members of the Common Council, asking that Mr. Dennis Fitzpatrick be appointed as engineer in charge of the new steam engine to be placed on Third Avenue Bridge.

Laid on the table.

Southern Boulevard.

From Mr. C. D. Dickey and a number of other residents of the 23d and 24th Wards, complaining of the condition of the Southern Boulevard.

Referred to the President to report upon.

Samuel Ofen.

From Mr. Samuel Ofen, applying for a position upon the police force.

Filed.

Jonas Chandler.

From Mr. Jonas Chandler, applying for a position as inspector upon the construction of Brook Avenue sewer.

Filed.

L. Falkenan.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that \$232.50 was a just amount to allow Mr. L. Falkenan for work done on Third Avenue pavement as a City Surveyor, and was within the amount allowed by the ordinances of the city, and recommended that he be allowed said amount, and that the Engineer of street openings and improvements be directed to include same in the assessment list

for said work. He also handed in two communications in relation to the subject, one from Mr. L. Falkenan and one from the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements.

(Minutes Nov. 3, 1875, p. 358.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said report be accepted and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore.—3.

Joseph Mazzini.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Nestor Corradi, Artist, of 284 Third Avenue, M. F. Donnarumma and M. E. Macogzi, had called upon him and requested that a site be designated in Central Park for a bust of Joseph Mazzini, which a committee of Italian Residents proposed to present to the city, and he moved that the Landscape Architect be requested to report upon said application.

Adopted.

Brook Avenue sewer. Pipe sewers in Central Park.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, there may be reason for believing that the Board were not legally empowered to award the work for the construction of a sewer in Brook Avenue, and the construction and laying of pipe sewers in Central Park to the lowest bidder, the Comptroller of the city objecting to the opening of the bids, on the ground of the informality and illegality of the proceedings on the part of the Board ; it is therefore,

Resolved, that the President be, and he is hereby, directed to withdraw the statement of the award from the Finance Department ; that the action of the Board be reconsidered, the subject laid on the table, and the whole case submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon.

(Minutes, August 30, 1876, p. 267.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said preamble and resolution be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Tompkins Square.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the time for the completion of the work on Tompkins Square by day's work, has not been extended by the Common Council,

Resolved, that the men so employed be at once discharged, and the Comptroller of the city duly notified of the fact.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 215.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said preamble and resolution be laid over until the next meeting.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Friday, the 15th inst., at 9.15 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A.M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WETMORE.

On motion of Commissioner WETMORE, the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 13th and 15th insts., were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the approval of the minutes of August 23d, 1876 was in order, and that the motion of Commissioner Stebbins to amend the same and offered at the meeting of August 30, 1876, was now before the Board.

The PRESIDENT then moved as a substitute for said motion of Commissioner Stebbins, that the minutes of the 23d August, 1876, be approved as read, on the ground that the amendment proposed does not correctly state the facts.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Francis Hagan, Assistant Foreman.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding certain charges against Assistant Foreman Francis Hagan.

(Minutes, June 9th, 1876, p. 113.)

Referred to Commissioner O'Donohue to investigate, and report.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans for an iron bridge over Harlem river, from 139th street on the west side, to 138th street on the east side of said river, and estimating the cost of its construction at \$87,417.

(Minutes, April 28, 1876, p. 780.)

Laid over until next meeting.

Sidewalks on Brook Avenue and cross streets.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that it will be necessary to determine the width of the sidewalks on Brook Avenue and the cross streets. That the regulations of the late town of Morrisania and those of the city of New York are different in relation to the width of the sidewalks; and asking instructions in the matter.

Referred to the President for report.

Transfer of Appropriation.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying this Department that a transfer of \$437.50 from the appropriation for "Surveying, laying out, &c.," for 1875, to the appropriation for "Third Avenue, Morrisania, Opening Improvement Fund," 1875, had been authorized.

(Minutes, August 4, 1876, p. 228.)

Filed.

Museums of Art and Natural History Stock.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportion-

ment, notifying this Department that the Comptroller of the city had been authorized to issue \$25,000 of the Museums of Art and Natural History stock.

(Minutes, June 28, 1876, p. 16.)

Filed.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying this Department that the Comptroller of the city had been authorized to issue \$25,000 of the "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock."

(Minutes, Aug. 23, 1876, p. 261.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and service.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.....	\$5	05
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	15	09
		—	\$20 14
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., paper and camphor.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.....	6	24
Dodworth's band, music.....	Music Central Park	275	00
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music Central Park	275	00
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness materials	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	22	31
Horgan, Cornelius, meat.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	243	00
Labagh, W. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	13	09

Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas meter,			
August	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		\$55 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter,			
August	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		41 25
Muir, Jas., plumbing and materials....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		2 25
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas			
July and August.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		7 75
Norris & Williams, plumbing and ma-			
terials	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$10 68	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	122 77	
			138 40
Reeves, Robt. C., canary seed.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		6 00
Reilly, Patrick, bread, August.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		51 34
Scott, D., fish and vegetables, August...	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		70 70
Thomas, Jas., rent office, 46th st.....	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards....		60 00
Wheatly R. R., hay, oats, bran, &c....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....		85 98
Valentine & Briggs, rent.	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....		40 00
			<u>\$1,858 40</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$534 61
City Parks Improvement Fund	137 86
Music Central Park.....	550 00
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	60 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	75 98
	<u>\$1,858 40</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, September 20, 1876.

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

Everard, James, paving.....	Paving 3d Avenue from Westchester Ave. to Northern bound'y 23d Ward,	\$9,723 97
		<hr/> \$9,723 97 <hr/>

Amounting to ninety-seven hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-seven cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Committee.*

New York, September 20th, 1876.

THE PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

Estimates for 1877.

THE PRESIDENT reported verbally upon the subject of the Departmental estimates for 1877, and recommended that the following be adopted, viz. :

Proposed departmental Estimate of Expenditures by the Department of Public Parks for the year 1877.

For the maintenance of the Central Park and other Parks and Places.....	\$250,000 00
For special improvement of Walks, Central Park.....	10,000 00
For Park Keepers, &c.....	95,000 00
For lighting Parks and Places.....	25,000 00

For Music, Central Park.	\$6,000 00
For Music, other Parks and Places.	7,000 00
For completion of Pavement of City Hall Park.	20,000 00
For Sea Wall at Battery.	7,500 00
For the maintenance of the Collections of the American Museum of Natural History and of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.	30,000 00
(Sec. 7, Chap., 756, Laws of 1873.)	
For Bridges over Harlem River, maintenance, repairs and rebuilding	56,300 00
For care and repair of Roads in 23d and 24th Wards.	79,000 00
For Surveying, laying out and monumenting 23d and 24th Wards, including the north end of this island (Ch. 604, of 1874).	39,000 00
For making Tax maps for Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments. (Ch. 411, of 1876.)	6,600 00
For repair and rebuilding Bridges over the Bronx River.	29,000 00
For Salaries.	60,000 00
For Contingencies.	10,000 00
	\$730,400 00
For celebration of Independence Day.	
Total.	

(Minutes, August 4, 1876, p. 227.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the Estimates, as presented by the President, be approved, and that he be authorized and requested to transmit same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen, as required by Sect. 112, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

Sale of Sheep and Lambs.

The Treasurer presenting the auctioneers' return of the sale of sheep, showing the total amount received.	\$661 50
Advertising, auctioneers' fees, &c.	68 20

Net proceeds. \$593 30

And he moved that it be accepted and approved.

(Minutes, July 19, 1876, p. 168.)

Adopted,

Engineering Corps.

Commissioner STEBBINS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report with reference to the work done by the following late members of the Engineering Corps, between February 1st, and June 28th, 1876, viz.: Charles M. Harris, Daniel Campbell and Edward Kennedy, and recommended that they be paid as follows:

C. M. Harris, 13 days, at.....	\$5 per day.
D. Campbell, 13 days, at.....	3 "
E. Kennedy, 10 days, at.....	3 "

And that such pay be charged to the Construction fund.

(Minutes, July 19, 1876, p. 179.)

Received and laid over until next meeting.

Transfer of Appropriations of 1876.

The PRESIDENT presented a statement showing that there are deficiencies in certain appropriations for the current year, but that certain other appropriations were more than sufficient to meet all the requirements during the year, and he moved that it be referred to the President with power to make application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the transfer of such surplus funds to the appropriations on which there are deficiencies.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Buildings on line of Brook Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that it would be necessary to have the houses on the line of Brook Avenue, south of 165th Street, removed, and he moved that it be referred to the President with power to have them sold by public auction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Joseph Mazzini.

The Landscape Architect reported verbally upon the application to place a bust of Joseph Mazzini on the Central Park, and stated that only a drawing of the proposed bust had been submitted to the Department, and that the established custom and rules required that before definitely designating a location on the Central Park for a work of art, the work itself, or a full-sized model of it, should be referred to the Committee appointed to judge of its merits.

(Minutes, September 13, 1876, p. 287.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted, and that the Committee, requesting permission to place said bust on the Central Park, be informed that no action can be taken in the matter until the rules are complied with.

Adopted.

Acting Sergeants Flock and Liebenau.

The PRESIDENT stated that on the 21st June last, patrolmen Flock and Liebenau, were detailed to act as sergeants, but that by an oversight their pay was not fixed at the rate given to Sergeants, and he moved that they be paid from June 21st, 1876, and so long as they continue to act as sergeants, at the rate of pay allowed to sergeants, viz., \$3.25 per day.

(Minutes, June 21st, 1876, p. 143.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioners Stebbins—1.

Bridges over Harlem River

Commissioner WETMORE moved that a Superintendent be appointed who shall have the general oversight of the care and management of the bridges over Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil Creek ; that he be designated " Superintendent of Bridges over Harlem River ;" and that Mr. Henry Bertholf be appointed such superintendent.

The PRESIDENT moved that said motion be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Banner Poles.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that it be referred to the President, with power, to issue permits for the erection of banner poles on the streets adjacent to the public parks and places until the date of the next election.

Adopted.

Maps of the 23d and 24th Wards, and North end of Island.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized, in accordance with the recommendations of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, to issue orders for photo-lithographic copies of the maps of the North end of the Island and the 23d and 24th Wards, on a scale of 300 feet to one inch, for the use of the Civil and Topographical force, and that Timothy J. O'Sullivan be, and hereby is, appointed a draughtsman for the purpose of preparing the copy for the lithographing of said maps, and that his pay be fixed at \$90 per month.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Wm. Van Valkenburgh.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE presented certain charges preferred by Mr. Michael Quinn against Mr. Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, and which had been sent to him.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said charges be received, and referred to Commissioner Stebbins to investigate and report upon.

Adopted.

Laborers, &c., Employed.

The PRESIDENT stated that Commissioner Stebbins had requested him to report whether more laborers, &c., had been employed since May 1st, 1876, than the Board had authorized, and in compliance with the request he presented the following statement, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes, viz. :

STATEMENT.

Force employed on Parks and Places on 1st May, 1876 (see return of Disbursing Clerk on file in the Department).....	486
Force employed on 12th September, 1876 (see return of Disbursing Clerk on file in the Department).....	666
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Increase.....	180
Number of appointments authorized by the Board since 1st May, 1876.	248
Number of discharges directed by Board since 1st May, 1876.....	47
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	201
Difference.....	21

Annual Reports for 1872-3.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Annual Reports for 1872-3

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had been delivered, and he presented a list of Libraries, Institutions, and individuals entitled to receive copies, numbering in all about 200, and he moved that copies be sent to the Libraries, &c., named in said list; that 50 copies be given to each Commissioner, and that 250 copies be kept in reserve.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President,
“ STEBBINS,
“ O'DONOHUE,
“ WETMORE.

On motion of the President, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th inst., was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Tompkins Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolutions, viz :

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen did, on the 22d of July last, adopt a resolution for completing the work necessary for the improvement of Tompkins Square, in the words following, viz :

“ *Resolved*, That it be, and is hereby, ordered and directed that the Department of Public Parks forthwith proceed to have all the work necessary to complete Tompkins Square, according to the plans on file in said Department, not embraced in the contract for grading and regulating said square, made with Stephen Roberts, to be completed as speedily as possible; and for that purpose, authority is hereby given to said Department to prosecute said work by day's labor, and they are hereby directed to so prosecute the same. The authority hereby given shall continue only until the first day of September next;”

And whereas, For divers reasons, the work as authorized herein, was not commenced until on or about the 15th day of August, so that sufficient time does not remain to complete the said work on the 1st day of September, 1876; therefore

Resolved, That the date for the completion of the work authorized in said resolution, and specified in the last clause thereof, be extended from the first day of September until the 1st of October, 1876, inclusive.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 15th, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, September 20th, 1876.

(Minutes, August 4, 1876, p. 215.)

Filed.

John Bogart, Superintending Engineer.

From Mr. John Bogart, Superintending Engineer, in relation to his position and pay.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1876, p. 223.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the name of John Bogart, Superintending Engineer, be placed upon the pay-rolls, at the rate of sixteen dollars per day, for construction work, from August 31st, 1876, and until the contract for the improvement and construction of the Riverside Avenue is awarded.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

Michael Cummings—Timothy O'Brien.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, in which he states that Michael Cummings, who was employed as a teamster in the 23d and 24th Wards, had employed another man to drive his team for the greater part of the month of August, as he was in ill-health himself, and that as he had not worked himself, the Disbursing Clerk had withheld his pay.

That Timothy O'Brien, also a teamster in said Wards, had worked for five days, for eight hours each day, and for seventeen days, for ten hours each day ; that he had, therefore, returned his time as twenty-six days for the month of August, but that the Disbursing Clerk had withheld his pay for that month.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the claim of said Michael Cummings be approved, and that the Disbursing Clerk be directed to pay him for the time for which he was returned on the August pay-roll ; that the claim of the said Timothy O'Brien be allowed only for twenty-two days, and that the Disbursing Clerk be directed to pay him only for that number of days on the August pay-roll.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

John F. Carroll.

From Mr. John F. Carroll, clerk, asking to be allowed pay for three days during which he was unavoidably absent during the month of August.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. John F. Carroll be allowed full pay for the said three days he was so absent, as leave would have been given if he had made application for it.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From Messrs. Jones & McQuade, contractors for the building of the Brook Avenue sewer, stating that they understand some objection exists to the acceptance of Mr. M. K. Burke as one of the sureties offered by them, and requesting that this Department consent to the substitution of Mr. Lawrence R. Kerr as a surety in his place.

(Minutes, August 30, 1876, p. 267.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. Lawrence R. Kerr, of the Putnam House, Fourth avenue and Twenty-sixth street, New York city, in place of Mr. M. K. Burke, as a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for building a sewer, with the neces-

“ sary receiving basins, culverts and appurtenances, in Brook
 “ avenue, from a point in tide-water to a point in 165th street,
 “ in the Twenty-third ward of the city of New York, heretofore
 “ awarded to Messrs. Charles Jones and Thomas P. McQuade.”

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

The Tow-boat “ Trojan.”

From Mr. Eli B. Conine, Captain of the tow-boat Trojan, claiming damages for injuries sustained by said tow-boat while passing through the draw of the Third Avenue bridge over Harlem river, on the 20th July, 1876.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the accident which caused the injuries complained of, and stating that from the evidence he had been able to obtain, the draw-tender performed his duties in an entirely satisfactory manner, and that he cannot be held accountable for the accident.

Filed.

George Robinson.

From Mr. W. E. Worthen and others, recommending Mr. George Robinson for the position of engineer of the new steam engine to be placed on the draw of the Third Avenue bridge.

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that the following work, not included in the contracts, is necessary to be done in connection with the Museum of Natural History building, viz. :

Six extra speaking tubes at an estimated cost of \$78.

To reduce all ventilating shafts from 2 ft.x20 in. to 2 ft.x12 in., at an expense of \$440, and as per estimate of Messrs. Weeks & Son.

The PRESIDENT moved that the work mentioned in said communication be approved, and that same be executed as recommended by the Superintending Architect.

(Minutes, August 9, 1876, p. 238.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Carpenters.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that he had suspended five carpenters on account of want of work for them.

Approved.

Mrs. E. Martin,

From Messrs. Thos. Coltman, Thurlow Weed, John A. Dix and others, recommending Mrs. Eva Martin for the position of ladies' maid in one of the cottages on the parks.

Filed.

Wm. Van Valkenburgh.

Commissioner STEBBINS, to whom was referred certain charges preferred against Mr. Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, by Mr. Michael Quinn, reported verbally, recommending that the same be dismissed, as it appears from the affidavit of Mr. Van Valkenburgh that said charges are without any foundation. He then handed in Mr. Van Valkenburgh's affidavit.

(Minutes, Sept. 20, 1876, p. 301.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the report be accepted, the affidavit of Mr. Van Valkenburgh filed, and the charges dismissed as recommended.

Adopted.

Tompkins Square.

The Landscape Architect presented a report upon the improvements on Tompkins Square.

(Minutes, August 16, 1876, p. 248.)

Filed.

The Spa or Springs, Central Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had requested the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the right of this Department to reduce the rent reserved under Mr. Carl Schultz's lease of the Spa or Springs in Central Park, but that he had not as yet received said opinion. That said lease contained a clause giving the Department the right of forfeiture in case the rent is not paid within sixty days after same becomes due. He therefore offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That pending the decision of the Counsel to the Corporation, upon the question submitted to him of the right of this Department to reduce the rent reserved in the lease made with Mr. Carl Schultz, of the Spa or Springs in Central Park, dated February 21, 1873, the time of said Schultz to pay the rent reserved therein is hereby extended, and the clause providing for forfeiture of said lease for non-payment of said rent within sixty days after the same shall become due, is hereby waived until said Schultz shall have had, after said decision, reasonable notice to pay such rent.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Statue of the late William H. Seward.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President with power to make all necessary arrangements for the inauguration and unveiling of the statue of the late William H. Seward, placed on Madison Square.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 184.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT moved that application be made to the Board of Aldermen for an additional extension of time, in which to complete the improvements in Tompkins Square by day's work.

(Minutes, Sept. 27, 1876, p. 304.)

Adopted.

Cottages on the Parks.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report upon the condition of all cottages ; the manner in which the ladies' maids in charge perform their duties ; whether any changes in the cottages are required, or new cottages should be erected.

Adopted.

Plants, &c., belonging to P. L. Gilmore.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that permission be given to Mr. P. L. Gilmore, to leave certain plants, &c., at Mount St. Vincent during the winter, at his own risk and without expense to the Department.

Adopted.

Drinking Fountains at Madison Square.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President with power to permit the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to erect, without expense to the Department, drinking fountains at such locations around Madison Square, as the President shall designate.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Pavement.

The PRESIDENT, presented the assessment list for the paving of Third Avenue from Westchester Avenue to the northerly side of 163d Street, and also the statement of the amount to be assessed duly certified, and moved that the same be approved, signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, Sept. 6, 1875, p. 259.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Special Police.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Special Policemen, George Macomb and Edward G. Tully, be continued in the employment of the Department, from the 1st inst. until the 1st November, 1876, at the same rate of pay which they have heretofore received.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 210.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

L. A. Risse, Draughtsman.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. L. A. Risse, draughtsman in the office of the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, be temporarily transferred to the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and that his salary be charged to the appropriation for surveying and laying out the north end of the island and the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards while so transferred.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 227.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Laborers for Monumenting.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be authorized to employ two laborers whenever he requires their services, for the purpose of monumenting the streets and avenues, and that their pay be fixed at \$1.75 per day.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

A. K. Merrill, Messenger.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that A. K. Merrill, messenger, be removed from the employment of the Department, from and after October 1st, 1876, and that Michael Hogan be

appointed messenger from that date, in his place, at the same rate of pay—namely, \$2.50 per day.

(Minutes, Aug. 16, 1876, p. 252.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Frank Schell, Laborer.

David O'Keef, Laborer.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Frank Schell and David O'Keef, laborers, the first of whom has been suspended, and the second absent from work, be restored.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Bridges over Harlem River.

Commissioner WETMORE called up the subject of the appointment of a Superintendent of Bridges over Harlem river, laid over from the last meeting, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Superintendent be appointed who shall have the general oversight of the care and management of the bridges over Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek ; that he be designated "Superintendent of Bridges over Harlem River ;" that his salary be fixed at \$2,500 per annum, and that Mr. Henry Bertholf be appointed such Superintendent.

(Minutes, September 20, 1876. p. 300.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative,

a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Wetmore—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue—3.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that it be referred to the President to report whether it is advisable to appoint a care-taker of any or all the bridges over the Harlem river.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the next regular meeting be held at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

Commissioner Stebbins left the meeting at this point.

Wm. Leslie.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Wm. Leslie be appointed a skilled laborer, and his pay fixed at \$2.25 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the President the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ O'DONOHUE.
“ WETMORE.

Bridge over Harlem River.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the order of business was suspended, and Mr. J. L. Mott and Mr. B. G. Arnold were received and heard on the subject of the construction of the bridge over Harlem River at 139th Street.

(Minutes, September 20, 1876, p. 292.)

Before reading the minutes, and at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the Comptroller of the city entered, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates which had been received for the following contracts, in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the CITY RECORD and corporation newspapers, viz. :

I.—The improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, between 72nd Street and 130th Street, in the city of New York.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1876, p. 223.)

II.—Carpenters' work of the Museum of Art.

III.—Plasterers' work of the Museum of Art.

IV.—Plumbers and Gas Fitters' work of the Museum of Art.

V.—Heating and ventilating work of the Museum of Art.

VI.—Elevator work of the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, August 4th, 1876, p. 218.)

	BIDDERS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.	Earth Excavation, per cub. yd. 225,000 cub. yds.	Rock Excavation, per cub. yd. 125,000 cub. yds.	Embankment, per cub. yd. 480,000 cub. yds.
1	L. W. Johnson and John G. Smith.....		\$ 33	\$1 25½	\$ 01
2	Wm. Harrison and Son.....		16	1 00	27
3	Michael Noonan.....		50	75	01
4	Nicholas H. Decker and Geo. W. Quintard..		30	1 25	05
5	Richard A. Cunningham.....		39	2 05	01
6	John D. Crimmins and Abraham Dowdney .		40	1 00	01
7	Matthew Baird.....		50	1 50	40
8	John Mullins.....		23	50	35
9	Jas. Everard and J. H. Sullivan... ..		37½	99	.001
10	W. E. Warren, C. J. Ryan, and J. B. McDonald		25	1 35	05
11	Wm. C. Hunt and Thomas F. Conklin.		24	90	01
12	Mills and Ambrose.....		65	1 30	4 00
13	C. P. Dixon and D. N. Stanton.....		30	1 00	28
14	Jas. N. Smith and J. D. Ripley.....		27	1 35	25
15	Jas. Slattery.....		68	1 51	01
16	Francis McCabe.....		38	1 15	02
17	John E. Gowen and Thos. P. Simpson.....		22	1 10	40

II.

The following proposals were received for the carpenters' work of the Museum of Art :

1. John Kerby.....	\$37,860 00
2. Edward Gridley.....	32,900 00
3. Patrick E. Reed.....	32,749 00
4. J. V. Donovan.....	35,703 00
5. Holmes Brothers.....	30,200 00
6. Gibb & O'Reilly.....	34,000 00
7. Joseph C. Brady.....	28,800 00
8. Steel & Costigan.....	42,300 00

III.

The following proposals were received for the plasterers' work of the Museum of Art :

1. William Brennan.....	\$15,180 00
2. John Mahoney.....	21,300 00
3. Thomas Bennett.....	16,250 00
4. Thomas Lennon.....	17,248 00
5. John McChristie and William J. Mollan.....	22,449 00

IV.

The following proposals were received for the plumbers and gas fitters' work of the Museum of Art :

1. Patrick H. Lydon.....	\$4,495 00
2. Halpin & Brother.....	2,875 00
3. P. McDermott.....	3,800 00
4. Robert Ennever & Son.....	3,377 00

V.

The following proposals were received for the heating and ventilating work of the Museum of Art :

1. Baker, Smith & Co.....	\$11,822 00
2. Gillis & Geoghegan.....	14,492 00
3. Bartlett, Robbins & Co.....	13,600 00
4. The Angell & Blake Manufacturing Co.....	11,359 00

VI.

The following proposals were received for the elevator work of the Museum of Art :

1. C. E. Copeland & Earl C. Bacon.....	\$4,470 00
2. Otis Brothers & Co.....	5,500 00

The Comptroller of the city then retired, and the order of business was resumed.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 20th, 1876, were then read, when

Commissioner STEBBINS moved to strike out the following words on the first page of said minutes, viz., "on the ground "that the amendment proposed does not correctly state the "facts," for the reason that said proposed amendment does state the facts as they took place.

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

The minutes of the 20th inst., were then approved as read.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 27th September, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read:

City Parks.

From the Landscape Architect upon the condition of the trees on the city parks, and recommending that a number of new trees be planted on the said parks.

Referred to the PRESIDENT to report as to what fund the cost of planting said new trees should be charged.

Cottages on the Parks

From the Superintendent of parks, reporting upon the condition of the cottages on the parks.

(Minutes, September 27, 1876, p. 310.)

Filed.

Jacob Weinnig, Park Keeper.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon the physical condition of Park Keeper Jacob Weinnig, and stating that it is extremely doubtful whether he will again be able for active duty.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication be referred to Commissioner STEBBINS to report upon.

Adopted.

Abbey Noonan, Ladies' Maid.

From Mrs. Abbey Noonan, Ladies' Maid in charge of the cottage on the Battery Park, asking to be allowed pay from April 20th to May 27th, 1876, during which time she was given a vacation and received no pay, on account of the removal of the cottage.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Mrs. Abbey Noonan, Ladies' Maid, be allowed full pay from April 20th to May 27th, 1876, as requested in said communication.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Audit.

Commissioner **O'DONOHUE**, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Anderson, Pierce & Co., paints and acid.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$7 47	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1 25	
			8 72
Ackerman, Wm. G. & Co., timber.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....		98 51
Architectural Iron Works, angle iron...	Mus. Natural. History.....		156 00
Byrne, Jas. E., oats, corn, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		137 19
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. Impt. and M....		60 00
Colwell Lead Co., solder.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		7 50
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.		369 90
Curnen, Lawrence, sand.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.		82 80
DeGrauw, Aymer & Co., blocks.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		44 46
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music Central Park.		275 00

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Graffulla, C. S., music.....	Music Central Park.	\$275 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co.,		
rent of line.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	\$15 62
	City Parks Imp.	
	Fund.....	46 88
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		62 50
Gunther, Herman A., pavement...	Pavement City Hall	
	Park.....	6,159 95
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, August, Harlem R. B., Reps.		
	Impt. & M.....	\$60 00
	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	174 00
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		234 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-pipe..	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	20 00
Harmer Hays & Co., whip and		
ticking.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	5 25
Holbrook, E. F. & Bro, glass.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	9 63
Kreischer, B. & Son., fire brick and		
clay.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	12 25
Keuffel & Esser, drawing mater-		
ials.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	29 76
Lester Oil Co., lubricating oil.....	City Park Impt.	
	Fund.....	\$1 80
	Harlem R. B. Reps.	
	Impt. and M... ..	18 00
	Maint. and Govmt-	
	P. and P.....	64 35
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		84 15
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas,		
August.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P... ..	549 00
Mahony, John, plastering.....	Mus. Natural His-	
	tory.....	5,000 00
Mahony. Michael, blue stone.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	639 72

Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, feather dusters.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		\$24 93
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, August.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		295 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, frames, grates, etc'.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$7 50	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	151 34	
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Murphy, S. O. A. & Co., chamois..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.		3 50
Murphy & Nesbit, brick.....	Museum Natural History.....	\$16 15	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	111 35	
		<hr/>	127 50
Mulcahy & Hopkins, iron.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		16 38
N. Y. Gas-light Co., gas, August...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		626 00
Peter Cooper's Glue Factory, bone dust.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		32 97
Ryder, Jesse, gravel.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$833 06	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	856 48	
		<hr/>	1,689 54
Slattery, James, building stone and sand.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		665 90
Watson Mfg. Co., iron and Matls..	Museum Natural History.....		4,000 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		38 13
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hard- ware, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		20 08

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Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$3 42
Wheatly, R. R., hay, oats, etc.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	37 86
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		\$22,083 34
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,812 95
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	3,118 92
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	131 37
Museum Natural History.....	9,172 15
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and main- tenance.....	138 00
Music—Central Park.....	550 00
Pavement—City Hall Park.....	6,159 95
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	\$22,083 34
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two thousand and eighty-three dollars and thirty-four cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
H. G. STREBBINS, } Committee.

New York, October 4, 1876.

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

Wm. Irwin, incidental expenses.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.....	\$52 58
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	39 88
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$39 88	
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	52 58	
		\$92 46

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-two dollars and forty-six cents.

(Signed.) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
H. G. STEBBINS,
Auditing Committee.

New York, October 4, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue,
Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was directed to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Joseph J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.	
August 16.	By balance.....	\$2,592 91
Aug. 16	} " cash received for rents, licenses, permits, and sheep.....	
to		
Oct 4.		2,560 52
		\$5,153 43

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1876.		DR.
Aug. 16 } to Oct. 4. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$2,791 17
Oct. 4. "	balance.....	2,362 26
		<hr/> \$5,153 43

1876.		DR.
Oct. 4.	To Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	\$1,709 26
"	" drawer.....	653 00
		<hr/> 2,362 26

(Signed,) JOSEPH J. DONOHUE,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1876,
9.30 A. M.

Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT moved that the report presented at the last meeting by the Landscape Architect, on the subject of the improvements on Tompkins Square, be taken up and considered.

(Minutes, Sept. 27, 1876, p. 308.)

Adopted.

The Landscape Architect then read said report, and presented a "study of plan for improvement of the southwest triangle of Tompkins Square," together with specifications for the work, the cost of which he estimated at \$6,500.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the plan and specifications for the improvement of the southwest triangle of Tompkins Square, be adopted; that it be referred to the President to ascertain whether there is legal authority to execute said work by days' work; and that, in the event there is such authority, said work be so executed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Joseph Bartist, Michael Fagan.

The PRESIDENT moved that Joseph Bartist and Michael Fagan, laborers, who have been dropped from the pay-roll, be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

A. M. Whittemore.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. A. M. Whittemore, messenger, had resigned on the 30th ult., and he moved that his resignation be accepted.

Adopted.

Park-keepers for East River Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that the limited number of the police force of the Department rendered it difficult to assign any park-keepers to East River Park. That it was necessary to have at least two park-keepers on duty at said park, and that the lessee in said park had offered himself and one of the men in his employment, viz., Frederick Volle, to act as park-keepers in said park, if they were appointed park-keepers by this Department.

He then moved that Jacob Seabold, Jr., and Frederick Volle be appointed special park-keepers on their signing an agreement to serve without pay from, or claim against, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city, or the Commissioners of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Central Bridge.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that Daniel Daly be appointed caretaker of Central Bridge over Harlem River, at a salary of \$1,250 per annum. That it shall be his duty to keep said bridge clean, and to open and close the draw when necessary.

Commissioner WETMORE moved to amend said motion by substituting the name of Henry Bertholf for that of Daniel Daly.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, moved by Commissioner Wetmore, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Samuel E. Warren.

The PRESIDENT stated that there were no construction maps of the city parks in the Department, and that on the 21st of August last he had employed Mr. Samuel E. Warren, draughtsman, to make a complete set of them. That Mr. Warren has since been regularly engaged upon them. He then moved that Mr. Samuel E. Warren be appointed a draughtsman in the office of the Superintending Engineer, at a salary of \$100 per month, which shall be charged to the "City Parks' Improvement Fund," and that his appointment take effect from August 21st, 1876.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Screened Gravel.

The PRESIDENT stated that it was necessary to have proper and suitable screened gravel and broken stone for the care and maintenance of the roads and walks of the Parks, and for the streets, roads and avenues of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. That, as the Comptroller had not as yet approved of the sureties of the contractors to whom the Department awarded the contracts for the delivery of gravel, he had obtained an offer from Messrs. John Slattery, Jesse Ryder and John A. Bouker, to deliver Road Hook gravel as required by the Department, and he moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from Messrs. Slattery, Ryder or Bouker screened gravel and broken stone, to be delivered as required on the parks, at a price not exceeding \$2 per cubic yard, and in quantities not exceeding in value \$1,000.

(Minutes, June 28 and July 19, 1876, p. 155 and 180.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at eleven o'clock A.M., to meet on Saturday, the 7th inst., at nine o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

The following proposals were received for the Improvement and Construction of Riverside Avenue :

Dry Wall, per cub. yd. 50,000 cub. yds.	Parapet Wall, per cub. yd. 925 cub. yds.	Coping, per lin. ft. 13,000 lin. ft.	Brick Masonry, per cub. yd. 800 cub. yds.	Concrete, per cub. yd. 1,500 cub. yds.	Rubble Masonry in Cement, per cub. yd. 3,000 cub. yds.	Pile Shoes, each. 2,000.	Piles, per lin. ft. 70,000 lin. ft.	Timber in Founda- tions, per 1,000 ft., B. M. 150,000 ft., B. M.	Cast Iron, per lb. 175,000 lbs.	Wrought Iron, per lb. 10,000 lbs.	Trestle, per 1,000 ft., B. M. 200,000 ft., B. M.	12" Sewer, per lin. ft. 12,000 lin. ft.	8" Sewer, per lin. ft. 4,000 lin. ft.	6" Sewer, per lin. ft. 2,000 lin. ft.	Pavement of Drive, per sq. yd. 90,000 sq. yds.	Pavement of Ride, per sq. yd. 14,200 sq. yds.	Pavement of Walks, per sq. yd. 47,000 sq. yds.	Gutters, per sq. ft. 40,000 sq. ft.	Straight Granite Curb, per lin. ft. 200 lin. ft.	Granite Curb Angle Stones, per lin. ft. 800 lin. ft.	Blue Stone Curb, per lin. ft. 17,000 lin. ft.	Blue Stone Edging, per lin. foot. 30,000 lin. ft.	Blue Stone Edging, Special, per square foot. 500 sq. ft.	Circular Corners, Granite, per lin. foot 25 lin. ft.	Circular Corners, Blue Stone, per lin. foot. 450 lin. ft.	Flagging, per square foot. 55,000 sq. ft.	Crosswalks, per square foot. 12,000 sq. ft.	Granite Steps, per cub. foot. 500 cub. ft.	TOTALS.	DEDUCTIONS.	TOTALS OF BIDS.
\$1 70	\$22 00	\$2 22	\$8 25	\$3 65	\$4 00	\$ 01	\$ 01	\$1 00	\$ 04	\$ 05	\$33 00	\$ 62	\$ 39	\$ 30½	\$1 02	\$ 71	\$ 55	\$ 08	\$1 04	\$1 15½	\$ 54	\$ 43	48½	\$ 1 43	\$ 90	\$ 14½	\$ 64	\$ 2 64	\$ 590,592 25	\$ 4,125 00	\$ 586,467 25
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 4th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

L. D. V. Mason, Supt. 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. L. D. V. Mason, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, tendering the resignation of his position, to take effect on the 10th inst.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Mason's resignation be accepted, to take effect on the 10th October, 1876.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 142.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Art.

From Messrs. Vaux and Radford, architects, stating that

they had examined the specification attached to the bid of Messrs. Copeland & Bacon, for the elevator work of the Museum of Art, and that they cannot find any practical difference between it and the specifications drawn by them, which are the specifications contained in the contract for the work.

(Minutes, October 4, 1876, p. 318.)

Filed.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT reported that the two lowest bids for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue were those of Messrs. Harrison & Son (No. 2), and Messrs. Hunt & Conklin (No. 11), but that the proposals of both were irregular and informal, and he recommended that the contract be awarded to Messrs. Decker & Quintard, the third lowest bid.

(Minutes, October 4, 1876, p. 316.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the question of the right of the Department to reject the bids of Messrs. Harrison & Son and Messrs. Hunt & Conklin, on account of the irregularities and informalities in their proposals, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, for his opinion.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 7) of Mr. Joseph C. Brady, for the carpenter work of the Museum of Art, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Joseph C. Brady, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Mr. William Brennan, for the plastering work on the Museum of Art, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said William Brennan, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. Halpin & Brother for the plumbing and gas-fitting work of the Museum of Art, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Halpin and Brother, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 4) of The Angell and Blake Manufacturing Co., for the heating and ventilating work of the Museum of Art be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Angell and Blake Manufacturing Co., and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Copeland and Bacon for the elevator work of the Museum of Art be accepted

as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Copeland and Bacon, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

(Minutes, October 4, 1876, p. 315.)

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Watson Manufacturing Co. the contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art, had failed to proceed with the work, and that the building would be damaged by the weather if the work was not completed soon.

Commissioner STEBBINS thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Watson Manufacturing Company, contractors for the iron-work at the Museum of Art, under a contract with this Department, dated August 11th, 1874, have failed to comply with the terms of said contract by completing the said work as therein specified, and have made default thereon ; and

Whereas, The public interests are suffering by reason of the delay consequent upon said default :

Resolved, That the terms of said contract be rigidly enforced, that time be made of the essence of the contract, and the said contract be, and hereby is, declared forfeited ; that the forfeiture of \$100 per day be demanded, and the Superintendent be directed to proceed forthwith and provide the necessary materials and workmen and carry forward said work, and that the charge thereof be deducted from any money now due, or that may hereafter become due, under this agreement.

Resolved, That a copy of these preambles and resolutions be served by mail upon said contractors and their sureties, as notice of the action of the Department in the premises.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said preambles and resolutions, and it was determined

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in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet on Monday, the 9th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.
 “ STEBBINS,
 “ O'DONOHUE,
 “ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 4th and 7th insts. was dispensed with.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Anderson, Pierce & Co., paint and tur-		
pentine.....	City Parks Imp. F.	\$69 60
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	City Parks Imp. F.	33 00
Coffin, Paul C. & Co., brooms and rasps..	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. & P.....	\$31 25
	Harlem R. B.	
	Rep. Imp. and M.	2 50
	City Parks Imp.	
	F.....	16 20
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Cooper, Hewett & Co., wire.....	City Parks Imp. F.	\$21 27
Croes, J. James R., incidental expenses..	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	40 40
Devlin, John B., paving.....	Paving 3d avenue from Westchester ave. to Northern boundary, 23d Ward.....	5,584 82
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music—Central P.	190 00
Dugan, Francis, repairs to cottage.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.....	39 00
Early & Lane, brooms and mops.....	Maint. & Govt. P. & P.....	27 22
Falkenaw, Louis, services.....	Paving 3d avenue from Westchester ave. to Northern boundary, 23d Ward.....	232 50
Fischer, W. L., car fares.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$4 65
	City Parks Impt. F.....	13 96
		<hr/> 18 61
Graffulla, C. S., music.....	Music Central Park	260 00
Gordon, Robert, acting treas., expenses		
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	740 30
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	78 75
Harlem Gaslight Co., meter, gas, Sept.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	30 52
Horgan, Cornelius, meat, Sept.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	234 00
Keuffel & Esser, drawing malts....	Surveying, Laying-out, &c., 23d and Wards.....	87 52
King, Joseph, keep of horse.....	Surveying, Laying-out, &c., 23d and Wards.....	30 00

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Manhattan Gaslight Co., gas, Sept.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$55 00
Metropolitan Gaslight Co., gas, Sept....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	54 25
N. Y. Mutual Gaslight Co., gas, Sept....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	4 25
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	Museum of Art....	93 75
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	40 00
Watrous & Willson, timber, &c.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	103 99
Ward, John F., services.....	Harlem R. B. Rep. Impt. and M....	90 00
Week, D. C. & Son, services.....	Mus. Nat. History.	440 00
Westbrook, David V., horse.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	250 00
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		<u>\$8,898 70</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,470 44
City Parks Improvement Fund	336 77
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	40 00
Harlem River bridges, repairs, improvement and maint...	92 50
Music—Central Park.....	450 00
Museum Natural History.....	440 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	157 92
Museum of Art	93 75
Paving 3d Av. from Westchester Av. to northern boundary 23d Ward.....	5,817 32
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	<u>\$8,898 70</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty eight hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee*

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The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue and Wetmore—4.

Joseph Keller.

The PRESIDENT presented the affidavits of James McCrea, Cornelius Sanford, Thomas McCann and James McNally, employés of the Department, to the effect, that Joseph Keller, a laborer employed on Central Bridge, had stolen a quantity of lumber purchased by the Department for the repairs of the bridge, and he reported that he had discharged said Joseph Keller.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the action of the President be approved, and that said affidavits be filed.

Adopted.

Edward P. North.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Edward P. North be appointed until December 1st, 1876, Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards ; that his appointment commence on the 10th inst., and that his compensation be fixed at the rate of \$2,500 per annum.

(Minutes, October 7, 1876, p. 331.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said motion and the subject of the appointment of a Superintendent for the 23d and 24th Wards be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

agree to said motion, moved by Commissioner Stebbins, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue and Wetmore—4.

Jerome Avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards required the immediate use of four additional teams for the purpose of watering Jerome Avenue during the three days of Jerome Park races this week, and he moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be authorized to employ four additional teams during said three days.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Laborers for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that it would be necessary to employ for a short period an additional number of laborers in the 23d and 24th Wards, to place the roads in a better condition before the winter sets in, and he moved that forty laborers be appointed.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissions Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT reported that there is legal authority to enable the work on the southwest corner of Tompkins Square to be executed by day's work, and he moved that thirty stone masons and twenty laborers be appointed for that purpose.

(Minutes, October 4, 1876, p. 325.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had caused search to be made in the County Clerk's office for the name of the notary (John Williams) who purported to have taken the affidavits of "Harrison & Son," and their sureties on their proposal for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, but that no such notary appears in the records of the County Clerk's office. That the notary (Adam Hens) by whom the affidavits verifying the proposal of "Hunt & Conklin," and the affidavits of the sureties on said proposal purported to have been taken, had made an affidavit that his signatures to said affidavits are forgeries, and that he never saw the persons who purported to make said affidavits. That the residence given by said "Hunt & Conklin" is a Blind Asylum, and that no such persons reside there or have an office there. That none of the sureties on said proposals can be found although diligent search has

been made for them. That an affidavit of these facts has been made by the Assistant Secretary. That said affidavits have been submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation, who has verbally stated that the said proposals of "Harrison & Son" and "Hunt & Conklin" should be rejected as nullities and the contract awarded to the next lowest bidder, but that the Counsel to the Corporation would be unable to send his written opinion on the subject for a day or two.

He then moved that said proposals (Nos. 2 and 11), purporting to be made by persons named Harrison & Son and Hunt & Conklin, be rejected.

(Minutes, Oct. 7, 1876, p. 332.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 4) of Nicholas H. Decker and George W. Quintard, for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, between 72d Street and 130th Street, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Nicholas H. Decker and George W. Quintard, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned without transacting any business, to meet on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,
“ O'DONOHUE,
“ WETMORE.

Bridges over Harlem River.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the order of business was suspended, and Messrs. S. E. Lyon, J. J. Crane and C. D. Dickey were received, and heard on the subject of the construction of the bridge over Harlem River at 139th Street.

(Minutes Oct. 4, 1876, p. 315.)

Messrs. Lyon, Crane and Dickey then retired, and the order of business was resumed.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 7th, 9th and 11th instants, were read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Tompkins Square.

From the clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen did, on the 22d July last, adopt a resolution for completing the work necessary for the improvement of Tompkins square, in the words following, viz. :

“ *Resolved*, That it be, and is hereby, ordered and directed that the Department of Public Parks forthwith proceed to have all the work necessary to complete Tompkins square according to the plans on file in said Department, not embraced in the contract for grading and regulating said square, made with Stephen Roberts, to be completed as speedily as possible, and for that purpose authority

is hereby given to said Department to prosecute said work by day's labor, and they are hereby directed to so prosecute the same. The authority hereby given shall continue only until the first day of September next."

And Whereas, For diverse reasons the work, as authorized herein was not commenced until on or about the 15th day of August, so that sufficient time does not remain to complete the said work on the first day of September, 1876; therefore,

Resolved, That the date for the completion of the work authorized in said resolution, and specified in the last clause thereof, be extended until the 20th day of October, inclusive.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, October 5, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, October 12, 1876.

Filed.

Statement of Expenditures.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Whereas, A resolution passed by this Board July 20, calling upon the Department of Public Parks for a detailed statement of the expenditures of that Department, the request having as yet not been complied with; therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks are hereby again respectfully requested to furnish the desired information at the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, October 5th, 1876.

Referred to the President to report.

Riverside Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in which, after reviewing the facts connected with the proposals of William Harrison & Son, and Hunt & Conkling, for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue; he states as follows :

"The bids in question are, therefore, undoubtedly sham, fraudulent and wholly irregular, and it is the right and duty of the Department of Public Parks to treat the same as nullities, and reject them, and award the contract to the next higher *bona fide* bidder whose proposal is made in due form."

(Minutes, October 9th, 1876. 342.)

Filed.

Washington Square Roadway.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that he is unable to suggest any means whereby money applicable to the work of repairing the roadway through Washington Square, can be provided.

(Minutes, August 9th, 1876, p. 237.)

Filed.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment notifying this Department that the Comptroller has been authorized to issue City Parks Improvement Fund Stock to the amount of \$25,000.

(Minutes, September 20th, 1876, p. 293.)

Filed.

154th Street, Third Ave.

From the Health Department, complaining of the condition of 154th Street, west of Elton Avenue and of Third Avenue, between 138th Street and Westchester Avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards for his report.

C. R. Schott, E. B. Van Winkle.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that Mr. C. R. Schott, Division Engineer, is ill, and requesting that Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer and Surveyor of street openings, &c., be temporarily transferred to his office to assist him, when his services are not otherwise needed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had detailed Mr. Van Winkle to assist the Civil and Topographical Engineer, as requested in his communication, and moved that his action be approved, and that Mr. Van Winkle's salary, for such time as he may be employed in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be charged to the appropriation for "Surveying, Laying-out, Monumenting, &c., north end of the island and 23d and 24th Wards."

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Teams for 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards stating that it had been found necessary to employ six extra teams to water Jerome Avenue during the late Jerome Park races, in place of four, as had been authorized.

(Minutes, October 9th, 1876, p. 341.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had instructed the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards to employ the extra two teams during said race days, and moved that his action be approved.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Joseph C. Brady, the contractor for the carpenter's work of the Museum of Art, requesting that Mr. Bernard Reilly and Mr. Charles Welde be substituted in place of Mr. Terrence McGuire and Mr. Philip Smith, the sureties named in his proposal.

(Minutes, Oct. 7th, 1876, p. 332.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. Bernard Reilly, of No. 320 East 13th Street, and Mr. Charles Welde, of No. 371 East 123d Street, both of the city of New York, in place of Mr. Terrence McGuire and Mr. Philip Smith, as sureties for the faithful performance of the contract for the carpenter's work of the Museum of Art, heretofore awarded to Mr. Joseph C. Brady.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art and Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, requesting to be furnished with the cost of the work upon the foundations of the Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History, which was executed by the force in the employment of the Department.

Referred to the President.

Steam Launch on Central Park.

From Messrs. Maxim and Welch, asking permission to place a steam launch on the Lake in the Central Park.

Also from the Landscape Architect, recommending that the request be refused.

The PRESIDENT moved that the request be respectfully declined.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors for the mason work of the Museum of Art, presenting their bill for extra work on said building, amounting to \$4,980.88.

Referred to Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, for his report and explanation.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Watts Cooke, receiver of the Watson Manufacturing Co., contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art, in reply to the resolution of the Board adopted on the 7th inst., with reference to the non-prosecution of said work, and claiming that the contractors are not liable on account of the delay.

(Minutes, Oct. 7, 1876, p. 334.)

Filed.

John O'Connell.

From John O'Connell, applying for the position of Steam Engineer on the Third Avenue Bridge.

Filed.

Geo. W. Robinson.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, recommending Mr. Geo. W. Robinson for the position of Steam Engineer on the Third Avenue Bridge.

(Minutes, September 27th, 1876, p. 306.)

Filed.

Fitz Greene Halleck Statue.

From Gen. James Grant Wilson, on behalf of the Committee who propose to present the statue of Fitz Greene Halleck, requesting that the site formerly occupied by the Morse Statue be designated for that of Fitz Greene Halleck.

(Minutes, October 11th, 1873, p. 334.)

Referred to the President to report.

Third Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that in several places on Third Avenue between Westchester Avenue and the northern boundary of the 23d Ward, the pavement has been taken up for the purpose of laying water and gas pipes, but has not been properly replaced; and recommending that the Department of Public Works and the gas companies be required to have the work done in a proper manner.

(Minutes, October 18th, 1876, p. 349.)

Referred to the President with power.

Third Avenue Bridge, approaches to.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the approaches to the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem River for a length of about $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet on each side, in all about 53 square yards, are of wood pavement, which is much worn and needs

repairs, and recommending that it be replaced by stone pavement.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be directed to have the approach from the 23d Ward repaired as recommended by the Engineer of Construction, and that the Department of Public Works be requested to have the approach on the west side of the river repaired in a similar manner.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Am. District Telegraph Co., rent of line and services.....	Maint. and Govt..		
	P. and P.....	\$4	20
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	12	62
		—————	\$16 82
Coffin, Paul C. & Co., nails, locks, &c....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		40 50
Downer Kerosene Co., kerosene.....	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....	\$7	87
	Mus. Natl. Hist...	3	75
		—————	11 62
Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....		16 38
Hotchkiss, Guy C. Field & Co., rims and tire iron.....	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....		11 27

Irwin, Wm., incidental expenses.....	Maint. and Gov't	
	P. and P.....	\$16 48
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	30 24
	Maint., etc., 23d	
	& 24th Wards,	
	etc.....	16 45
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		\$63 17
Johnson, J. O., agent, flags and repairs..	Maint. and Gov't	
	P. and P.....	180 50
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing malts.	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	3 80
McCarty, John C., coal.....	Maint. and Gov't	
	P. and P.....	\$225 00
	Surveying, laying	
	out, etc., 23d and	
	24th Wards....	25 00
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		250 00
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	8 72
Murphy, S. O. A. & Co., brimstone.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund... ..	1 00
Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., pipe....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	37 50
Reilly, Patrick, bread.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	40 95
Reeves, Robt. C., grass seed.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	59 40
Wiebusch & Hilger, Hardware Co. butts.	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	92
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		<u>\$742 55</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$548 87
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	148 48
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	16 45
Museum Natural History.....	3 75
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	25 00
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	<u>\$742 55</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seven hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-five cents.

(Signed)

Henry G. STEBBINS,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,

} Auditing
} Committee.

New York, October 18, 1876.

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

Cartwright, Wm., hickory nuts.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$3 50
Central Gas Light Co., gas, Sept.	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. and M.	60 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, Sept.	Harlem R. B. Reps. Imp. and M.	\$60 00
	Maint. and Govm't. P. and P.	173 00
		<hr/> 233 00
Kings, Briggs & Co., files.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	12 28
Mahoney, John, labor.	Mus. Nat. History	400 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, Sept.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	549 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Sept.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	295 00
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, Sept.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	626 00
Patton & Gorum, saddle.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	15 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$2,193 78

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,661 50
City Parks Improvement Fund.	12 28
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maint.	120 00
Museum Natural History.	400 00
	<hr/> \$2,193 78

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-one hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-eight cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
Henry G. STEBBINS, } Committe.

New York, October 18th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was directed to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Joseph J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.		CR.	
Oct. 4.	By balance.....		\$2,362 26
Oct. 4	} " cash received for rents, licenses, sheep, &c.....		976 05
to			
Oct. 18.			<u>\$3,338 31</u>
		DR.	
Oct. 4	} To cash paid into the City Treasury.....		\$1,629 05
to			
Oct. 18.			
Oct. 18.	" balance.....		1,709 26
			<u>\$3,338 31</u>
		DR.	
Oct. 18.	To cash in the Bank of the Metropolis.....		\$1,709 26
	(Signed)	JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,	
		<i>Treasurer, D. P. P.</i>	

Wednesday, October 18, 1876.

9:30 A.M.

Elton Avenue.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported upon the condition of the work of regulating and grading Elton Avenue, between Third Avenue and Brook Avenue, under contract, let by the late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania to James Hall and Michael O'Neill, and stated that since the discharge of Mr. E. C. Morrison, late engineer in charge of this and similar works, which were in progress on the 1st January, 1874, in the town of Morrisania, no engineer has been appointed to supervise the works. That Messrs. Hall and O'Neill have made so little progress with the work, which, under the terms of the contract, should have been completed in the month of September, 1874, it was evident that they did not intend to complete the work, and that it was very detrimental to the public interest to keep the avenue in its present state so long. He then presented a communication from Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer and Surveyor of street openings, &c., on the subject; and he recommended, and moved the adoption of the following preambles and resolution:

Whereas, James Hall and Michael O'Neill, the contractors for the regulating and grading of Elton Avenue, from Third Avenue or Boston road to Brook Avenue, in the late town of Morrisania, now the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York, under a contract entered into by them with the Board of Trustees of said late town, dated November, 1873, have failed to comply with the provisions of said contract, by which said work was to be completed on or before the expiration of ten months from the date of said contract; and,

Whereas, It is the opinion of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, who are the successors of the said Board of Trustees, that the said work is unnecessarily delayed; that the said contractors are wilfully violating the conditions and covenants of said contract; that the said work is not being done or progressed according to the terms of said contract, and that said work is not fully completed within the time named in said contract; therefore,

Resolved, That the said contractors be, and are hereby, notified, in pursuance of the terms of said contract, to discontinue all work under said contract, and that the Commission-

ers of this Department shall proceed to complete said work according to the terms of said contract, and in case the expense of the same shall exceed the sum which would have been payable under said contract, if the same had been completed by said contractors, shall charge such excess to the said contractors, and their sureties.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preambles and resolution be served upon the said contractors and their sureties.

(Minutes, August 9, 1876, p. 239.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

E. B. Van Winkle.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Edgar B. Van Winkle, Engineer, be, and he is hereby, appointed, in pursuance of sec. 7, Chap. 329, Laws of 1874, the Engineer in charge, to examine and inspect the work done upon improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, prior to the first day of January, 1874 ; and that he be allowed for such services the several rates of pay fixed by the said Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, and entered on pages 284 and 285 of the Minutes of said Board, for the year 1873.

(Minutes, Nov. 24, 1874, p. 367, and June 14, 1876, p. 125.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

By-Laws.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Executive Com-

mittee, verbally reported, and recommended that the following rules relative to the placing of Statues on Central Park, be incorporated in, and made part of, the By-Laws, and be known as Section 5, Article III, thereof, viz. :

Before any engagement is made to place a statue, or allow a statue to be placed, on the Central Park, it shall be seen in a finished condition, or in the form of a finished model, and a judgment as to its merits, as a work of art, shall have been requested of the respective Presidents of the American Academy of Design, the American Museum of Art, and the American Institute of Architects.

The determination of a site for any statue shall be reserved until after its acceptance.

On each side of the main walk of the Mall, on a line with the statue of Scott, now placed, a series of statues may be ranged, commemorative of men and of events of far-reaching and permanent interest. At or near each of the gates of the Park, portrait or commemorative statues may also be placed, appropriate to the name of the gate. Portrait or memorial statues shall hereafter be placed nowhere else in the Central Park, except in close connection with the buildings of the American Museum of Natural History, and of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and at the request of their respective Boards of Trustees.

Statues or sculptured works designed to represent objects of beauty, or dramatic and poetic interest, may be placed at any points in the Park where they shall not dominate a landscape, or, when seen in front, divide the view over an expanse, lawn or glade.

A statue commemorative of any person shall not be placed in the Central Park, nor accepted with a condition that it shall be placed in the Central Park, until after a period of at least five years from the death of the person represented.

Statues to be placed on the Mall shall be of bronze, and of heroic size. Colossal statues shall not hereafter be placed on the Park.

Plans and elevations for the pedestals of statues to be placed on the Park, shall be submitted to, and approved by, the Department. They shall be of granite, of simple outlines, and free from elaborate decorations. They shall not exceed in height above the surface of the ground one-half the height of the figure to be placed upon them. They shall have no inscription except one in front designating the subject commemorated and its period, and one in the rear recording the date of the presentation of the statue, and designating in the simplest

terms from whom it was received. The letters and figures required to be used in the front shall not exceed 4 inches, and those in the rear 2 inches, in height.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 234.)

The **PRESIDENT** moved that said report be received, and that the recommendation therein be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Jacob Weinnig, Park Keeper.

Commissioner **STEBBINS**, to whom was referred the communication of the Police Surgeon on the condition of the Park-keeper, Jacob Weinnig, verbally reported that said Park-keeper has been unfit for duty for the last three months, but that there is some slight improvement in his condition at present, and he recommended that it be referred to the President, with power to discharge him from the employment of the Department, if he be not able to resume duty on or before the first of next month.

(Minutes, August 4, 1876, p. 319.)

Commissioner **WETMORE** moved that said report be received, and that the recommendation therein be adopted.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Park-keepers for East River Park.

The **PRESIDENT** presented the agreement of Mr. Jacob Sea-

bold, Jr., and Mr. Frederick Volle, to serve as park-keepers without pay or claim against the city or the Commissioners of this Department, and moved that it be filed.

(Minutes, October 4, 1876, p. 326.)

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans for an iron bridge over Harlem River from 139th Street on the west side, to 138th Street on the east side of said river, presented to the Board on the 20th September, 1876, be adopted; that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and present specification for the construction of said bridge, and that, when they are approved, the Secretary insert the necessary advertisements for proposals.

(Minutes, October 18, 1876, p. 347.)

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following two resolutions, as a substitute for the resolution offered by the President :

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate with General John Newton, the Engineer of the United States Government in charge of the surveys of the Harlem River, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the contemplated bridge over Harlem River at 139th Street will, in his opinion, in any way interfere with the navigation of the stream, or conflict with his recommendations in relation to the same.

Resolved, That the President be requested to confer with the Comptroller of the city, with a view to ascertain whether there are, in his opinion, any legal objections or difficulties in the way of obtaining the necessary funds for the preparatory work on said contemplated bridge over the Harlem River at 139th Street, in case this Department should determine to proceed with the work.

The PRESIDENT thereupon stated that the views of General Newton on the engineering questions, had been presented in his reports, and that beyond that he had no power over the subject.

That the objections of the Comptroller to the construction of the bridge, had already been presented by him, and over-

ruled by the Counsel to the Corporation ; and that in an action for the recovery of the expenses on the preliminary surveys, and the judgment recovered thereon, against the city, it had been adjudged that the Comptroller's objections were untenable.

(Minutes, January 6th, 1875, p. 431.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute resolutions offered by Commissioner Stebbins, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows ;

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that there are three houses on Riverside Avenue which, if moved from the avenue to the Park, would be of use to the Department, and that they can be moved at a small expense in comparison to their value.

(Minutes, May 31st, 1876, p. 78.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject of removing from Riverside Avenue to the Park such houses as the Department may require be referred to the President to report.

Adopted.

Lighting the Lamps in the Parks, etc.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to

light all or any of the public lamps under the control of the Department, except the ornamental lamps at the north end of Union square, from January 1st, 1877, to April 30th, 1877, both days included.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Steam Engineer for Third Avenue Bridge

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Dennis Fitzpatrick be, and hereby is, appointed Steam Engineer in charge of the steam engine on Third Avenue bridge, that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$3 per day, and that this appointment take effect as soon as the engine is accepted from the contractors.

(Minutes, September 13, 1876, p. 283.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved to amend said resolution by substituting therein the name of George W. Robinson for that of Dennis Fitzpatrick.

(Minutes, October 18, 1876, p. 352.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Wetmore—2.

Noes.—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue—2.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4

Screened Gravel and Broken Stones for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT reported that Messrs. John Slattery, Jesse Ryder and John A. Bouker, had offered to deliver such screened gravel and broken stones as the Department shall require for Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at the docks on the Harlem River or East River, for \$1.50 per cubic yard, or to deliver it as required on the roads, &c., for \$2.15 per cubic yard. That the Superintendent of the 23d and 24 Wards reported it would cost the Department more than 65c. per cubic yard to haul it from the docks, and he therefore recommended, and moved, that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from Messrs. Slattery, Ryder or Bouker, such screened gravel and broken stones as may be required for the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards at a price not exceeding \$2.15 per cubic yard, delivered on the roads, &c., as required.

(Minutes, October 4th, 1876, p. 328.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Smith's and Plumber's bill for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT presented the following bills which had been incurred by the late Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards without first having obtained a Treasurer's order, viz. :

B. H. Lawrence, Blacksmithing. \$63 38

G. S. Shepperd, plumbing. 4 50

And he moved that they be referred to the Auditing Committee for examination and audit.

Adopted.

Lafayette Statue.

The PRESIDENT presented the following bills for music on the occasion of the inauguration of the Lafayette Statue, namely :

F. Wannemacher	\$186 00
N. Jenks	70 00
M. K. Maximilian	21 00

\$277 00

And he moved that they be approved, and payment authorized, when a transfer is made to meet them by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

(Minutes, .)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK, }
18th October, 1876.

MR. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

Sir—You will please call a special meeting of the Board for Friday, the 20th inst., at 5 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking action in regard to the substitution of a surety for the faithful performance of the contract lately awarded to Messrs. Decker & Quintard, for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue.

Respectfully,
(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 18th inst. was dispensed with.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that it was necessary to substitute—in place of Mr. Francis B. Wallace—a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, lately awarded to Messrs. Decker & Quintard, who named Mr. John Roach as such surety. He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. John Roach of No. 624 Fifth Avenue in said city, in place of Mr. Francis B. Wallace, as a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, between 72d Street and 130th Street, heretofore awarded to Nicholas H. Decker and George W. Quintard.

(Minutes, October 18th, 1876, p. 348.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins and O'Donohue—3.

On motion of Commissioner STEBBINS the Board adjourned at 5:10 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS,

“ WETMORE.

The PRESIDENT received and read a telegram from Commissioner O'Donohue, stating that he was unable to be present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 18th and 20th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Boston Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following ordinance :

Resolved, That Boston Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, between Third Avenue and the northerly side of One Hundred and sixty-fifth Street, be graded in accordance with the established grade thereof; that the curb and gutter stones and flagging be reset, and that the streets intersecting said Boston Avenue, between Third Avenue and One Hundred and sixty-fifth Street, be graded so as to facilitate approach from such streets to and across said Boston Avenue, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 28, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, October 18, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare speci-

fications for the work, and submit them, together with estimates from three or four contractors, at the next meeting of the Board.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Third Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the complaint of the Health Department concerning the condition of the pavement of Third Avenue, between One Hundred and thirty-eighth Street and Westchester Avenue, and stating that the pavement is rough and uneven where the Croton main and service pipes have been laid, and should be repaved for a width of about six feet and a distance of about four city blocks.

(Minutes Oct. 18, 1876, p. 352.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to have the pavement repaired as recommended in said report.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

154th Street.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the condition of 154th Street, at its junction with Elton Avenue, as complained of by the Health Department, and stating that there is a depression at that point in which water collects, and recommending that it be remedied

either by laying a twelve-inch pipe or by filling up the depression.

(Minutes Oct. 18, 1876, p. 349.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to have the place complained of repaired by filling up the depression as recommended.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Williams Bridge over the Bronx River.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that Williams Bridge, over the Bronx river, is in a dangerous condition.

The PRESIDENT stated that the cost of repairing the half of Williams Bridge within the city limits would be from \$600 to \$650, and that he had directed the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to have the repairs made as speedily as possible, and he moved that his action be approved.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Nicholas O'Hearn.

From the Lieutenant, forwarding the resignation of Park Keeper Nicholas O'Hearn, dated the 23d inst.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resignation be accepted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, architect, reporting upon the bill of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, amounting to \$4,980.88 for extra work on the Museum of Art, and stating that "much additional rock had to be taken out, and portions of the piers and main wall of the central building had to be carried down to solid bearing ; defective places under the cross walls, also at disconnected points, had to be made good of these and other necessary works depending on the peculiar circumstances of the site, and not embraced in the masons' contract ; a carefully prepared record was kept by the Superintending Architect, who was in special charge of these operations."

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"Under such circumstances the order for new work, called for in each case by the terms of the contract, could be truly given only after the work was done and the real value settled. Any such work must however manifestly be undertaken by a contractor in advance of an order."

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 351.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President to examine and report.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From Messrs. J. B. & J. M. Cornell, requesting that a payment on account be made on the contract of Mr. Birdsell Cornell for iron work in connection with the Museum of Art, on the ground that all the work is delivered on the ground, but that, owing to delays by other contractors, a small portion of it cannot be placed in position at present.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending a payment on account of \$8,000.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate to an amount not exceeding \$8,000 on account of said contract.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From Messrs. Jones & McQuade, stating that their contract for Brooks Avenue sewer is now executed, but the season has so far advanced that it is not practicable to commence any mason work, which, under the terms of the contract, must stop on November 1st this year. And asking instructions in the matter.

(Minutes, Sept. 27, 1876, p. 305.)

Referred to the President to report.

Robert Demcker.

From Mr. Robert Demcker, formerly Landscape Gardener of this Department, asking for a certificate to vouch for his having rendered useful service.

(Minutes, February 23d, 1875, p. 537.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Mr. Demcker be informed that this Department does not grant certificates to former employés.

Adopted.

Plants in late Propagating Department.

From Mr. Robert Demcker, requesting an order to enable him to remove from Mt. St. Vincent, in Central Park, certain plants, which he claims belong to him.

(Minutes, August 11th, 1875, p. 186.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect for his report, and that his attention be called to his former report on the same subject, which was presented to the Board on the 11th August, 1875.

Adopted.

Stands in Union Square.

From Mr. E. L. Donnelly, asking permission to erect a stand at the south end of Union Square, for the purpose of a public meeting to be held on November 2d, 1876.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that it be referred to the President with power to grant permits in his discretion, for the erection of stands, &c., round any of the public parks, for the purpose of public meetings until November 7th, 1876.

Adopted.

Edgecombe Road.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a map or plan of proposed alterations in Edgecombe Road, from 155th Street to 173d Street.

(Minutes, February 5, 1876, p. 601.)

Laid over until next meeting.

Boston Road.

From Mr. G. C. Walker and other residents of West Farms, requesting that Boston Road be laid out and widened from 170th Street to West Farms village.

Filed.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon said communication, and submitting a map or plan for the widening of said Boston Road.

Laid over until next meeting.

Mott Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a

map or plan for the improvement of the lines and grades of Mott Avenue in the 23d Ward, between the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad, and 165th Street.

Laid over until next meeting.

From Mr. Henry Lewis Morris and others, requesting that the lines and grades of Mott Avenue be changed as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Filed.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting specifications for the construction of the bridge over Harlem River at 139th Street.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 361.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the said specifications be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Fordham Avenue.

From Mr. Caleb Hillman and other residents on the line of Fordham Avenue, requesting that said Avenue be widened to the width of 80 feet.

Filed.

Fordham Avenue, Kingsbridge Road, &c.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the subject of the map or plan for the widening and laying out of Fordham Avenue, Kingsbridge Road and connecting streets, submitted by the

Civil and Topographical Engineer, on September 13th, 1876, be taken up.

(Minutes, Sept. 13, 1876, p. 284.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution

Resolved, That, under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks and places within the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York, shown on a map or plan entitled "Map or Plan of Fordham Avenue and connecting Streets in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York," dated "New York, September 12th, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer Department of Public Parks," of the widths, extent, and direction that said streets, roads, and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines and figures and color, and said public parks and places by green color; and that said Commissioners do hereby discontinue and close such streets, roads, and avenues now existing or heretofore laid out as are designated on said map by india ink shading; and that the widths, extent, and direction of the said streets, roads, and avenues and public parks, or places so laid out or discontinued, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads, and avenues and public parks, or places to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated; and also to have three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same prepared, and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that Mr. T. W. Lawrence, the contractor for laying the artificial stone flooring in the Mu-

seum of Natural History building, offered to omit the upper layer of said flooring, and to make the lower layer somewhat thicker than is called for by the contract, and to make a deduction in the price of \$1,930. He presented a letter from Mr. Lawrence to this effect, with an endorsement on it by the Superintending Architect, recommending that the arrangement be made.

He then recommended that the following preamble and resolution be adopted, viz. :

Whereas, The Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History have requested, and the Superintending Architect has recommended, that certain changes be made in the specifications of the contract made with F. W. Lawrence, contractor for the artificial stone and tile floor of the said museum.

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into an agreement with said contractor, modifying said contract with him, dated April 7, 1876, in pursuance of its term, so that the same shall provide for a uniform thickness of one and three-eighths inches of concrete on all the floors, to be constructed as in the specifications provided, for the lower layer, with a smooth, hard surface, and providing that the contractor shall agree to receive, as full payment for the work, the sum of \$6,000, in lieu of \$7,930, as in said contract, and in instalments as in said contract provided; and providing that the consent of the sureties be first obtained.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 228.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said report be accepted, and that the preamble and resolution recommended be adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Licenses.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, it is desirable that vigorous measures should be

adopted for the enforcement of a more efficient management of the various licensed services in the parks :

Resolved, That the officer detailed by the President, under a resolution of this Board, adopted June 21, 1876, for the inspection of such licensed services, shall be invested with the following discretionary powers, the exercise thereof to be subject to review by the President, viz. :

(1.) To give such instructions as to details of any licensed service as are needed to insure the full measure of satisfaction to the public which may be justly required under the terms of the license.

(2.) To cause the immediate removal from the park of any person, horse, pony, donkey, goat, or any implement or article used in any of the licensed services when found by him unsuitable from imperfect preparation, bad repair, or any defect of condition or conduct.

(3.) To suspend any employé in any service, who, in his opinion, may be guilty of misconduct.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876. p. 145.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Thos. L. Beebe.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engineer and Surveyor of street openings and improvements be, and hereby is, authorized to employ Mr. Thomas L. Beebe as an axeman, whenever his services are required, and that Mr. Beebe's pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day for such time as he may be so employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore.

Abbott's New York Digest.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to

purchase a full set of the last edition of Abbott's New York Digest, for the use of the Department.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

High Bridge Park Hotel.

The PRESIDENT presented an agreement extending the term of the lease of High Bridge Park Hotel, to Mr. Charles Schedler, assignee of Mr. N. A. Lespinasse, the original lessee of said hotel, for a period of three years from July 15th, 1878, and moving that same be approved, and that he be authorized to execute it, on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes April 21, 1876, p. 763.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

High Bridge Park Hotel.

The PRESIDENT then presented an account of the expenditures of Mr. N. A. Lespinasse in improvements and maintenance of High Bridge Park Hotel and grounds, in pursuance of the terms of his lease, and moved that it be referred to the Auditing Committee to examine and audit.

Adopted.

Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT presented an assignment from Mr. Stephen Roberts to Mr. Sylvester Bennett of the contract for grading and setting curb on Tompkins Square, and stated that Mr.

Bennett desired to obtain the consent of the Department to the assignment.

(Minutes, May 19, 1876, p. 52.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject be referred to the President to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Superintendent of Parks on the condition of Tompkins Square, and reported that he had suspended the work, as the time limited in the resolution of the Common Council for days work on said square expired on the 20th inst., but that on the report of the Superintendent of Parks he had directed him to commence the work again on the 24th inst.

(Minutes, October 18, 1876, p. 347.)

Assessments on Employés.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the President and Commissioner Stebbins to ascertain whether any assessment has been levied on any of the employés of this Department for political or other purposes ; and if so, by whom and by what authority said assessment had been made, and report the same to the Board at its next meeting.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 1st November, 1876, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner **MARTIN**, President.
“ **WETMORE**.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned, without transacting any business, to meet on Friday the 3d instant, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3d, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of October 25th and November 1st, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read.

173d St. (formerly 11th St.), 24th Ward.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of the street, formerly known as Eleventh Street, and now known as One Hundred and Seventy-third Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, be flagged a space of four feet wide through the centre thereof, from Third Avenue to Railroad Avenue, and that crosswalks be laid across each intersecting avenue, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, October 21, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, October 28, 1876.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction for his report.

Boston Road, grading.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting specifications for the grading of Boston Road from Third Avenue to 165th

Street, together with estimates from four contractors, the lowest of which is that of Mr. Green Wright, at \$837.50.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 369.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the contract for grading Boston Road, from Third Avenue to the northern side of 165th street be, and hereby is, awarded to Mr. Green Wright, at the sum of \$837.50 ; that the specifications for the work submitted by the Engineer of Construction, be approved ; and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the contract for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Samuel T. Boggs.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that since the discharge from the service of the Department of Mr. Samuel T. Boggs, certain tools and instruments belonging to the Department have been stored in his residence, at 182d Street and Kingsbridge Road ; that he has now removed them ; and recommending that he be authorized to pay Mr. Boggs \$3 per month for the care of said tools, &c., from February 1st (the date of his discharge), to November 1st, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be authorized to pay Mr. Samuel T. Boggs \$3 per month, from February 1st to November 1st, 1875, as recommended, and to charge same in his next bill for incidental expenses of his office.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Edgecombe Road.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the safety of the High Service Reservoir, and the public convenience, require that that portion of the Edgecombe Road, between the Reservoir and Tenth Avenue, which it is proposed to discontinue, should be added to the High Bridge Park, as shown on the map now before the Board.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 374.)

Filed.

C. R. Schott, Division Engineer.

From Mr. C. R. Schott, Division Engineer, requesting that he be allowed pay from September 24th, to October 30th, during which time he has been absent on account of illness. Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that the application be granted, on the ground that his illness was contracted in the performance of his duties.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed Mr. Schott to be returned on the pay roll for October for the full time he was absent on account of illness, as mentioned in his communication, and moved that his action be approved.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, stating that it is desirable to have twenty-four (24) iron rods in the gallery sky lights of the Museum of Art Building, beyond the number provided for in the contract, and submitting the proposal of Mr. Watts Cooke, Receiver of the Watson Manufacturing Company, to furnish said rods at \$3 each.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to said Watts Cooke, Receiver, to supply and place in position said additional twenty-four (24) iron rods.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From Messrs. Jones & McQuade, contractors, requesting instructions as to the prosecution of the work of constructing the Brook Avenue Sewer.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 373.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the Comptroller of the city did not approve the sureties of the contract for the construction of the Brook Avenue Sewer, until the 17th day of October, although the proposal of the contractors was sent to him for that purpose on the 30th day of August last.

And whereas no progress can be made this year in the mason work of the sewer, because, by the terms of the contract, that work could not be carried on in the winter or after the 1st of November.

And Whereas, the subject of a modification of the contract in that respect, so as to expedite the work, has been under consideration by the President, with the contractors and the engineers.

Resolved, that the time for the prosecution of the work, limited by the contract with Messrs. Jones & McQuade, be adhered to, and that they be directed to proceed with the work immediately, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Willis avenue.

From Mr. Lorenz Zeigner and others, requesting that Willis Avenue, from 147th Street to Third Avenue be opened.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 231.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Anderson, Pierce & Co., oil, varnish and putty.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$8 80	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	15 64	
		<hr/>	\$24 44
Crombie, Thos., J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		46 40
DeGrauw, Aymer & Co., blocks.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		5 68
Fitzsimons, M., repairs to roof.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		50 00
Hovey & Doolan, moving pavillion.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		70 00
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$17 14	
	Main. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 23	19 37
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Murphy & Nesbitt, bricks and sand.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$209 00	
	Musm. of Art.	135 00	
	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	90 50	
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Oakley & Smith, horse.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$185 00
Ruhe, Louis.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	16 00
Scanlan, John P., milk, Sept.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	10 80
Shepperd, G. S., labor and materials....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 50
Thorburn, Geo. & Co., spruce spars....	City Parks Impt. F	12 00
Van Nest, Bros., turrets, & turret hooks.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	4 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, sash weights &c.....	City Park Impt. F	28 07
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		\$820 76

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$403 93
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	277 33
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 50
Museum of Art.....	135 00
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	\$820 76

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight hundred and twenty dollars and seventy-six cents.

(Signed)

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Henry G. STEBBINS,

} Auditing
} Committee.

New York, October 25, 1876.

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

Beeber, M. & Co., gloves.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$83 33
Baerk, J. E., dials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1 90

Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	\$106 50
Cornell Birdsall, labor and materials....	Museum of Art...	3,000 00
Egan, K. & Co., waste.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$15 63
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	46 53
		<hr/> 62 50
Gunther, Hermann A., labor.....	Pavement C. H. Pk.	150 00
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	47 25
Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	22 90
Irwin, Wm., incidental expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$10 45
	City Parks Impt. Fund	10 62
	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards,	54
		<hr/> 21 51
Keuffer & Esser, drawing materials.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	25 30
Mott, I. L., Iron Works, castings, stove- pipe, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	182 05
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	Mus. Nat. Hist... City Parks Impt. Fund	\$5 75 803 25
		<hr/> 810 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	\$937 50
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	312 50
		<hr/> 1,250 00
Spencer & Underhill, shovels.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	33 40
Smith, Geo. W. & Co., Abbott's N. Y. Digest.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	33 00

Taylor, A., Jr., newspapers.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$13 96
Tucker, Luther & Son "Country Gentleman".....	Maint. and Govmt.	3 00
Van Riper, Chas., oils.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	5 75
Watson Mfg. Co., labor and materials... ..	Museum of Art. . .	950 00
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		<u>\$11,814 35</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$685 71
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	2,015 60
Museum of Art.....	8,000 00
Museum of Natural History.....	956 75
Pavement City Hall Park.....	150 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	6 29
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	<u>\$11,814 35</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars and thirty-five cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
" H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, November 3, 1876.

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

Byrne, Jas. E., oats, corn and bran.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$140 76
King, Joseph, keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc..	30 00
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal.....	Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.	5 50
Walsh, Robt. A., repairs to wagon.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... ..	120 00
Wheatley, R. R., hay, oats, etc.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	38 69
Yale, Lock Manfg Co., lock and keys..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 65
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		<u>\$339 60</u>

November 3, 1876.]

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$260 76	
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	48 84	
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	30 00	
		————— \$339 60
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty cents

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } Auditing
H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, November 3d, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks, in account with
Jos. J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.*

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Oct. 18.	By balance.....		\$1,709 26
Oct. 18.	} " cash received from permits.....		30 00
Nov. 1.			————— \$1,739 26
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Nov. 1.	To balance.....		\$1,739 26
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the Comptroller refused to furnish such a statement. That he had, however, ascertained that the Comptroller had charged various sums to Maintenance and Salaries, which were properly chargeable to other appropriations, and were so charged on the books of this Department. That, therefore, the books of the Finance Department, and of this Department, cannot agree. He further stated that he had addressed two communications to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated respectively, September 29th, and October 23d, 1876, requesting that transfers be made from appropriations of this Department, on which there were surplusses to those on which there were deficiencies; but that that Board had, as yet, taken no action in the matter. He then moved that the statement be submitted, and the subject of the appropriations for 1876, be laid over until next meeting.

(Minutes, September 20th, 1876, p. 297.)

Adopted.

Mott Avenue.

The President called up the subject of the adoption of the map or plan for the improvement of the lines and grades of Mott Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, laid over at the meeting of October 25th, and offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes specified on the map or plan hereinafter mentioned, in the streets, roads and avenues, as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required; therefore

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out, alter, amend and establish the location, width, course and direction of the streets, roads and

avenues within that part of the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York, which formerly constituted the Town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem river; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem river to the Sound, north of Randall's Island, shown on a map or plan entitled: A "Map or Plan of Mott avenue from 152d Street to 165th Street, in the Twenty-third Ward," dated "New York, October 24th, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks," of the width, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures and color, and do discontinue and close such portions of streets, roads and avenues as are indicated on said map or plan by india ink shading, and that the location, width, course and direction of the streets so laid out and established, and the closing and discontinuing of streets and avenues so discontinued and closed are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good, and that the President of the Department cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board three similar plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

(Minutes, October 25, 1876, p. 374.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Denis Healy, Special Keeper:

The PRESIDENT moved that Special Keeper Denis Healy be returned to the labor force of the Superintendent of Parks as a skilled laborer, at \$2.25 per day, and that the President be authorized to detail another laborer as a Special Keeper, at the rate of pay allowed to gate-keepers.

(Minutes, November 3d, 1876, p. 392.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner O'Donohue—1.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Watson Manufacturing Co., contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art, were now proceeding with their work in a satisfactory manner, and moved that the preambles and resolutions adopted, on the 7th October, 1876, declaring their contract forfeited, be re-considered.

(Minutes Oct. 7, 1876., p. 334.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then moved that said preambles and resolutions be laid on the table.

Adopted.

Norway Spruces for East River Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Landscape Architect reported that Mr. B. E. Wehner, of No. 103 West Thirty-third Street, had a lot of Norway spruce trees for sale, at the price of \$100, which is very cheap, and that the Department requires, the trees for the East River Park. He, therefore, moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase said Norway spruces at a price not exceeding \$100.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Webster Statute.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the statute of Daniel Webster, which is now delivered on Central Park, placed in proper position on the pedestal and that the cost thereof be charged to the "City Parks Improvement Fund."

(Minutes, April 5, 1875, p. 734.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Marion Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Wm. Coogan, contractor, had offered to complete the flagging of the sidewalk of Marion Avenue, as directed by the ordinance of the Common Council, for 27½ cents per square foot, and also to deposit with the Department the balance of the surveyors fees which have not been paid by the owners of property. That the property owners have paid \$36.03, portion of said surveyor's fees, and that the balance amounted to \$28.97. That the cost of the whole work will be under \$1,000. He therefore offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the contract for flagging the sidewalk on the west side of Marion Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Ridge Street, where not already done, be and hereby is awarded to Mr. William Coogan, at the price of 27½ cents per

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square foot, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sep. 13, 1876, p. 283.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10:30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Wednesday, November 8th, 1876, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of October 25th, November 1st and 3d, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Berrian Avenue.

From the clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Berrian Avenue, diagonally, from a point about 149 feet north of Kingsbridge Road, on the west side of said avenue, to a point about 100 feet north of said road, on the east side of said avenue, and that the sidewalk on the east side of said Berrian Avenue, from the easterly end of the crosswalk to the said Kingsbridge Road, be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, October 21, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, November 2, 1876.

(Minutes, Sept. 13, 1876, p. 282.)

Referred to the Engineer of Construction for his report.

Dennis Fitzpatrick, Steam Engineer.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending that the engineer appointed to take charge of the steam engine of Third Avenue Bridge be directed to report for duty at once, so that he may be familiar with the working of the engine before the contractors leave.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 363.)

The President stated that he had, as recommended by the Engineer of Construction, directed Dennis Fitzpatrick, heretofore appointed, to report for duty on the sixth instant, and moved that his action be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins Wetmore—3.

173d Street (formerly 11th Street.)

From Engineer of Construction, submitting specifications for the flagging of the sidewalk on the north side of 173d Street, formerly known as Eleventh Street, from Third Avenue to Railroad Avenue, and also the proposal of Mr. William Coogan to execute the work for \$830, which he recommended to be accepted.

(Minutes, Nov. 3, 1876, p. 383.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the specifications submitted by the Engineer of Construction for flagging the sidewalk of 173d Street, formerly known as Eleventh Street, in the 24th Ward, be approved; that the contract for the work be, and hereby is, awarded to Mr. William Coogan, at the sum of \$830, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Laborers and Teams for 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, requesting that an additional force of thirteen laborers and eight teams be appointed in said wards, for a short time.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 350.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the number of laborers and teams as requested by the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be appointed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that there was an extra race day at Jerome Park, on the 4th inst., and as the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards required two extra teams for the purpose of watering Jerome Avenue, he had authorized him to employ them, and moved that his action be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Reports to the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT presented the reports to his Honor the Mayor, for the two quarters ending respectively on June 30th and September 30th, 1876.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said reports be ap-

proved, and that the President be authorized to sign and transmit them to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, May 10, 1876, p. 30.)

Adopted.

Elton Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented a copy of the preambles and resolutions adopted on October 18th, 1876, directing the contractors for the grading of Elton Avenue to discontinue said work, with the service of said preambles and resolutions on said contractors and their sureties, endorsed thereon, and moved that same be filed.

(Minutes, October 18, 1876, p. 357.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 9.30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Friday, the 10th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1876

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of October 25th, November 1st, 3d, and 8th, 1876, was dispensed with.

Maintenance of Parks, 1876.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report upon the subject of the appropriation for the Maintenance of the Parks for 1876 :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
NEW YORK, 10th Nov., 1876. }

To the Board of Commissioners :

The appropriation for the year 1876 by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was smaller than it has been in previous years. The distribution of the sum appropriated was made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in opposition to the wishes of this Department. They gave to the maintenance and repair of the Harlem River bridges and to the Police more than I stated to them we would need, and took that excess off from the appropriation for the maintenance of Parks, which is the proper and first work of the Department.

When opposition to this distribution was made by the President to the Mayor, the Mayor promised that, if we saved money on the items on which an excess of appropriation had been made, he would move its transfer in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, when it was required, so that our savings could

be expended on the Central Park and the other city parks, and on the maintenance of the roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Formal application was made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on 29th September, and subsequently on 23d October a letter was sent, stating the necessity and reasons for the application. Copies of these letters are hereto annexed.

The matter was postponed from meeting to meeting of that Board, without passing it, although the Mayor promised several times that it should be done, until the 31st October, when a proper resolution was offered in the Board, and on the Mayor's motion, it was laid on the table. Since then he has not moved it again or given any reason for his omission to do so.

The condition of the balances of the general maintenance account and the salaries account, is further complicated by the erroneous charges made by the Comptroller, as shown in the statements submitted at the meeting of the 3d inst.

It is, therefore, necessary to suspend the maintenance laboring force.

Respectfully,

W. R. MARTIN,
President, D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, 29th September, 1876. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

The Department of Public Parks respectfully represents to your Honorable Board, that there are certain unexpended balances of appropriations made by your Board to this Department for the years 1874 and 1875, as follows:

For the year 1874.....	\$4,913 74
For the year 1875.....	6,427 59

Also, that of the appropriations for the present year, 1876, there will be remaining balances, as follows:

For maintenance and repairs of bridges over Harlem river.....	18,000 00
For celebration of Independence Day.....	326 66
For the repair and rebuilding of the bridges over the Bronx river...	14,000 00
For the Police.....	20,000 00

Making a general total of.....	\$63,667 99
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The Department of Public Parks request that this sum be transferred to the purposes of the present year, as follows:

For Salaries.....	\$4,000 00
For Maintenance of Roads, etc., in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	10,000 00
For the Maintenance of Parks and Places, the balance.....	51,667 99

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Respectfully submitted,
(Signed,)

W. R. MARTIN, President, D. P. P.

BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1875.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,572 69
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance....	2,563 18
Maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	16 52
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	673 71
Music	1,358 00
Independence Day.....	243 49
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	\$6,427 59

BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1874.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,231 62
Independence Day.....	104 35
Museum, Observatory, and Gallery of Art.....	115 59
Maintenance, etc., of Harlem River Bridges.....	462 18
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	\$4,913 74

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square.
NEW YORK, 23d October, 1876. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

When, in December last, you fixed upon the amount of \$495,000—appropriated to this Department for its maintenance work in 1876, you did not follow the distribution which we requested, and which was based on the use which we deemed the most judicious to make of the money, but you made a distribution of your own, which was not in any sense, apportioned to the purpose for which we needed the money.

In our view, the maintenance of the Central and other parks, the care of roads in the annexed district, and the surveying and laying out the 23d and 24th Wards, are matters of the greatest importance in our administration, and where the money that is expended reaches its proper object. In your distribution, these, which are the first objects, are the ones which are most scantied.

The following table shows the distribution that we asked, and the distribution which you made:

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR 1876.	APPROPRIATIONS.
For maintenance of Parks, including \$30,000 for the Museums of Natural History and Art.....	\$554,000
For salaries, except in 23d and 24th Wards.....	93,760
	} \$55,000 Salaries
	} 110,000 Police.
	} 187,500 Maintenance of Parks, including \$30,000 for Museums.
For maintenance, repairs, &c., Harlem river bridges.	59,300
For music, Central Park.....	6,000
For music on other parks.....	7,000
For maintenance roads, &c., 23d and 24th Wards....	79,000
For maintenance, repairs and rebuilding Bronx river bridges.....	29,000
For surveying, laying out and monumenting 23d and 24th Wards.....	57,100
For pavement of City Hall Park.....	30,000
For sea wall at Battery.....	7,500
	\$40,000
	5,000
	40,000
	15,000
	25,000
	10,000

For celebration of Independence day..... \$15,000 \$7,500

Your distribution leaves for the maintenance and care of the parks, out of all this money, only \$157,500. This is totally inadequate. The amount expended for this item for the last three years, is as follows:

1873.....	\$298,527
1874	318,864
1875.....	250,483

The maintenance of the roads in the 23d and 24th Wards is the matter of greatest importance in that district, and you have placed very narrow limits upon the appropriation for that purpose. It will be clear to every one that your appropriations for these important items, cannot be defended on any principle or state of facts. You have given us the least money on the items where we need it the most, and for other items have given us money that we did not need at all.

On the basis of our actual expenditures we have ascertained that we shall use and need the money according to the following table, that is, we have economized so as to save the money from objects where it was not required, and to apply it on the objects where it was most needed.

APPROPRIATION.	NEEDED FOR EXPENDITURES.	SAVED.	REQUIRED IN ADDITION.
Salaries.....	\$55,000	\$59,000	—
Police	110,000	90,000	\$20,000
Maintenance of Parks including			
Museum.....	187,500	225,826 66	—
Harlem R. Bridges.	40,000	22,000	18,000
Music.....	5,000	5,000	—
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.	40,000	50,000	—
Bronx river Bridges	15,000	1,000	14,000
Surveying, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	25,000	25,000	—
City Hall Park pavement.....	10,000	10,000	—
Independence day.	7,500	7,173 34	326 66

Laying aside, therefore, the balances of 1874 and 1875 we applied to your Board on the 28th day of September last to readjust the appropriations, and to transfer the following sums which we save, viz.:

Police.....	\$20,000 00
Harlem river bridges.....	18,000 00
Bronx river bridges.....	14,000 00
Independence day.....	326 66
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	\$52,326 66

To the following purposes for which we need them:

Salaries.....	\$4,000 00
Maintenance Parks and Places.....	38,326 66
Monumenting 23d and 24th Wards.....	10,000 00
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	\$52,326 66

As has been already stated to you the need of this money is not only imperative, but it must be had at once. Delay is as bad for us as a denial. On the Central Park the grass, as well as the trees and plantations, were greatly injured by the excessive heat of the past summer. The present is the only season when these injuries can be remedied.

By Mr. Green's willful violation of duty and utter disregard of the law our attempts to get gravel last spring by contract were defeated. The roads and walks in the Park have been therefore greatly worn and deteriorated, and need immediate and thorough repair.

Neglect in these respects will greatly damage the Park, and involve for another season a greatly increased expense. The same necessity exists in regard to the roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and Mr. Green, by the same course in defeating the contracts for gravel for those roads, has impeded all our work there.

You will see, therefore, the importance, if you make this transfer at all, of making it without any further delay, for if you delay it any longer it will be impossible to do the work this season, in which case the responsibility will not fall upon us.

I charge it distinctly upon Mr. Green that it has been his purpose throughout the year in all these matters in every way to impede and embarrass the operations of this Department, so as to create the deterioration and damage to the Park and roads which we apprehend, and which we ask your aid to prevent; and I charge that the delay he has made in our application during the last month, in postponing the subject at every successive meeting of your Board, has been for the same purpose.

There are not any sound or substantial reasons on which our application should be either denied or delayed.

We therefore respectfully ask you to act upon this matter immediately.

Respectfully,

(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

(Minutes, November 3d, 1876, p. 392.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all the laboring force employed on the Maintenance of Parks and Places, except foremen and a sufficient number of men to take care of the animals in the menagerie, and the horses, be, and hereby are, suspended without pay, until further order.

That it be referred to the President to report at next meeting what reduction should be made in the foremen and other employés of the Department.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

The PRESIDENT presented a telegram from Commissioner O'Donohue, stating that he was unable to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meetings of October 25th, and November 1st, 1876, were read and approved.

The minutes of November 3rd, 1876, were partially read, when

Commissioner STEBBINS moved to strike out of said minutes the paragraph under the head of “ Appropriations for maintenance of Parks and Salaries, 1876,” commencing, “ He stated that he had written to the Finance Department, &c.,” on page 392, and ending, “ but that that Board had, as yet, taken no action in the matter,” on page 393.

Commissioner WETMORE moved, as a substitute therefor, that the reading of the minutes of November 3rd, 8th, and 10th, 1876, be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

The following communications were presented and read.

City Hall Park, Brown-stone Building.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, requesting permission to build a temporary room on the west side of the brown-stone building in the City Hall Park, occupied by the Receiver of Taxes, and submitting a plan of the room, with a diagram of the ground to be occupied.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested be granted.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the resolution of said Board, adopted on the 8th inst., authorizing the issue of "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock" to the amount of \$25,000.

(Minutes, Sept. 20, 1876, p. 293.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that it is necessary to have an additional amount of iron lathing under the first story stairs of the Museum of Natural History building, which can be done by the Architectural Iron Works, at an estimated cost of \$54.

(Minutes, Sept. 27, 1876, p. 306.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to the Architectural Iron Works, for said lathing, at a cost not exceeding \$54.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Morningside Park.

From Mr. Dwight H. Olmstead, on behalf of himself and other owners of property adjacent to Morningside Park, petitioning the Department to proceed with the work of constructing said Park, under the provisions of Chapter 697, Laws of 1867.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said petition be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that he will advise this Department whether Section 8 of said Chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867 provides the means for the construction of said park, and this Department can go on and do the work and pay for it under that section.

Adopted.

Main Street, 24th Ward.

From the Board of Aldermen, referring to this Department a petition of citizens and taxpayers requesting that Main Street, from Kingsbridge Road to Home Street, and a drain or brook, from Walker Street to the Bronx River, both in the Twenty-fourth Ward, be repaired.

Filed.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that he had attended to the repairs on Main Street, and that the brook or drain complained of would be repaired in a few days.

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, submitting revised plans and specifications for fitting up the students' and curators' rooms in the Museum of Natural History building, the cost of which he estimates at \$14,800.

(Minutes May 24, 1876, p. 64.)

Th PRESIDENT moved that said plans and specifications be, and hereby are, approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Sheep.

From Mr. Lewis G. Morris, presenting a Southdown ram to the Department.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Department receives with thanks, from Mr. Lewis G. Morris, the valuable present of a ram from his Southdown flock, and that the President is hereby requested to express to Mr. Morris the acknowledgments of the Board for this handsome gift, and for his very courteous and useful suggestions and personal services in respect to the management and breeding of the sheep in the Central Park, by which the flock have been restored to a pure Southdown stock of the highest breed.

Adopted.

Joseph Mazzini.

From Mr. E. Macoggi, on behalf of the committee of citizens who propose to present a bust of Joseph Mazzini to be placed in Central Park, stating that a model of said bust can be seen at No. 44 West Thirtieth Street, the studio of the artist, Mr. Turini.

(Minutes Sept. 20, 1876, p. 298.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the committee named in the

By-Laws be requested to examine and report upon said model in respect to its merits as a work of art.

Adopted.

Assessments on Employés.

The PRESIDENT, on behalf of himself, verbally reported that no assessments for political or other purposes had been made by the authority of any of the Commissioners, and that he could not ascertain that any had been made by or under any other authority.

Commissioner STEBBINS, on behalf of himself, presented the following partial report on the same subject ;

“ I beg leave to report on the matters relative to the alleged assessment upon the employés of the Department, for political purposes, that I made inquiry of the Secretary, Mr. Irwin, if he had any knowledge of any assessment having been imposed upon any of the clerks, officers, or men of the Department, for the objects above stated ; and if so, by whom, by what authority, and to what amount. He replied that he knew of no such authority having been given—of no such assessment having been made. That he had subscribed money for such objects, but under no assessment by any officer or employé of the Department, but by his own voluntary action.

“ I put the same questions to the Superintendent, Mr. Munckwitz, and received the same replies, except only as to his own personal action in the matter, to which I did not refer.

“ Since then I have been informed and now report to the Board that the Superintendent did make out a list of the different employés, and did impose and collect one per cent. on their respective salaries, and did personally collect the same, and amongst the men designated for this assessment, was the Secretary, Mr. Irwin, who gave him a check for \$45, being one per cent. on his, the Secretary's salary.

“ I would also report, that I am now examining into the truth of these statements and will make a further report on the subject, with such recommendations in the premises as are demanded by the facts as they may appear.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 380.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the consideration of said reports be laid over.

Adopted.

Copy Minutes for Comptroller.

Commissioner STEBBINS asked if the Secretary had complied with the order of the Board of July 26th, 1876, directing him to send a printed copy of the minutes of the Department to the Comptroller.

(Minutes, July 26, 1876, p. 205.)

The PRESIDENT stated, that under his directions the order had not been complied with.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas an agreement has been entered into with Mr. F. W. Lawrence, the contractor for laying the artificial stone floors in the Museum of Natural History building, to admit of the laying of tiles over said floors ;

Resolved, That the plans for tiling, presented with the letter of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, on August 4th, 1876, be approved ; that the Superintending Architect be, and hereby is, directed to prepare and submit specifications for the furnishing and laying of said tiling ; and that the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals, when said specifications are approved.

(Minutes, October 25, 1876, p. 376.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.15 o'clock A.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 22d instant, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22d, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ O'DONOHUE.

“ WETMORE.

Museum of Art.

The President stated that Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors, were present, and desired to be heard in regard to their bill for extra work on the Museum of Art; that Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, and the Superintending Architect were also present on the same subject. He therefore moved that the reading of the Minutes, and the order of business be suspended, and that they be received and heard.

(Minutes, October 25, 1876, p. 372.)

Adopted.

Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, and also Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, and the Superintending Architect, were received and heard. They explained that the work was necessary, that it was not provided for in the contract, and that it was impossible to give orders or make estimates of the work before hand, as its extent only appeared as the work progressed.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read a statement of the facts of the case by the Superintending Architect, which was

ordered to be filed ; and he moved that the bill of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong be referred to Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and the Superintending Architect, to examine and report upon in relation to the amount of the charges for the work done.

Adopted.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 3d and 8th, 1876, were then read and approved.

The minutes of November 10th, 1876, were read, when Commissioner STEBBINS moved the Board approve of them, as read, except the letter of the President to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated "23d October, 1876."

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore.

No.—Commissioner Martin.

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 15, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Names, &c., of Employés.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, requesting a compliance with their former resolution, asking for a list of the names, compensation, duties, number and residences of the employés of the Department.

(Minutes July 26, 1876, p. 199.)

The PRESIDENT presented such a list as is requested, and moved that he be authorized to transmit same to the Board of Aldermen.

Adopted.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, presenting a report introductory to a series of plans for laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

(Minutes November 5, 1875, p 370.)

Received and laid over.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan for the laying out of that part of the 23d and 24th Wards, lying east of the former town of Morrisania, and extending from Westchester Road to the Boston Road.

Received and laid over.

From Mr. Thos. J. Pope, George Lyons, H. D. Tiffany and other owners of property, requesting that said plan be adopted and filed so as to become fixed by law, at the earliest possible date.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and ser-			
vices	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$5	16
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	15	51
		—	\$20 67
Anderson, Pierce & Co., paints	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	\$52	50
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	11	60
		—	64 10

Croes, J. James R., incidental expenses..	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$57 21
Devlin, J. B. paving.....	Third ave. from Westchester ave. to Northern Bdy. 23d Ward.....	10,883 83
Gates, Church E., & Co., timber.....	Bronx R. B. Reqs. and Rebuilding.	45 52
Griggs & Co., hay, oats and meal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	269 10
Harmer, Hays & Co., grease and rubber cloth.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	13 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	32 99
Irwin, William, incidental expenses....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$14 18
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	30 00
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	80
		<hr/> 44 98
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$18 02
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	6 06
		<hr/> 24 08
Lawfersweiler, F., modelling clay.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	1 50
Mallory & Co., paint.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	27 25
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	71 75
Masterson, I. S., gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	970 00
Merchant, S. L. & Co., Portland cement,	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	83 75

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

Bouker, John A., expenses of scow.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		\$91 25
Crombie, Thos J., lumber.....	City Park Impt. Fund.....		72 45
Early & Lane, matches, basket and black- ing.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P..... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	\$7 25 50	 7 75
Fitch, S. & W. B., base course.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		209 16
Gildersleeve, Wm. H., bread and crackers.	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P....		43 06
Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....		29 53
Hogan, Jon., granite.....	City Parks Imp't. Fund.....		240 00
Hunter, Keller & Co., bushings and caps.	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P..... City Parks Imp't. Fund.....	\$.30 57	 87
McDermott, John, meat.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....		152 29
Murphy, S. O. A., brimstone.....	City Parks Imp't. Fund.....		5 76
Slattery, John, screened gravel.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....		694 07
Van Riper, Chas., sundries.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		19 64
			<u>\$1,565 83</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$926 50
City Park Improvement Fund.....	619 19
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	20 14
	—————
	<u>\$1,565 83</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen hundred and sixty-five dollars and eighty-three cents.

(Signed)

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, November 22, 1876.

THE PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presenting the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Joseph J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.	
Nov. 1.	By balance.....	\$1,739 26
Nov. 1 to 15.	" cash received from pound and licenses.	1,179 42
		—————
		<u>\$2,918 68</u>
	DR.	
Nov. 1 to 15.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$30 00
" 15	" balance.....	2,888 68
		—————
		<u>\$2,918 68</u>

DR.

Nov. 15. To Cash in Bank.....	\$1,709 26
" " " " drawer.....	1,179 42
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	\$2,888 68
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(Signed)

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Wednesday, November 15th, 1876.

9. 30 A.M.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the contractors to proceed with the work of the improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, on the 20th inst., and moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes October 9, 1876, p. 343.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then stated that it would be necessary to appoint an engineering force to supervise the work on Riverside Avenue, the cost of which, it is provided by the contract, shall be paid by the contractors. He stated that Mr. James C. Aldrich, Assistant Engineer, Mr. Thomas H. Loomis, Leveller, and Henry M. Gilbert, Rodman, had been employed on said work since the 20th inst. He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That James C. Aldrich, Assistant Engineer, Thomas H. Loomis, Leveller, and Henry M. Gilbert, Rodman, be, and hereby are, with their consent, removed as of the 20th inst., from their respective positions, and are hereby appointed to the following positions upon the work of the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, namely :

James C. Aldrich, as Superintending Engineer.

Thomas H. Loomis, as Assistant Engineer.

Henry M. Gilbert, as Transitman.

That their respective rates of pay be such as the Board shall hereafter determine.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That D. H. Haines, Frank I. Angell, and Arthur V. Abbott, be, and hereby are, appointed to the following named positions upon the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, at such rates of pay as the Board shall hereafter determine, namely :

D. H. Haines, as Leveller.

Frank I. Angell, as Rodman.

Arthur V. Abbott, as Chainman.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then presented a supplemental agreement with the contractors on Riverside Avenue in respect to the number and compensation of the engineers, and moved that it be approved, and that he be authorized to sign same for and on behalf of this Department, when the sureties consent thereto.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

E. B. Van Winkle, City Surveyor.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., be, and hereby is, appointed City Surveyor upon the following works, directed by ordinances of the Common Council, namely :

1. Grading, &c., Boston Avenue from Third Avenue to the northerly side of 165th Street.
2. Flagging the sidewalk on the north side of the street formerly known as Eleventh Street and now known as 173d Street, from Third Avenue to Railroad Avenue.
3. Laying a crosswalk across Berrian Avenue, diagonally from a point about 149 feet north of Kingsbridge Road, and flagging the sidewalk on the east side of Berrian Avenue from the crosswalk to Kingsbridge Road.

(Minutes Oct. 25, p. 369; Nov. 3, p. 383; Nov. 8, p. 399, 1876.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins; O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Bernard R. Guion be, and hereby is, appointed an Assistant Engineer upon the work of constructing the Brook Avenue Sewer, at such rate of pay as shall be hereafter determined by the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 3, 1876, p. 386.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Paving.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment roll for the paving of Third Avenue from 163d Street to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward, and also the statement of the amount of work done, and moved that they be approved, signed by the commissioners, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, Sept. 27, 1876, p. 310.)

Adopted.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Landscape Architect required 350 maple and lime trees and 450 elm trees for Riverside Avenue, and he moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for said trees, at a cost not exceeding \$1 per tree.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Riverside Park and Avenue.

The PRESIDENT moved, that he be authorized to detail a number of laborers, not exceeding six, as watchmen during the progress of the construction of the Riverside Avenue.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Houses on Riverside Avenue.

The President reported that the three houses on Riverside Avenue, proposed to be removed to the Park, are very valuable and will be required on the Park. That it is necessary to either remove them or sell them at once.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 362.)

Commissioner O'DONOHUE moved that the subject of removing said three houses be referred to the President and Commissioner Stebbins, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Assessments on Employés.

Commissioner STEBBINS presented the following final report upon the subject of alleged assessments for political or other purposes, on employés of the Department :

“ In the matter of the collection made from the Park force for political purposes by the Superintendent, Mr. Munckwitz, I beg leave to confirm my previous statements in this further report, and suggest that the Board summon before them, on some convenient occasion, the following persons: Mr. Munckwitz, Superintendent; Mr. Irwin, Secretary; Lieutenant Corcoran, Police force; Mr. Conklin, Zoological Garden; Mr. Draper, Observatory; the clerks of this office; Mr. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk; all the foremen of laborers, mechanics, &c.; Members of the police force.

“ Respectfully submitted,

“ (Sig'd) G. H. STEBBINS,
“ Commissioner.”

(Minutes, Nov. 15, 1876, p. 413.)

Laid on the table.

Appropriation for Salaries.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to ask the Comptroller the reasons which induced him to refuse to “furnish a statement of the account of salaries as charged on the books of the Finance Department,” as stated in the President’s letter to him of the 5th October last.

(Minutes, Nov. 3, 1876, p. 392.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Charges by the Comptroller and Reply.

The PRESIDENT stated that at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held yesterday, the Comptroller of the city had presented a report on the application of this Department for a transfer of its appropriations and that he intended to reply to the same at the meeting of that Board on the 23d November, and that he would not be able to submit his reply to the Board, unless they would meet on the morning of the 23d. The Board consented that the reply should be sent by the President.

On motion of Commissioner STEBBINS, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK, }
25th November, 1876.

MR. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

Sir—You will please call a meeting of the Board on Wednesday, the 29th November, 1876, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of such business as shall require attention.

Respectfully,
(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ O'DONOHUE.
“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of November 22d, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read.

Statue of Liberty.

From his Honor the Mayor, stating that Mr. Bartholdi, the artist of the colossal statue of Liberty, intended to be erected

in New York harbor, desired to remove the arm of the statue from the grounds of the late Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia to this city, and asking the co-operation of this Department.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, verbally reported in favor of allowing the arm to be placed in one of the smaller City Parks.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the arm of the said statue be accepted and placed on some suitable position in one of the smaller City Parks, and that the Landscape Architect be directed to report what locality, in his judgment, is the best for the purpose.

Adopted.

Drainage in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It appears to be necessary, for the protection of the public health, that the lands bounded on the north by Fordham and Pelham Avenues, on the east by the Southern Boulevard, on the south by the Kingsbridge Road, and on the west by Arthur Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York, should be drained by other means than by sewers, and it is so certified by the City Sanitary Inspector, whose certificate is filed among the records of the Board of Health of the Health Department of the city of New York; and the said Board has directed that the same be done; now, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 566 of the Laws of 1871, as amended by chapter 549, Laws of 1875;

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to do the work so directed by the Board of Health.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 9, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, November 18, 1876.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon said preamble and resolution, the necessity of the work directed, and the feasibility of its prosecution.

The PRESIDENT moved that both of said communications be received and laid over.

Adopted.

Thomas Avenue—Flagging sidewalk.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the east side of Thomas Avenue, from the new Fordham School House to the southerly line of the Kingsbridge Road, be flagged four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 9, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, November 18, 1876.

Filed.

The Engineer of Construction, who was requested to be present, presented specifications for laying the flagging on said sidewalk on the east side of Thomas Avenue; and also the estimate of Mr. Wm. Coogan, for the work at 25 cents per square foot, which was the lowest bid he was able to obtain. He also stated that the total cost of the work would not exceed \$1,000.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the specifications presented by the Engineer of the Construction for laying the flagging on the sidewalk on the east side of Thomas Avenue from the new Fordham School House to the southerly line of the Kingsbridge Road be approved, that the contract be awarded to Mr. William Coogan at 25 cents per square foot, not however to exceed in the aggregate \$1,000; that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department; and that Mr. E. B. Van Winkle be, and hereby is, appointed City Surveyor on said work.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Fire Hydrants on Madison Square.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, requesting permission for that Department to place fire hydrants on the west side of Madison Square.

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be given to the Department of Public Works to place fire hydrants on the sidewalk on the west side of Madison Square, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks.

Adopted.

Museums of Art and Natural History.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by that Board on the 21st November, 1876, authorizing the Comptroller of the city to issue "Museum of Art and Natural History Stock," to the amount of \$25,000.

(Minutes, Sept. 20, 1876, p. 292).

Filed.

Inauguration of Lafayette Statue.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution adopted by that Board on Nov. 21st, 1876, viz :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and seventy-seven dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation "Contingencies—Mayor's office," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Inauguration of the Lafayette Statue," 1876, for which the same is required."

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 365).

Filed.

Maintenance of the Parks.

Maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding copies of the two following resolutions adopted by that Board on November 23d, 1876, viz :

Resolved, That the sum of \$10,000 be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation "Salaries, Police—Department of Public Parks," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient; which said sum shall be applied to and used solely for the payment of labor required, and for the purchase of necessary material for the care and preservation of the public parks and places for the remainder of the present year, and not for the payment of salaries of any offi-

cers or employees, other than laborers, of the said Department. This transfer be made to protect the public property and to provide for the public convenience.

Resolved, That the sum of \$5,000 be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation "Salaries, Police—Department of Public Parks," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient; which said sum shall be applied to and used solely for the payment of labor and materials required for repairs of roads, avenues, streets and public places in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the remainder of the present year, and not for the payment of salaries of any officers and employees, other than laborers, of said Department. This transfer being made to provide for the public convenience and necessity.

(Minutes, Sept. 20, 1876, p. 297).

Filed.

Inspection paving Third Avenue.
Maintenance of the Parks, 1872.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding copies of the following resolutions adopted by that Board on November 23d, 1876, viz :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$297) be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Independence Day, Celebration of," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to an appropriation to be entitled "Inspection paving Third Avenue," for which it is required.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-four dollars and thirty cents (\$54.30), be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Independence Day, Celebration of," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," 1872, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

(Minutes, July 19, 1876, p. 178).

Filed.

159th Street.

From the Counsel to the Corporation stating, that it is necessary to appoint another Commissioner to assess the expenses of regulating and grading 159th Street, in the place of Mr. William F. Hall, heretofore appointed.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 691).

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then moved that Mr. Edgar Williams be appointed such commissioner in the place of Mr. Wm. F. Hall, and presented the following appointment of Mr. Williams,

signed by the Counsel to the Corporation, which he moved that the Commissioners also sign.

Adopted.

The appointment was then signed by all the commissioners.

APPOINTMENT.

Whereas, The late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania duly authorized and executed a contract for the work hereafter mentioned, but did not appoint Commissioners to apportion and assess the expenses thereof, as directed by Sections 47 and 48, Chapter 277, Laws of 1864,

And, whereas, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city did, on the 18th day of March, 1876, duly appoint, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, William F. Hall, together with others, as such Commissioners,

And, whereas, the said William F. Hall has declined to accept said appointment and to act as such Commissioner,

Therefore, we, the undersigned, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority in us vested by said Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, appoint

EDGAR WILLIAMS,

of New York city, an owner of a freehold estate, liable to taxation therein, and who is not interested in or affected by said work or improvement, a Commissioner, in the place and stead of the said William F. Hall, to assess the expenses of the following mentioned work or improvement, namely :

Regulating and grading Waverly (159th) Street, between Third and Washington Avenues.

Dated this 29th of November, 1876.

(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN,
H. G. STEBBINS,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
WM. C. WETMORE,

Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York.

(Signed) WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York.

Mott Avenue.

From Mr. Edson Bradley and other owners of property on Mott Avenue, requesting that permission be given to Mr. M. C. Turner to regulate and grade said avenue, from a point seven hundred feet south of 158th street to 165th street.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested be granted upon the following conditions, viz. :

1st. That Mr. M. C. Turner deposit with the Department the amount of the surveyor's fees on said work.

2nd. That the work is done under the supervision of the Engineer of Construction, and in accordance with the lines and grades established by this Department.

3rd. That the consent of the property owners be obtained.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Joseph C. Brady, contractor for the carpenter's work of the Museum of Art, proposing to enclose all the openings of said building and put one window in each opening, for the sum of \$900.

The Superintendent of Parks, who was present, stated that the Department had all the sashes required for such windows, and he handed in an estimate of the foreman of carpenters for the balance of the work, at \$400.

Commissioner Stebbins thereupon moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said work of enclosing the opening of the Museum of Art, executed by the force in the employment of the Department.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Berrian Avenue.

The Engineer of Construction, who was requested to be present, verbally stated that Mr. William Coogan had given him an estimate to lay the flagging and cross-walk on Berrian

Avenue at 25 cents the square foot, which was the lowest bid he could obtain from responsible parties. He then presented specifications for the work and the estimate of Mr. Coogan.

(Minutes Nov. 8. 1876, p. 399.)

The PRESIDENT thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the specifications presented by the Engineer of Construction for laying flagging and a cross-walk on Berrian Avenue, between Kingsbridge road and Isaac street, be approved; that the contract be awarded to Mr. William Coogan at 25 cents per square foot, not, however, to exceed in the aggregate \$1,000; and that the President be authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Audit.

Commissioner O'Donohue, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

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

Byrne, James E., oats, corn and bran	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$130 50
Crimmins, John D. & Thos. E., stone and sand	City Parks Impt. Fund	1,381 10
Crombie, Thomas J. lumber	City Parks Impt. Fund	\$72 00
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards	26 45
		<hr/> 98 45
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	2,000 00
Gordon, Robert, Acting Treasurer, ex- penses Mus. of Art.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	3,194 25

Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.. Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$16 62
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	46 88
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		\$68 50
Morgan, J. Pierpoint, Treas., expenses		
Mus. N. History	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	515 32
Merchant, S. L. & Co. Portland cement..	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	251 25
Pierson & Company, iron.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	229 56
Slattery, John, screened gravel.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	479 41
Wehner, B. E., Norway spruce.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	100 00
Stewart & Co., vitrified pipe.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	2,775 00
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		\$11,168 34
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places..	\$5,856 69
City Parks Improvement Fund.....		5,285 20
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....		26 45
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		\$11,168 34
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-four cents.

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, November 29th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Foreman Treadwell.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, one of the commissioners to whom was referred the charges presented by Mr. James Miller against Foreman Treadwell, verbally reported that he had investigated the matter of said charges, and had examined under oath, the following persons, viz : E. H. Treadwell, Patrick Brennan, Benjamin Oakley, and James A. Melville, in relation thereto ; that he found that the said charges were not sustained ; and he recommended that they be dismissed.

(Minutes, April 8, 1876, p. 739.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that the recommendation of the Commissioner be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Peter McCusker, Gate-keeper.

Michael Halpin and Thomas Ryan, Night watchmen.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE, whom the President had designated to conduct the trial of gatekeeper Peter McCusker, on a charge of being absent without leave on November 8th, 1876, and also of night watchmen, Michael Halpin and Thomas Ryan, on a charge of being absent without leave on November 16th, 1876, verbally reported that he had examined said charges ; that in each case there appeared to be a sufficient excuse to justify the absence, and he therefore recommended that the charges be dismissed.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and that the recommendation be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. R. M. Hoe and Mr. H. D. Tiffany were present. That they are property owners in the vicinity of that portion of the 23d and 24th Wards east of the former town of Morrisania, for the laying out of which the Civil and Topographical Engineer presented a map at the last meeting, and he moved that they be received.

Adopted.

Mr. R. M. Hoe and Mr. H. D. Tiffany were then received and heard, whereupon :

The PRESIDENT moved that the consideration of said map be laid over until the next regular meeting, and that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to notify all owners of property interested that they will be then received and heard in relation thereto.

(Minutes, November 22d, 1876, p. 417.)

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

The Engineer of Construction, who was requested to be present, verbally reported that the condition of the flooring of the main spans of Central Bridge was in a dangerous condition, and should be repaired at once. That other portions of the main spans are also in great need of repair and should be attended to immediately.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the necessary repairs to said Central Bridge executed at once, under the directions of the Engineer of Construction.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said resolution be amended by adding at the end thereof the following :

That the PRESIDENT be requested to obtain from the Counsel to the Corporation his opinion as to whether the authority given by the Common Council to this Department on the 26th

July, 1875, to have repairs to said bridge executed by days work, is exhausted; and that if he is of opinion that such authority is exhausted, that said work shall thereupon be discontinued.

(Minutes, July 27th, 1875, p. 156.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Bridge.

The Engineer of Construction also verbally reported that the draw of the Third Avenue bridge, and the wheels under the draw, would require during the winter some repairs, the exact extent of which it was impossible to ascertain.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Engineer of Construction be directed to have such repairs made to said Third Avenue bridge as are necessary.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented a letter from Messrs. Decker &

Quintard, contractors for improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, requesting that an additional force of engineers be appointed on said work, as the present force is insufficient to keep the work staked in advance, and he then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Wilson Crosby, William B. Pierce, Charles A. Mapes, and James Dempsey, be, and hereby are, appointed to the following named positions upon the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, at such rates of pay as the Board shall hereafter determine, namely :

Wilson Crosby, as chainman.

Wm. B. Pierce, as chainman.

Charles A. Mapes, as chainman.

James Dempsey, as chainman, to act as inspector.

That said appointments shall take effect from the 27th instant.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner O'DONOHUE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Patrick Norton be, and hereby is, appointed as a chainman to act as an inspector, on the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, at such rate of pay as the Board shall hereafter determine.

(Minutes, November 22, 1876, p. 422.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Edward P. North.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Edward P. North be, and hereby is, appointed

Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards from and after December 1st, 1876, and that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$2,500 per annum.

(Minutes, October 9, 1876, p. 340.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

Laborers for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that twenty additional laborers be employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, Nov. 8, 1876, p. 461.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, O'Donohue, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins.

Broken Stone for the Roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT reported that the price of \$2.15 per cubic yard, for which Messrs. Slattery, Ryder and Bouker had offered to deliver screened gravel and broken stone on the roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was for what is known as screenings, but that if larger sized broken stone is required, they will deliver it at \$2.94 per cubic yard.

He then moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase such broken stone, of sizes larger than screenings, as may be required, delivered on the roads, &c., of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at a price not exceeding \$2.94 per cubic yard, and in quantities not exceeding in value \$1,000.

(Minutes, October 18, 1876, p. 364.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, O'Donohue, Wetmore—4.

At this point Commissioner O'Donohue left the meeting.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read the following communications :

Steam Engine.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that the Jockey Club, through their secretary, Mr. Wheatley, had applied for the loan of the steam pumping engine to assist in flooding certain grounds near Jerome Park, for the purpose of making a rink, and had offered to take care of the engine during the winter, and asking instructions in the matter.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be authorized to lend said engine as requested.

Adopted.

Newspaper Stand on Madison Square.

From Mr. Joseph Cronin, asking permission to erect a newspaper stand on Madison square.

Request refused.

Laying out Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From Ann L. Freeborne and Eliza Barstow, owners of property, requesting that the map of the district east of the former town of Morrisania, and between Westchester Road and

Boston Road, submitted by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be adopted and filed.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1876, p. 439.)

Filed.

Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT then presented a requisition from the Landscape Architect, dated 28th Nov., 1876, for certain plants for Tompkins Square, the estimated cost of which he stated was \$500, and he moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase them.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Swedish School House.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, stated that the Swedish School House, which has been erected on the grounds of Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, will shortly be sold. That it is a very ornamental, useful, and well-built structure of wood, and would be suited for the Central Park, where such a structure is much needed on the west side of the Park. That a similar house could not be built for less than \$5,000 or \$6,000.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the PRESIDENT be authorized to purchase the Swedish School House erected on the grounds of the Centennial Exposition, at a price not exceeding \$1,500.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative,

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a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 6th December, 1876, at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square (East).—1st December, 1876. }

MR. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

Sir—You will please call a special meeting of the Board on Monday, the 4th day of December, 1876, at 9 o'clock A.M., for the transaction of such business as shall require attention.

Respectfully,

(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

The PRESIDENT presented a telegram from Commissioner O'Donohue, stating that he was unable to be present.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of November 22d and 29th, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read:

Streets in 23d Ward.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, forwarding the petition in the matter of the opening of 138th Street and other

streets in the 23d Ward, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and requesting that the Commissioners would sign same.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 231.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said petition be signed by the Commissioners, and returned to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the unsafe condition of Central Bridge, and estimating the cost of replacing the main spans of the bridge with iron in place of wood, at \$42,000, and of replacing the trestle work of the approaches, in the same manner, at \$20,000.

The PRESIDENT moved that a copy of said communication be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that the attention of that Board be called to the necessity of a sufficient appropriation for the maintenance of the Harlem River Bridges during next year.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Maintenance of the Parks—Skating.

The PRESIDENT stated that the balance of the appropriation for the maintenance of the Parks was not sufficient to enable the Department to erect the skating and curling houses as usual, and to employ the men necessary to keep the ice cleared and snow swept off, and he moved that an application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for a transfer of \$5,000 from the appropriation for the police,

for which it is not required, to the maintenance and government of Parks and Places.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1876, p. 432.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

City Hall Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that Messrs. J. & W. C. Spears, the contractors for the mason work at present being executed on the New County Court House, applied to the Department for permission to place a quantity of sand excavated from the foundations of said building upon some portion of the City Hall Park ; that it will injure the grass wherever it is placed, but that the contractors are willing to enter into an agreement, with sureties, to repair all injury done, and to remove the sand in a reasonable time.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested by said contractors be granted, on their executing an agreement as proposed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 9.30 o'clock a. m.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

The PRESIDENT moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of November 22d and 29th, and December 4th, 1876, be dispensed with.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Proposals for Lighting the Lamps.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the Comptroller of the City entered, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates which had been received for furnishing illuminating material to, and lighting, &c., all or any portion of the public lamps on the public Parks,

places and bridges of the city of New York, under the control of the Department, except the ornamental lamps at the north end of Union Square, from the 1st day of January, 1877, until the 30th day of April, 1877, both days inclusive.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 362.)

The following proposals were received, in all of which the illuminating material proposed to be used is stated to be gas, namely :

BIDDERS.	For the illuminating material for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes, stand pipes, burners and other appliances which may be used for a like purpose, and cross-heads, lamp irons and lanterns thereto, and keeping each lamp and lamp-post in thorough repair.
1. The New York Gas Light Co.	\$12 00
2. The Manhattan Gas-Light Co.	12 00
3. The New York Mutual Gas-Light Co.	8 00
4. The Metropolitan Gas-Light Co.	13 00
5. The Harlem Gas-Light Co.	13 50

The portions of the City included in the foregoing proposals are as follows

1ST. THE NEW YORK GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

The district lying south of the centre of Grand Street from the East River to Sullivan Street, and Canal Street to the North River.

2ND. THE MANHATTAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York bounded as follows:

On the north by the centre line of Thirty-fourth Street.

On the east by the East River.

On the south by the centre line of Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets.

On the west by the North or Hudson River.

3RD. THE NEW YORK MUTUAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

Union Square, bounded by Fourth Avenue, Broadway, Fourteenth Street and Seventeenth Street.

Madison Square, bounded by Madison Avenue, Broadway, Twenty-third Street and Twenty-sixth Street.

Tompkins Square, bounded by Avenue A, Avenue B, Seventh Street and Tenth Street.

Washington Square, bounded by Wooster Street, McDougal Street, Fourth Street and Waverly Place.

Jackson Square, bounded by Horatio Street, Greenwich Avenue and Eighth Avenue.

Cooper Institute Square, bounded by Third Avenue, Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street.

Worth Monument, bounded by Fifth Avenue, Broadway and Twenty-fifth Street.

Washington Monument, at junction of Fourth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-third Street.

Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street.

Franklin Monument, Printing House Square.

4TH. METROPOLITAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the city of New York designated by red lines on a map annexed to the proposal, except the north side of Transverse Road No. 2, in the Central Park.

The portions designated by red lines on said map are as follows, viz. :

Transverse Road No. 2 in the Central Park.

Transverse Road No. 1 in the Central Park.

The circle at the junction of Eighth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

The entrance to the Central Park at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

The Plaza, at the junction of Fifth Avenue and Fifty-eighth Street.

Park Avenue Parks from the north side of Thirty-fourth Street to the south side of Fortieth Street.

Reservoir Park, bounded by the distributing reservoir, Fortieth Street, Sixth Avenue and Forty-second Street.

5TH. THE HARLEM GAS-LIGHT COMPANY,

That portion of the city of New York bounded as follows: By a line commencing at the intersection of the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street and the East River, running thence along the centre line of said Seventy-ninth Street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2, to the Hudson River; thence along said Hudson River to Spuyten Duyvil creek; thence along said creek to the Harlem River; thence along said Harlem River and through the draws in the Central and Third Avenue Bridges to the East River, and thence along the East River to the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street, the place of beginning.

The Comptroller of the city then retired, and the Board resumed the order of business.

The following communications were presented and read :

Repairs to Streets in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the President of this Department, calling his attention to the manner in which

the pavement is replaced over Croton pipes laid by that Department in the 23d Ward, and stating that he will have such portions of the pavement repaired as soon as practicable; also that if this Department will furnish him with the names of plumbers who neglect to properly replace the pavement removed by them after notice from this Department requiring them to do so, he will revoke their licenses.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 370.)

Filed.

Steam Roller.

From the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works offering, in reply to a request of the President, to lend the Department a steam roller for the repair of the roads in the 23d and 24th Wards, on condition that it is returned in as good order as when received.

Filed.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Department that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had, on the 1st of December, 1876, authorized the Comptroller to issue \$25,000 of the "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock."

(Minutes, Nov. 15, 1876, p. 410.)

Filed.

Transfers of Appropriations.

From the Comptroller of the city, in relation to the transfers authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 23d November last, and of the special purposes to which same are applicable.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1876, p. 432.)

Filed.

Statue of Liberty.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the Department designate a site on west side of Madison square, opposite the Fifth Avenue Hotel, for the erection of the arm of the Statue of Liberty, and also that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the necessary foundations made for placing the arm in position.

(Minutes, November 29, 1876, p. 429.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the site recommended by the Landscape Architect be approved, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the necessary foundations prepared, the cost of which shall be charged to the City Parks Improvement Fund.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Broken Stone for 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that he has ascertained that the lowest price broken stone can be procured, delivered on the roads of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, is about \$2.90 per cubic yard, or delivered at the docks, \$2.30 per cubic yard. That gneiss rock can be procured along the roads where most required, and arrangements can be made with parties to break it for about \$1.20 per cubic yard. That the cost to the Department of hauling, &c., would be about 92c. per cubic yard, and on the southern Boulevard \$1.27 per cubic yard, being respectively \$2.12 and \$2.47 per cubic yard. He, therefore, recommended that arrangements be made to procure in this manner the following quantities at the following places, *viz:*

800	cubic yards	at or near	Tibbitt's Brook Bridge.
800	"	"	Mr. H. Barney's.
800	"	"	Mosholu Avenue and Riverdale Avenue.
800	"	"	Irishtown.
800	"	"	on Spuyten Duyvil Road.
200	"	"	at Mr. Isaac Johnson's.
300	"	"	corner Main street, West Farms.
800	"	"	corner Southern Boulevard and Pelham Avenue.
800	"	"	corner Tremont Avenue.
800	"	"	or near Home Street.
800	"	"	or near Hunt's Point Road.

The PRESIDENT moved that the recommendations of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be approved, and that he (the President) be authorized to make arrangements to have an amount of stone, not exceeding the quantities above mentioned, broken at the places named, at a cost not exceeding \$1.20 per cubic yard, or to have the stone quarried, hauled, broken and delivered at said places, at a price not exceeding \$2.47 per cubic yard.

(Minutes, November 29, 1876, p. 442.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Teams for the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that he could, with economy to the work, use three more double teams for a few days.

The PRESIDENT moved that three additional double teams be employed in the 23d and 24th Wards.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that Mr. J. F. Sparkman, of No. 78 Beekman street, desires to obtain a deer, which the Department can spare, and that in exchange he will give the Department one pair of red-cheeked parrakeets from East India, and one pair of gray-breasted parrakeets from Montevideo, which are rare birds, and desirable for the Menagerie.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Director of the Menagerie be authorized to make the exchange offered by Mr. Sparkman.

Adopted.

American Museum Natural History.

From Mr. A. S. Bickmore, requesting that the Department would make for the American Museum Natural History some boxes for the purpose of shipping stuffed animals to Japan.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President with power, to have said boxes made when the approval of the application by the President of the American Museum of Natural History is obtained.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

H. Bouten.

From Henry Bouten, a laborer detailed as a night watchman, stating that on the 18th November, 1876, while on duty, he was attacked by some parties and stricken senseless to the ground. That he was, in consequence, compelled to be absent for a few days, and asking to be allowed pay for the days he was absent.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had investigated the matter, and was satisfied that Mr. Bouten was attacked by some men who had been discharged from the Department for neglect of

duty, and who believed that Mr. Bouten had given the information of their neglect, and he recommended that Mr. Bouten be paid for the time he was absent on account of the injuries received.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that Mr. H. Bouten, laborer, detailed as night watchman, be paid his full pay for the time he was absent on account of said injuries, commencing on the 18th November, 1876.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Engineering Corps.—Daniel Campbell.

From Mr. Daniel Campbell, formerly connected with the engineering corps of the Department, requesting that he be paid the sum of \$39 due him for work done for the Department.

The PRESIDENT stated that this subject had been investigated by Commissioner Stebbins, who reported on Sept. 20, 1876, in favor of paying Mr. Campbell for thirteen days' work at \$3 per day, and he then moved that so much of said report as relates to the amount due to Mr. Daniel Campbell be adopted and approved by the Board.

(Minutes, Sept. 20, 1876, p. 297.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Ice on the Pool.

From the Knickerbocker Ice Co. offering \$700 for the priv-

ilege of taking the ice from the Pool in the Central Park during this winter season.

(Minutes, August 30, 1876, p. 265.)

The Landscape Architect, who was present, reported that the banks of the pool, the trees and shrubbery, were, in previous years, injured by the persons to whom the right to take the ice was given, and that the cost of repairing the injuries in the spring was greater than the amount received for the ice.

The PRESIDENT thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no permission be granted to cut or take the ice from the pool in the Central Park during the present winter season.

Adopted.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he is hereby, required forthwith to create and issue, in such manner and under such regulations as he shall determine, a public fund or stock to be denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," to the amount of seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars, as authorized by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places, which are now, or hereafter may be, under the control and management of the Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, August 23, 1876, p. 261.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins and Wetmore—3.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that the property owners in the district of the 23d Ward, east of the old town line of Morrisania, had been notified that the Board would receive them to-day, and hear their opinions in regard to the laying out of that

district, and especially in relation to the map submitted by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, on the 22d November last, of that portion lying east of the former town of Morrisania, and extending from Westchester Road to Boston Road; that they were now in attendance. He then moved that they be received.

(Minutes, November 29, 1876, p. 439.)

Adopted.

The following owners of property were then received, viz. :

R. M. Hoe, C. D. Dickey, S. R. Filley, E. B. Fellows, J. J. Crane, Edgar Williams, Oliver Bryan, L. G. Morris, Theodore Wilkins, H. B. Dawson, J. Simpson, W. Simpson, Lyman Tiffany (Trustee of the Fox estate), H. D. Tiffany (representing the Tiffany estate), C. Bathgate, W. H. Caswell, W. S. Brown, H. D. Purroy (Alderman), Alexander Dodin, Wm. Hall, C. White, F. E. Ives, Thos. Monahan (representing the Dater estate), P. N. Spofford (for himself, and representing the estate of Paul Spofford), T. E. Macey, Charles Ritter, Charles Roth, W. F. Ash, B. G. Arnold, A. B. Hall, Thos. H. Faile (for himself and representing the estates of E. G. Faile and George Faile), T. J. Pope, Walter Chisholm, C. H. Macey, C. B. Perry and Miner Trowbridge.

After discussion of the subject of laying out the 23d and 24th Wards, and there being no objection raised to the particular plan of the district presented by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, but it appearing to be the desire of the property owners that the general plan of the district should be first adopted; the President stated that the Commissioners would consider that to be the opinion of the property owners, and would have it so recorded on the minutes of the Department; to which proposition they all agreed.

The property owners then retired.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the 22d and 29th November, and the 4th and 6th December, 1876, was dispensed with.

The following communication was presented and read :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, }
New York, December 12, 1876. }

To the Honorable

The Board of Commissioners governing the Department of Public Parks.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to notify you that I have to-day appointed James F. Wenman to be a member of the Board of Commissioners governing the Department of Public Parks, in place of Joseph J. O'Donohue, who has vacated his office by accepting, holding and retaining the office of an elector of President and Vice President of the United States, and for the unexpired term of said Joseph J. O'Donohue, which expires on the 30th day of April, 1880.

Very respectfully,

(Signed.)

WM. H. WICKHAM,
Mayor.

Filed.

Mr. Burton N. Harrison, Secretary to his Honor the Mayor, was then received, and introduced James F. Wenman, Esq., whom the Mayor had appointed a Commissioner in the place of Joseph J. O'Donohue, Esq.

Commissioner WENMAN then presented his certificate of appointment.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the said certificate be entered at length on the minutes, and then returned to Commissioner WENMAN.

Adopted.

The following is a copy of the certificate :

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of New York. }

I, William H. Wickham, Mayor of the city of New York, by virtue of the power conferred by Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, being "An Act to reorganize the local government of the city of New York," do hereby appoint

JAMES F. WENMAN

to be a member of the Board of Commissioners governing the Department of Public Parks, in place of Joseph J. O'Donohue, who has vacated his office, and for the unexpired term of said Joseph J. O'Donohue, which expires on the 30th day of April, 1880.

And in pursuance of said power, I do hereby issue this Certificate of Appointment, and have caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed hereto, this 12th day of December, 1876.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,

Mayor of the City of New York.

[SEAL]

On motion of Commissioner Stebbins, the Board adjourned at 9.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Friday, the 15th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 22d and 29th, and December 4th, 6th and 13th, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Maintenance of Parks and Places, 1876.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 6th December, 1876, viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,500 be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation. "Salaries—Police Department of Public Parks," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation. "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient. This amount is appropriated for the purpose of providing proper accommodations and protection for skating, to keep the ice cleaned, the snow swept and carried off, and to erect the necessary skating houses.

(Minutes, Dec'r 4, 1866, p. 448.)

Filed.

Sale of Granite Posts, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that old material at Tompkins Square be sold, viz. : 49 dressed granite

posts, 4 granite buttress blocks, 4 pieces of dressed granite base, 8 spruce piles, and about 230 lineal feet of iron railing.

The PRESIDENT moved that said old material be sold by public auction.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Mott Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps or plans and profiles of Mott Avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad to 165th Street, prepared for filing in accordance with the directions of the Board on November 3d, 1876.

(Minutes, Nov. 3, 1876, p. 393.)

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, the said Commissioners do hereby lay out and designate as streets of the first class, the streets, roads and avenues shown by red lines and color on three similar maps or plans and profiles entitled, " Plan and profile with field notes and explanatory remarks showing the location, width, course, windings and grades of Mott Avenue and streets connecting therewith, from the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad to 165th Street, within that part of the city of New York lying north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th Street, at or in the Hudson River; running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River; and running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randel's Island; as laid out and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of Chap-

ters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, passed respectively May 29th and June 5th, 1874. (Which said avenue is designated as a street of the first class, in accordance with Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, passed June 2, 1876), and showing also the portions of streets discontinued and closed by the said Commissioners." Dated "New York, December 11th, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department of "Public Parks;" the same being such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good, and such as, in the judgment of said Commissioners, are or may be needed for the convenience of the general public, either as main routes of travel or for drainage; and do hereby discontinue and close such portions of streets, roads and avenues heretofore laid out as are shown on said maps or plans by india ink shading; and do hereby designate William R. Martin, the President, and one of the Commissioners of said Board, to certify and file said three similar maps or plans and profiles as provided by law.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Steam Roller.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that he had obtained from the Department of Public Works the loan of the steam roller which the Commissioner of that Department had offered to lend, and enclosing a copy of the receipt he had given for it. That he had been obliged to employ the following persons for the time, and at the rates set opposite their names respectively, namely :

H. R. Searing, steam engineer, one day at \$3.50 per day.

Henry Riley, steersman and watchman, one day at \$2 per day.

John Meehan, night watchman, 20 hours at 23 cents per hour.

That the persons he employed and the rates of pay mentioned, are the same as those employed and paid by the Department of Public Works.

That hereafter he will require the services of a steam engineer and a steersman whenever the steam roller is used, and also a watchman to care the roller; and he recommends that the persons heretofore employed by the Department of Public Works be employed at the same rate of pay allowed by that Department, viz. :

H. R. Searing, steam engineer, at \$3.50 per day, when the engine is at work.

Henry Riley, steersman and watchman, at \$2.25 per day when the engine is at work, and \$2 per day at other times.

(Minutes, Dec. 4, 1876. p. 454.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the action of the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards in employing H. R. Searing, Henry Riley and John Meehan, at the rates mentioned be approved, and that he be authorized to employ the said H. R. Searing and Henry Riley, as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that he had paid \$13 express charges on a Sand Bill Crane sent to the Department from Minnesota, and that the bird is worth considerably more than that amount.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Director of the Menagerie be allowed said sum of \$13 in his bill for incidental expenses of the Menagerie.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Central Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that there is a quantity of iron at Central Bridge that belongs to the party who had the contract for rebuilding the draw. That there is also a small quantity of iron there belonging to this Department.

Also, from Thomas Hayden, the person who had the contract for rebuilding said draw, authorizing Messrs. McDougal & Potter to remove from Central Bridge all iron belonging to him.

(Minutes, May 7, 1876, p. 16.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized and directed to allow said Thomas Hayden to remove from Central Bridge all unused iron belonging to him, upon receiving receipts in full therefor from all parties.

Adopted.

159th Street.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, declining to act as commissioner to assess expenses of regulating and grading Waverley (159th) Street, between Third and Washington Avenues, on the ground that he does not own a freehold estate in the late town of Morrisania, and recommending Mr. Henry Lewis Morris as a proper person to appoint in his place.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 691.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Henry Lewis Morris be appointed, with the consent of the Counsel to the Corporation, a commissioner to assess the expenses of regulating and grading

Waverley (159th) Street, between Third and Washington Avenues, in the place of Mr. Fordham Morris, who has declined to act.

(Minutes, Nov, 29, 1876, p. 433.)

Adopted.

Joseph Mazzini.

From Mr. D. Huntington, President of the American Academy of Design, reporting upon the model for the proposed bust of Joseph Mazzini, in respect to its merits as a work of art, and stating that the work is worthy of acceptance.

(Minutes, Nov. 16, 1876, p. 412.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the consideration of the subject of accepting the bust be laid over.

Adopted.

Statue of Liberty.

From Mr. Bartholdi, thanking the Department for allowing the arm of the Statue of Liberty to be placed on Madison Square.

(Minutes, Dec'r 6, 1876, p. 455.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. T. W. Rollins, contractor for the iron work of the Museum of Natural History, asking for a payment on account, as there is a balance of \$10,000 yet to be paid, and the cost of work to be done will not exceed \$200. Said communication is indorsed by the Superintending Architect, recommending that Mr. Rollins be paid \$8,000 on account.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Superintending Architect be authorized to prepare an estimate for said T. W. Rollins for an amount not exceeding \$8,000, on account of said contract for the iron work for the Museum of Natural History.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Union Avenue.

From Mr. E. Barstow, protesting against widening Union Avenue in the 23d Ward.

Filed.

License to Supply Skates and Chairs on Central Park.

From Mr. August Braun, making application for a license to supply skates and chairs on the ice in Central Park during the winter season.

Laid over.

M. E. Sterne.

From Mr. M. E. Sterne, Clerk, stating that he has been absent from his duties in the Disbursing Office for some days, in consequence of a severe attack of sickness, and asking to be allowed full pay the time he was ill.

Referred to the Disbursing Clerk for his report.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

From Mr. Geo. W. Blunt, Pilot Commissioner, calling the attention of the Department to a report which he had made on the condition of the Battery sea wall, and offering to allow a copy of it to be made.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 232.)

Referred to the President.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that to enable the work of laying the concrete flooring on the Museum of

Natural History to proceed, it will be necessary that the building be heated, and recommending that four large stoves and all fixtures, together with coal for the purpose, be purchased.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the stoves and coal, as recommended by the Superintending Architect, be purchased for the Museum of Natural History.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Audit.

Commissioner STEBBINS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Ames Plow Co., plow scrapers and points.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$27 22	
	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	1 44	
		—————	28 66
American District Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$5 79	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	17 37	
		—————	23 16
Anderson, Pierce & Co, paints.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$47 80	
	Main. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 75	
		—————	51 55

Central Gas Light Co., gas, October and November.....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt....	\$120 00
Croes, J. James, R, incidental....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	28 58
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	138 77
Grant, Wm. H., services.....	Inspection, pavmt. 3d Ave.....	297 00
Gates, Church, E., & Co., lumber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	769 05
Gildersleeve, W. H., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	38 49
Griggs & Co., salt hay.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	36 85
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., expenses, Mus. of Art.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	456 17
Horgan, Cornelius, meat Oct. and Nov..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	468 00
Hosp, F. Philip, plants.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	177 50
King, Jos., keep of horse....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	30 00
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	5 75
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meters.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	40 97
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas Oct. and Nov.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$342 00
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	104 00
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		446 00
Irwin, Wm., incidentals.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	29 91
	City Parks Impt. Fund	27 79

	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards,	\$26 52	
		<hr/>	\$84 22
Jube, John P. & Co., wheels.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		10 90
Labagh, W. O., salt.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	1 25	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	4 00	
		<hr/>	5 25
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas-meter....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		106 50
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas Oct. and Nov.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....		1,085 40
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		74 50
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas Oct. and Nov.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		590 00
Moran & Armstrong, labor and matls....	Museum of Art...		12,000 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, frames and covers.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		141 57
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		12 25
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas Oct. and Nov....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		1,252 00
Scanlan, John P., milk.....	Maint. and Govm't. P. and P.....		5 52
Scott, D., fish and vegetables.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		32 05
Valentine & Briggs, rent.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		40 00
Warner, Wyllys H., couplings.....	City Park Impt. Fund.....		3 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, lanterns and nails.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$1 88	

	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$6 25	
			\$8 13
Watson Manufacturing Co., labor and services.....	Museum of Art...		8,400 00
Woolman, G. S., drawing materials.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and Maint.....		18 20
			<u>\$27,020 99</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$4,554 99
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	596 40
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	875 57
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	238 45
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	58 58
Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	20,400 00
Inspection Paving Third Avenue.....	297 00
	<u>\$27,020 99</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven thousand and twenty dollars and ninety-nine cents,

(Signed) HENRY G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
Committee.

New York, December 13th, 1876.

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

Architectural Iron Works, iron lathing Mus. Nat'l History.	\$54 00
Bowen, Wm. H., sundries Rebuild'g & repair'g B. R. bridge....	26 58
Byrne, Jas. E., Agent, hay, corn. oats, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....
	204 14
Cook, Watts, Receiver, iron rods	Museum of Art... 72 00
Composite Iron Works Co., iron shut- ters.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....
	177 00

Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$50	60
	Museum of Art...	140	00
		<hr/>	\$190 60
Devlin, Jno. B., trap blocks.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		33 00
Dripps, M., maps.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards....		31 00
Evans, Edwd. A., hoisting Webster's statue	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		175 00
Faure, Alfred, plants.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		380 00
Fitzsimons, M., tinning boat house.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		370 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		24 8C
Liantard, A., M. D., services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		5 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., rivets and hose bibb.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$2	06
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	1	25
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			\$1,746 43
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RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	\$1,153 85
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	211 20
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	57 80
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	31 00
Rebuilding and Repairing Bronx R. Bridges.....	26 58
Museum of Natural History.....	54 00
Museum of Art.....	212 00
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	\$1,746 43
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventeen hundred and forty-six dollars and forty-three cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
Committee.

New York, December 15th, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report of the late Treasurer, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with

Joseph J. O'Donohue, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.		
Nov. 15.	By balance.....	\$2,888 68	
Nov. 15 } to	" cash received, licenses, permits and pound.	298 68	3
Dec. 11. }			
			<u>\$ 187 36</u>
	DR.		
Nov. 15 } to	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$1,228 68	
Dec. 11. }			
Dec. 11.	" balance.....	1,958 68	
			<u>\$3,197 36</u>
	DR.		
Dec. 11.	To cash in bank.....	\$1,709 26	
" " " " "	" " " " " drawer.....	249 42	
			<u>\$1,958 68</u>

(Signed) JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Monday, December 11, 1876, 3.30 P. M.

Pay of Foremen, &c.

The PRESIDENT stated that owing to the small amount of the appropriations remaining for the rest of the year, he had, on the 27th of November last, directed that the pay of all foremen, including the Mechanical Engineer and Superintending Gardener, be reduced \$1.50 per day, until the 31st, inst.; and he moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Engineering Corps.

Commissioner STEBBINS, from the Auditing Committee, moved that that Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of allowing pay for the work done by the members of the Engineering Corps between February 1st and June 23rd, 1876, and that said subject, so far as relates to Mr. John Bogart, the Superintending Engineer, be referred to the President to report.

(Minutes, Sept. 20th, 1876, p. 297.)

Adopted.

Offices for Supt. 23d and 24th Wards for 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved, that it be referred to Commissioner Wetmore, with power to make arrangements for offices for the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards for the year 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. J. Weidenmann, amounting to \$99, for work upon the map of the Riverdale District of the 24th Ward, which the Landscape Architect and

Civil and Topographical Engineer have been preparing, and which bill is certified by the Landscape Architect to be "correct in all respects," and he moved that said bill be approved and payment authorized.

(Minutes, Nov. 5th, 1875, p. 370.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Accounts.

The PRESIDENT moved that Commissioner Stebbins be appointed a committee to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer from May 1st, 1876, up to and including the 12th inst.

(Minutes, April 21st, 1876, p. 771.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 20th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1876.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 15th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Central Bridge

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that, in his opinion, the authority of the Department to repair Central Bridge by day's work, under the resolution of the Common Council of July 26th, 1875, is exhausted.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1876, p. 439.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then moved that application be made to the Board of Aldermen for authority to repair said Central Bridge, from time to time, as may be necessary, by day's work.

Adopted.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a map or plan for laying out that part of the 24th Ward lying west of the Riverdale Road.

The PRESIDENT then presented a report upon the subject of laying out the 23d and 24th Wards, and he moved that the two reports presented by the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, on the 22d November and on this date, and also the report he presented, be printed as documents of the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 22, 1876, p. 417.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

(See Documents No. 72 and 73.)

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting that the Third Avenue Bridge is out of order, and that the draw cannot be moved.

(Minutes, November 29, 1876, p. 440.)

Filed.

M. E. Sterne.

From the Disbursing Clerk reporting, upon the application of Mr. M. E. Sterne, Clerk, for pay during the time he was absent on account of illness, and recommending that he be allowed pay during said period.

(Minutes, December 15, 1876, p. 469.)

The PRESIDENT moved that M. E. Sterne, Clerk, be allowed full pay during the time he was absent on account of his recent illness.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. William Brennan, Contractor for Plastering the Museum of Art, requesting that the Department would furnish the coal to heat said building, so as to enable him to proceed with his work, and offering to supply eight large stoves at his own expense for the purpose.

Laid over.

Engineering Corps.

From Mr. C. M. Harris, formerly a member of the Engineering Corps, requesting payment of the amount due him for services during February, 1876, subsequent to the termination of his regular employment.

The PRESIDENT stated that the claims of Mr. Harris and of Mr. E. Kennedy, together with that of Mr. Daniel Campbell, whose payment was authorized at the meeting of the 6th inst., were reported on by Commissioner Stebbins on September 20th, 1876, who recommended that Mr. Harris be paid for thirteen days at \$5 per day, and Mr. Kennedy for ten days at \$3 per day. He then moved that so much of said report of Commissioner Stebbins, as relates to the payment of Mr. C. M. Harris and Mr. E. Kennedy, be adopted and approved by the Board.

(Minutes, Dec. 6, 1876, p. 458.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Mott Avenue.

From Mr. Jonathan Edwards, on behalf of the estate of Gerard W. Morris, and from Mr. Thos. B. Wilson, requesting that Mr. M. C. Turner be given permission to regulate and grade Mott Avenue from 165th street to the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad.

Also from the Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, stating the amount of his fees in the matter of regulating and grading Mott Avenue from a point 700 feet south of 158th Street to 165th Street, to be as follows :

Preliminary survey	\$107 33
Regulating and grading.....	107 33
	\$214 66

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Turner had deposited with the Department the sum of \$214.66 to pay the Surveyor's fees ; and he moved that said communications be filed.

(Minutes, November 29, 1876, p. 434.)

Adopted.

Lighting the Lamps.

From Mr. F. A. Brown, on behalf of the Globe Gas Light Company, of Boston, stating that that Company can not at present make arrangements to light the lamps, but will be prepared to make a proposal to do so next May.

From Mr. Rodman Gibbons, stating that he will submit proposals, on the 21st instant (to-morrow), for lighting the lamps.

(Minutes, December 6, 1876, p. 451.)

Filed.

Reduction of Force Employed on Construction.

From the Superintendent of Parks upon the subject of the necessary reduction of the force employed upon construction works.

Received and laid over.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the late storm had torn up and washed away a portion of the stone pavement in front of the sea wall at the Battery.

That the wall is in such a condition, that a thorough repairing, if not an entire rebuilding, is needed, and recommending that a careful inspection of the wall be made by the Engineers of the Department.

(Minutes Dec. 15, 1876, p. 460.)

Referred to the President.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the surveying and monumenting of twelve miles of streets in the 24th Ward, which have been adopted by the Board, are now completed, and that, the preparation of the maps for filing is so far advanced, that with some additional assistance in draughtsmen, the whole can be finished before the end of the year. He, therefore, requests that he be allowed to employ Mr. Wm. Rumble and Mr. J. F. Perez, as draughtsmen, until the 31st instant, at a compensation not exceeding \$4 per day each, and that Mr. S. E. Warren, draughtsman, and Mr. B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, be detailed to his office, temporarily, during the same time.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be authorized to employ Mr. Wm. Rumble and Mr. J. F. Perez as draughtsmen, until December 31st, 1874, at \$4 per day, each, and that Mr. S. E. Warren, draughtsman, and Mr. B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, be detailed to his office during the same time.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Audit.

Commissioner Stebbins, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Coogan, Wm., labor.....	Flagging west side Marion Avenue between Kings- bridge Road and Ridge Street ..	\$661 10
Early & Lane, brooms.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P....	25 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., horse blankets....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	2 70
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	11 20
Lawrence, F. W., labor and materials..	Museum Natural History.....	2,000 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing, &c....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	19 85
Maximillian, Mrs. M. K., loan of flags...	Inauguration La- fayette Statue..	21 00
McDermott, P., speaking tubes.....	Museum Natural History.....	78 00
Rollins, True W., labor and materials...	Museum Natural History.....	8,000 00
Roberts, Stephen, labor and materials..	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	3,842 23
Slattery, James, broken stone.....	Harlem Rive r bridges repairs, impts., & M...	371 61
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	72 00

Van Riper, Chas., powder and plowshares. Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$24 05
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hammers and picks.....Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	29 57
Weeks, D. C., & Son, labor and materials. Museum of Art.	6,980 00
Wheatly, R. R., hay and oats.....Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	35 52
Weidenmann, I., work on map.....City Parks Impt. Fund.....	99 00
	<hr/> <u>\$22,273 33</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$97 50
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	3,952 43
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	111 69
Harlem river bridges, repairs, improvement and main- tenance.....	371 61
Flagging west side Marion Avenue, between Kingsbridge Road and Ridge street.....	661 10
Museum of Natural History.....	10,078 00
Museum of Art.....	6,980 00
Inauguration Lafayette Statue.....	21 00
	<hr/> <u>\$22,273 33</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

New York, December 20th, 1876.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Engineering Corps—John Bogart.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the subject of allowing pay to Mr. John Bogart, Superintending Engineer, for services performed by him between February 1st and June 28th, 1876, during which time his pay was discontinued ; presented a report in which he states, " I am of the opinion that "Mr. Bogart's claim is just and should be allowed and paid " from the fund authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875."

Accompanying said report is Mr. Bogart's statement of the number of days he was employed, viz., ninety-five days, which is certified by the Landscape Architect to be correct.

Mr. Bogart was then received and explained his position, and the work he had performed during the period when his pay was discontinued.

After discussion of the subject, Commissioner Wetmore moved that the report of the President be received and adopted, and that Mr. Bogart be allowed pay for 95 days at \$16 per day, and that the amount thereof be charged to "City Parks Improvement Fund," as provided by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875.

(Minutes, Dec'r 15, 1876, p. 476.)

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

Ayes—Commissioner Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Commissioner STEBBINS was, at his request, excused from voting.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT moved that the pay of the under mentioned employés on the work of the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, be fixed at the rates set opposite their names respectively, to take effect from the date of their employment, namely :—

James C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer.....	\$333 33	per month.
Thomas H. Loomis, Assistant Engineer.....	200 00	"
Wilson Crosby, Chainman.....	188 33	"
Henry M. Gilbert, Transitman.....	125 00	"
D. H. Haines, Leveller.....	100 00	"
Frank J. Angell, Rodman.....	90 00	"
Wm. B. Pierce, Chainman.....	78 00	"
Charles A. Mapes, Chainman.....	78 00	"
Arthur V. Abbott, Chainman.....	78 00	"
Patrick Norton, Chainman as Inspector.....	70 00	"
James Dempsey, Chainman as Inspector.....	65 00	"

(Minutes Nov. 29, 1876, p. 440.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman,
Wetmore—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer, B. R. Guion.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the pay of Mr. Bernard R. Guion, Assistant Engineer upon the work of constructing Brook Avenue Sewer, be fixed at \$125 per month, to take effect from the date of his employment.

(Minutes Nov. 22, 1876, p. 424.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman,
Wetmore—4.

Marion Avenue, Flagging.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment roll for the work of flagging the sidewalk on the west sidewalk of Marion Avenue, from the Kingsbridge Road to Ridge Street, together with the statement of the amount and cost of the work, and moved that they be signed by the Commissioners, and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, Sept. 27, 1876, p. 310.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Foreman W. F. Croft.

The PRESIDENT presented a letter from Foreman Croft to the Superintendent of Parks, stating that as he had no man under his charge who understood the working of the double-purchase derrick on the scow used to take stone from 129th Street, North river, to Tenth Street, East river, for Tompkins Square, he had employed John Resler for that purpose, in order to get the work done cheaply and quickly, and that said Resler had worked for six days.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved, that Foreman Croft be notified to appear at the next meeting of the Board and give such explanation as he may desire in relation to the violation of the rules of the Department in employing said John Resler without due authority.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

East River Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that there is no arrangement as yet made at the East River Park for the accommodation of the horses, sleighs, &c., of visitors to the park, and he moved that temporary provision be made for the purpose without expense to the Department, and under direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Ice on the Pool, Central Park.

Mr. James T. King was received at this point, and heard upon the subject of granting permission to cut and take the ice in the Pool on Central Park. He handed in a letter from Mr. Jacob Boehm, offering to give \$700 for the privilege, and to give security that he would do no injury to the Park, and he then urged the Board to reconsider its action in deciding not to allow the ice to be cut this season. He then retired.

(Minutes, Dec. 6, 1876, p. 458.)

Edgecombe Road.

Mr. George Lespinasse was then received, and he urged, on behalf of the owners of property in the neighborhood of Edgecombe Road, that the map lately presented by the Civil and Topographical Engineer of changes in said road, be adopted.

(Minutes, Nov. 3, 1876, p. 385.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapters 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads, and avenues within the Twelfth Ward of the city of New York, shown on a map

or plan entitled a "Map or plan of the Edgecombe Road and connecting streets from 155th Street to 173d Street, in the 12th Ward, as altered, amended, and established," dated "New York, October 24th, 1876," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks," of the widths, extent, and direction that said streets, roads, and avenues are designated on said map or plan by red lines, figures, and color; and that said Commissioners do hereby discontinue and close such streets, roads, and avenues now existing or heretofore laid out as are designated on said map by india ink shading; and that the widths, extent, and direction of the said streets, roads, and avenues so laid out are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads, and avenues to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated; and also that three similar maps or plans, and profiles of the same, be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned."

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Vienna Bakery, Madison Square.

Mr. George Lespinasse was then further heard on behalf of Mr. L. Fleischmann, who desire to obtain a license or permission to erect a refreshment saloon and ladies' cottage on Madison Square, to be conducted as the Vienna Bakery at the late Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia was.

Mr. Lespinasse then retired, and Commissioner WETMORE moved that the consideration of said subject be laid over.

Adopted.

Laying out the 23rd and 24th Wards.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to obtain from General George S. Greene, a copy of the statement or memorandum read by him before the committee of the Assembly of last winter, in relation to the laying out of the newly annexed district, known as the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that the same be laid before the Commissioners at the next regular meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 479.)

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Election of Treasurer.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now proceed to elect, by ballot a Treasurer for the remainder of the year ending May 1st, 1877, in place of Ex-Commissioner O'Donohue.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed the Secretary to act as teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, with the following result :

For Commissioner Wenman, 3 votes.

“ “ Wetmore, 1 vote.

Commissioner Wenman having received the votes of a majority of all the Commissioners, was declared duly elected Treasurer of the Board.

(Minutes, May 5, 1876, p. 5.)

Committees.

The PRESIDENT then appointed Commissioner Wenman to the

positions on the Executive and Auditing Committees, formerly occupied by Ex-Commissioner O'Donohue.

(Minutes, May 5, 1876, p. 8.)

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock **M.**, to meet on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 9 o'clock

A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary,
D. P. P.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22d, 1876.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the PRESIDENT :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST). }

20th December, 1876.

MR. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.:

SIR.—You will please call a special meeting for Friday, the 22d inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of awarding the contracts for lighting the lamps.

Respectfully,

W. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks, &c

From Mr. Hugh N. Camp, Treasurer of the New York & New Jersey Globe Gas Light Company, stating that, if now allowed to bid, said Company shall do so at a price much below the

bids made by the coal gas companies, but that they would require from thirty to forty days to complete the necessary changes in the lanterns.

Filed.

From Mr. Rodman Gibbons, stating that on account of the short space of time for making the necessary changes in the lanterns, he is unable to submit a proposal to light the lamps at present.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 482.)

Filed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of the New York Mutual Gas Light Company, to light, &c., the public lamps on the following named public parks and places with gas, from January 1st to April 30th, 1877, both days inclusive, namely, Union Square (except the ornamental lamps at the north end of said Square,) Madison Square, Tompkins Square, Washington Square, Jackson Square, Cooper Institute Square, Worth Monument, Washington Square, Gasaliers at the junction of Fifth Avenue with Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Streets, and Franklin Monument in Printing House Square, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said Company and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 6, 1876, p. 451.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power to award the contracts for lighting the lamps on the remaining public parks and places, or to make such other arrangements for lighting said lamps as they may deem best for the interests of the city.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1876.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 20th and 22d inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment informing the Department, that on the 21st inst., the Comptroller of the city was authorized to issue \$25,000 of “City Parks Improvement Fund Stock.”

(Minutes, Dec. 6, 1876, p. 454.)

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer in charge, reporting upon

the work done by the contractors for regulating and grading Elton Avenue between Third and Brook Avenues, and recommending that the order of the Board directing said contractors to discontinue the work, be suspended until March 1st, 1877 and that, if at that date the rock work is all done, a further suspension of the order be made for one month, to allow reasonable time to surface the avenue after the frost is out of the ground.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 357.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the operation of the preambles and resolutions adopted by the Board on the 18th of October, 1876, notifying Messrs. James Hall and Michael O'Neill, contractors for regulating and grading Elton Avenue from Third Avenue to Brook Avenue, to discontinue all work on said avenue, be suspended until March 1st, 1877.

Adopted.

Telegraph Poles, City Hall Park.

From the Fire Department, requesting permission to replace the old telegraph poles with new ones, on Chambers Street, between Centre Street and Broadway.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be granted.

Adopted.

159th Street.

The PRESIDENT presented the appointment of Mr. Henry Lewis Morris as a commissioner to assess the expenses of Waverly (159th) Street, between Third and Washington Avenues, signed by the Counsel to the Corporation, and he moved that same be signed by the Commissioners, entered at length on the minutes and filed.

(Minutes, Dec. 15, 1876, p. 467.)

Adopted.

The Commissioners then signed the said appointment, of which the following is a copy :

APPOINTMENT.

Whereas, The late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania, duly authorized and executed a contract for the work hereafter mentioned, but did not appoint Commissioners to apportion and assess the expenses thereof, as directed by Sections 47 and 48, Chapter 277, Laws of 1864 ; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city, did, on the 18th day of March, 1876, duly appoint, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, Fordham Morris, together with others as such Commissioners; and

Whereas, The said Fordham Morris has declined to accept said appointment and act as such Commissioner,

Therefore, we, the undersigned, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority in us vested by said Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, appoint

HENRY LEWIS MORRIS,

of New York city, an owner of a freehold estate, liable to taxation therein, and who is not interested in or affected by said work or improvement, a Commissioner in the place of the said Fordham Morris, to assess the expenses of the following mentioned work or improvement, namely :

Regulating and grading Waverly (159th) Street between Third and Washington Avenues.

Dated this 27th of December, 1876.

(Signed.)	WM. R. MARTIN,	} Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York.
"	H. G. STEBBINS,	
"	W. C. WETMORE,	
"	JAS. F. WENMAN,	

(Signed.)	WM. C. WHITNEY,
	Counsel to the Corporation of the city of New York.

Wilson Crosby.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved, that the action of the Board in fixing the title of Mr. Wilson Crosby, as chainman, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, December 20, 1876, p. 487.)

Adopted.

Engineers on Riverside Av.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that Mr. James C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer on the work of constructing and improving Riverside Avenue, be directed to report in

writing to the Board at its next meeting upon the duties performed by each member of the engineering force on said work.

Adopted.

W. F. Croft, Foreman.

Mr. William F. Croft, Foreman, was then received, in pursuance of the directions of the Board and explained that he had authorized John Resler to go to work on the scow because he had no man under him in the employment of the Department who understood the working of a double-purchase derrick ; that the Department was paying for the hire of the scow, and that it would have cost the Department far more than the pay of Mr. Resler had he delayed the work and detained the scow until a man was appointed to do the work.

Mr. Croft then retired.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that Foreman Croft be notified that the employment of John Resler, having been without authority, the Department will not pay him ; and that any repetition of similar acts of violation of duty will not be permitted.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 488.)

Adopted.

Vienna Bakery. Madison Square.

Mr. Leopold Friedman, of the firm of Lespinasse & Friedman, was then received, and presented a communication from Mr. L. Fleischmann, requesting permission to erect a refreshment saloon and ladies cottage on Madison Square, similar in design to certain plans which he presented.

(Minutes, December 20, 1876, p. 490.)

Mr. Friedman then retired, and the subject was considered.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the application of Mr. L. Fleischmann, for permission to erect a building on Madison Square, for the purposes of a refreshment saloon and ladies' cottage, be, and hereby is, declined.

Adopted.

Offices for Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards, for 1877.

Commissioner WETMORE, to whom it was referred to make arrangements for offices for the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, for 1877, verbally reported that the present offices occupied by the Superintendent are the most commodious and best suited for the purpose that are to be had in the locality, and he recommended that the President be authorized to hire said offices for the year 1877, on the same terms, and at the same rent (*viz.*, \$40 per month) for which they are now hired.

(Minutes, December 15, 1876, p. 476.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendation therein be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Ice on the Pool, Central Park.

Mr. James T. King was then received, and proposed, on behalf of Mr. Jacob Boehm, to take the ice from the Pool in Central Park by means of slides, and thus prevent the necessity of carting the ice over the grass, if granted the permission, as heretofore requested.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 489.)

Mr. King then retired, when Commissioner WETMORE moved that the previous action of the Board in refusing to grant per-

mission to take the ice from the Pool in Central Park be adhered to.

Adopted.

Assistant-Foreman Hagan.

The PRESIDENT stated that on June 9th, 1876, certain charges were made to the Board against Assistant-Foreman Hagan by Thomas Floyd and others. That on September 20th, 1876, the Superintendent of Parks had forwarded certain other charges against the same employé. That on both occasions the charges had been referred to Ex-Commissioner O'Donohue to investigate and report, but, although some evidence had been taken by the Ex-Commissioner, he had not made any report.

(Minutes, Sept. 20, 1876, p. 292.)

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that said charges preferred against Assistant-Foreman Hagan be referred to the President to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. John Mahoney, contractor for the plastering of the Museum of Natural History building, for the final payment on his contract, and moved that it be referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Adopted.

Thomas Bell.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. Thomas Bell, amounting to \$17.85, for repairs to harness, &c., which was incurred by the late Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, without authority. He stated that he had had inquiries made concerning it, and from all the information he could obtain, he believed

the work had been actually performed for the Department, and that the prices charged were reasonable. He therefore moved that payment of the bill be authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

License to supply Skates and Chairs on the Lake, Central Park.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that a license be granted Mr. August Braun to supply skates and chairs on the Lake, Central Park, from the 21st instant, and during the present winter season, and that his license fee be fixed at \$5 for each day on which there is skating on the Lake.

(Minutes, December 15, 1876, p. 469.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 3rd January, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 27th, 1876, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museums of Art and Natural History.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Department that the Comptroller of the city had been authorized, on the 29th ulto., to issue “ Museums of Art and Natural History stock” to the amount of \$25,000.

(Minutes, November 29, 1876, p. 432.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that it is necessary to have a temporary wooden bridge and entrance porch erected at the south end of the Museum of Natural History building, so as to make a suitable entrance from Seventy-seventh Street.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be

instructed to prepare and submit specifications for the temporary wooden bridge and entrance porch recommended by him.

Adopted.

Ladies' Cottage at "Hern's Head."

From the Superintending Architect, calling attention to the condition of the ladies' cottage at Hern's Head, in Central Park, and recommending that it be replaced by a new building.

(Minutes, October 4th, 1876, p. 319.)

Filed.

Museum Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the application of Mr. J. Mahoney, for his final payment on account of his contract for plastering the Museum of Natural History building, in which he states that the work is completed, except the pointing and finishing round the windows, doors and other trimmings. That this work can not be done until the carpenter has finished his work, and that it will cost from \$400 to \$500 to complete the work.

The Secretary then submitted a statement showing that the amount of the final payment on said contract is \$3,800, and that there are liens filed against the same, to the amount of \$3,214.13.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Superintending Architect be instructed to prepare and submit an estimate, on account of the final payment on said contract, to an amount not exceeding \$3,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Third Avenue Bridge. Propeller "Day Spring."

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon a claim made by the owner of the propeller "Day Spring," for detention at the Third Avenue Bridge on the 16th and 18th of December last.

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, forwarding a letter from Mr. J. V. Donovan, contractor for the carpenter work of the Museum of Natural History building, stating that it is necessary to have certain extra work done on said building in connection with his contract, and asking that orders be given to him therefor.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and the Superintending Architect, be directed to report, specifically, what extra works are required in connection with the carpenter's contract, and the estimate cost of such works.

Adopted.

From Mr. J. V. Donovan, contractor for the carpenter work of the Museum of Natural History building, stating that although he has not finished all the work to entitle him to the first payment of \$2,000 on his contract, yet he has done far more other work under the contract, and asking that the first payment be made to him.

The Superintending Architect endorsed on said communication that said contractor has done about \$6,000 worth of work, but not in the order called for by the contract so as to enable him to get his first payment. That he has been obliged to do his work in this manner on account of the delay of other contractors. That he recommends a payment to be made to said contractor on account.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate on ac-

count of the work done by said contractor to an amount not exceeding \$2,000.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Steam Engine on Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, stating that the steam engine on Third Avenue Bridge was not yet accepted, but that he believed it would be soon completed.

(Minutes, August 4. 1876, p. 216.)

Filed.

Engineers on Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. James C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer on Riverside Avenue, reporting upon the duties performed by each member of the engineering force employed for the supervision of the work of constructing and improving said avenue.

(Minutes Decr. 27, 1876. p. 499)

Laid over.

Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs Decker and Quintard, contractors for constructing and improving Riverside Avenue, asking permission to build dry stone wall subsequent to December 1st, on which date each year all such work should cease under the terms of the contract, unless otherwise directed by the Department. Also stating that certain houses on the line of the Avenue are in the way of the work.

From Mr. James C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer on said work, reporting that it is possible, but not practicable, to build the dry stone wall during the winter.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had instructed the contractors

to proceed with the building of the dry stone wall on such days subsequent to December 1st, 1876, as it was possible to do so in a satisfactory manner, and in accordance with the requirements of the specifications.

Also that he had given orders to have the house on said Riverside Avenue, near Ninety-fifth Street, and which had been reserved from the late sale, sold by public auction.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President be approved and adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Michael Cummings.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, stating that Michael Cummings, who had been employed with his team in the 23d and 24th Wards, had furnished a driver for his team, but had not accompanied it himself, during the months of November and December, 1876. That his name, and not that of his driver, had been returned on the pay-rolls, and that consequently his pay was withheld.

The PRESIDENT moved that Michael Cummings be authorized to be paid for such time during the months of November and December as his team had worked.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Webster Ave. Streets round Woodlawn Cemetery, Fordham Ave., &c.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps or plans, and also three similar profiles of the following streets, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, prepared for filing, in accordance with the directions of the Board, viz. :

Webster Avenue and adjoining streets.

Streets round Woodlawn Cemetery.

Fordham Avenue and Kingsbridge Road.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1875, p. 438; Feb. 4, p. 598, and Oct. 25, p. 375, 1876.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, the said Commissioners do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues within that part of the city of New York lying north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of 155th street, at or in the Hudson River, running thence easterly along said southerly line of 155th street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River, and running thence southerly along the middle of the said Harlem River to the Sound, north of Randel's Island, of the width, extent, direction and grades that the said streets, roads and avenues are shown upon three similar maps or plans, and profiles, dated "New York, December, 30th, 1876," and signed, "J. James R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks," the same seeming to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, most conducive to the public interests; and they do designate as streets of the first class, such streets, roads and avenues as are shown on said maps or plans by red color, the same being such as in the judgment of said Commissioners are, or may be needed for the convenience of the general public, either as main routes of travel, or for drainage; and they do designate as streets of the second class, such streets, roads and avenues as are shown on said maps or plans by yellow color, the same being such as in the judgment of said Commissioners are, or may be needed for the use or convenience of the inhabitants of certain areas or districts, as thoroughfares, but which are not main routes of travel; and they do discontinue and close such portions of streets, roads and avenues as are shown on said maps or plans by india ink shading; and they do hereby designate and direct William R. Martin, the President, and one of the members of said Board of Commissioners, to certify and file said three similar maps or plans and profiles as provided by law.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Statue of Mazzini.

From Mr. John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Mr. D. Huntington, President

of the National Academy of Design, reporting that they had examined the bust of Mazzini by Mr. Turini, artist, and that, although not a work of the highest excellence, it is worthy of acceptance by the Department,

Filed.

Also from Mr. N. Corradi and Mr. E. Macoggi, on behalf of the Committee of Italian residents, who offer to present the bust, requesting that they be informed at as early a day as possible, what decision may be arrived at in regard to its acceptance.

(Minutes, Dec. 15th, 1876, p. 468.)

Filed.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the bust of Joseph Mazzini by Mr. Turini, artist, be accepted and placed at such point on the Central Park in conformity with the rules for placing of statues on Central Park, as the Landscape Architect shall designate; and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the foundations for the pedestal of said bust constructed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Third Avenue Paving.

From Mr. Thomas Rae and other owners of land embraced within the assessment limits for the paving of Third Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to the northern boundary of the 23d Ward, protesting against assessing on the property benefitted by said work more than one-half the cost thereof.

Accompanying said communication is a brief of the laws

relating to said subject, prepared by Mr. J. R. Marvin, counsel for said owners.

(Minutes, Nov. 22, 1876, p. 424.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication and brief be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Crombie, Thos. J., lumber	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., '76.... Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M., '76..	\$183 54 554 00	737 54
McDonald, John T., oats, corn and bran	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876...	 181 72	
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes	City Parks Impt.F.	8 28	
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., solder	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., '76....	 2 40	
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stoves, pipe, &c.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., '76....	 85 57	
Ruhe, Louis, bird food	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., '76....	 8 00	
Slattery, John, monument	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards 1876.	 200 00	
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, nails and locks	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876	 27 75 75	28 50
			<u>\$1,162 01</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1876.....	\$388 98
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance, 1876.....	554 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	8 28
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	200 00
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	75
	————— \$1,152 01
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven hundred and fifty-two dollars and one cent.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, January 3d, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with
James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1876.	CR.	
Dec. 11	By balance.....	\$1,958 68
Dec. 11	}	" cash received from licenses and sundries... 309 50
to		
Jan. 3, '77		
		————— \$2,268 18
		=====

DR.

Dec. 11	}	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$523 92
to Jan. 3, '77			
Jan. 3		" balance.....	1,744 26
			\$2,268 18

DR.

1877.		To cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	\$1,709 26
Jan. 3		" " drawer.....	35 00
" "			\$1,744 26

(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

New York, January 3, 1877.

9.30 A. M.

Lighting the Lamps.

The PRESIDENT and Commissioner WENMAN, to whom it was referred to award the contracts for lighting the public lamps in the Parks, except those in the portion of the city heretofore awarded to the Mutual Gas Light Company, presented a report in which they stated that the following companies proposed to light the lamps in the streets and in the parks at the following prices per month, namely :

	STREET LAMPS.	PARK LAMPS.
New York Gas Light Co.....	\$2 50	\$3 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co.....	3 00	3 25
Harlem Gas Light Co.....	3 50	3 37½

That they had awarded the contract to the Harlem Gas Light Company for lighting the lamps in the portion of the city mentioned in their proposal, and had notified the New York Gas Light Company and the Metropolitan Gas Light Company that, should they continue to light the lamps heretofore lighted by them, they would be paid at the same rate as they are paid for the street lamps, until the further action of the Board.

(Minutes, Dec. 22, 1876, p. 494.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said report be accepted, and that the action of the President and Commissioner Wen-

man in the premises be approved and adopted, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the contract awarded to the Harlem Gas Light Company on behalf of the Department.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized from time to time to reduce the number of lamps lighted on the public parks, places, &c., as he may deem expedient.

Adopted.

Swedish School House.

The PRESIDENT reported that arrangements had been made for the purchase of the Swedish school house, at the grounds of the late exposition, for the sum authorized by the Board, namely, \$1500.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1876, p. 444.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the purchase of said school-house at \$1,500 be approved; that arrangements be made with some suitable contractor to remove said building from Philadelphia to the Central Park at a cost not exceeding \$1,000, and that said building be erected on such site as the Landscape Architect shall designate in the Central Park.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Restoration of Laborers.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had authorized the Super-

intendent of Parks to restore 56 men, lately suspended, for the care of the roads, &c. ; and also 58 men for the care of the ice, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Reductions and Removals.

The PRESIDENT stated that he notified in writing all employés on the salary list, that any action, in relation to the reduction of salaries or the removal of employés on account of the limited appropriations granted for the present year, which the Board may take, shall take effect from the 1st inst.

That he had also written a letter to the Superintendent of Parks directing him to notify all foremen and mechanics to the same effect.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President be approved, and that the communications addressed by the President to the officers and employés of the Department be entered at length on the minutes.

Adopted.

The following are copies of the letters :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST). }

January 1, 1877.

Sir,—You will take notice that whatever action the Board may take under the reduced amounts of the appropriations for 1877, by way of removing clerks, officers or employés, or reducing salaries, will take effect from this day.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

To

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST). }
NEW YORK, JANUARY 1st, 1877.

MR. J. MUNCERWITZ,
Superintendent :

Sir,—You will take notice that any reduction in the number or pay of the foremen or in the pay of mechanics, which may be made by the Board, in view of the diminished appropriation for the year 1877, will take effect on this day. You will cause this to be made known to the persons interested.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Wm. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

Appropriations for 1877.

The PRESIDENT then presented the following report upon the appropriations for the year 1877, as determined by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
NEW YORK, 2d January, 1877.

To the Board of Commissioners :

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have made the appropriations for the maintenance of parks and places, and other works under our charge, for the year 1877, as follows : In parallel column is stated the appropriations for 1876 :

Appropriations.	For 1876.	1877.
Salaries.....	\$55,000	\$45,000
Police.....	110,000	90,000
Maintenance and Museums.....	187,500	175,000
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.....	40,000	} 26,000
Bronx River Bridges.....	15,000	
Harlem River Bridges.....	40,000	7,000
Surveying, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards, &c..	25,000	10,000
Music Central Park.....	5,000	4,000
City Hall Park Pavement.....	10,000	
Fourth of July.....	7,500	
	\$495,000	\$357,000

In addition we have the balances of 1875 and 1876, which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have power to transfer, and it was stated that the appropriation had been made in view of the balances of 1876. These balances are about as follows:

	1875.	1876.
Maintenance.....	\$1,572 69	\$2,500 00
Harlem River Bridges.....	2,563 18	20,150 00
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards.....	16 52	500 00
Surveying, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards ...	236 21	1,500 00
Music.....	1,358 00	154 60
Independence Day.....	243 49	
Bronx Bridges.....		14,575 00
City Hall Park Pavement.....		410 58

This condition of the appropriations will require the adoption of the following measures by the Board :

1stly. A reduction in the expense of the clerical force, either by discharging some of their number, or by reducing the salaries, or by adopting both courses.

2dly. Police.—There may be a propriety in diminishing the pay of the police force, or diminishing the number of men, or increasing the efficiency of the force by selecting more capable men for the service.

3dly. Maintenance Twenty third and Twenty-fourth Wards.—This appropriation, with the transfer of the balance from 1876 of the amount saved on account of the Bronx river bridges, will be about the same as that of last year, and will need the most careful economy and planning of the work.

4thly. Harlem River Bridges.—This appropriation, even with some transfer from the balances of 1876, does not admit of any new construction, or anything more than maintaining the bridges, working the draws, and keeping them in repair. The question of the reconstruction of the Central Bridge was presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but received no consideration.

5thly. Surveying, Laying Out, &c., the North End of the Island and the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.—The appropriation for this work will oblige its discontinuance unless the amount can be increased by transfers, and this will become a matter of most imperative necessity.

6thly. The Battery Sea-wall.—This subject was presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and they determined adversely to it.

7thly. General Maintenance.—This appropriation is subject to two deductions: 1st. The two museums; and 2d, the cost of the gas, in order to reach the amount applicable to general maintenance, which is smaller than ever before. This will reduce the amount of the work carried on, and brings up for consideration the propriety of reducing the pay: 1st, of the foremen, and 2d, of the mechanics, as well as their number.

Since the 1st of December, the laborers have voluntarily worked ten hours a day, or as near that time as the duration of daylight and the state of the weather permitted. This is equivalent to a reduction of their wages.

The engineering force, owing to the diminution of the work, must also be largely reduced.

The maintenance money.....		\$175,000
with the above reduction, say :		
Museum of Art and Natural History.....	\$30,000	
Gas, say.....	20,000	
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		\$50,000

Leaves for maintenance proper about..... \$125,000

This is about \$10,000 per month.

How inadequate this is for the work will appear from a comparison of the amounts expended on it in previous years :

1873.....	\$298,527
1874.....	318,864
1875.....	250,483
1876.....	157,500

Respectfully,
(Signed)

W. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

January 3, 1877.]

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Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be received and laid over, and that the subject of the appropriations for the year be made the special business for the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Saturday the 6th inst., at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner **MARTIN**, President.

“ **STEBBINS.**

“ **WENMAN.**

“ **WETMORE.**

On motion of the **PRESIDENT**, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 3d instant was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Appropriations for 1877.

From the **SECRETARY** of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, informing the Department that the following appropriations had been made to this Department for the year 1877, namely :

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

For Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects, and all other employés of the Department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, and laborers, and their foremen, employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, excepting, also, the Topographical Engineer and his assistants, in charge of surveying, monumenting etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer-in-Charge of public places, roads, avenues, and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....

\$45,000 00

Police—Salaries of captain, lieutenant, sergeants, patrolmen, post and gate keepers, and night watchmen.....	90,000 00	
Maintenance of the Parks and Places, for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics, and laborers employed on works of maintenance and including, also, the sum of \$30,000 for the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and also the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory.....	175,000 00	
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	7,000 00	
Music—Central Park.....	4,000 00	
Surveying, laying out, and monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this island.....	10,000 00	
Maintenance and government of public places, roads, avenues, and bridges, including bridges over the Bronx river, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	26,000 00	
		\$357,000 00

(Minutes January 3, 1877, p 517.)

Filed.

Bills introduced in the Legislature.

From Mr. Sanders Wilson, Superintendent of Documents in the Senate, offering to supply the Department with printed copies of all bills introduced in the Senate and Assembly, on the same terms which he supplied them last year, viz., \$50.

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 540.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Wilson's offer be accepted, and that on his supplying copies of the bills, he be paid \$50, at the termination of the present session of the Legislature.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Nicholas H. Decker and Geo. W. Quintard, labor and material,	{ Improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, }	\$5,025 25
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\$5,025 25

Amounting to the sum of five thousand and twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents.

(Signed) JAB. F. WENMAN, } Auditing
H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, January 6, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Accounts

Commissioner STEBBINS, who was appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes :

The committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, Joseph J. O'Donohue, Esq., up to and including December 12th, 1876, reports that he has examined and audited said accounts, and finds the same correct; the balance to the credit of the Department of Public Parks being nineteen hundred and fifty-eight $\frac{68}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
Auditing Committee.

New York, January 3d, 1877.

(Minutes, December 15, 1876, p. 477.)

Appropriations for 1877.

The Board then went into executive session, for the consideration of the subject of reducing the expenses of the Department to the amounts appropriated for the present year.

After consideration of the subject, the Board resumed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the unexpended balances of appropriations made to this Department for the years 1875 and 1876, to the appropriations made to this Department for the year 1877, for the following purposes, namely :

1. The Maintenance and Government of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, including bridges over Bronx River, 23d and 24th Wards.
2. Harlem River Bridges—repairs, improvement and maintenance.
3. Surveying, laying out and monumenting 23d and 24th Wards including north end of this Island.

And that it be referred to the President with power to make said application.

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner WETMORE, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock M., to meet on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 3d and 6th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Ice and snow on the walks of the Parks.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding copies of the following resolutions, approved by his Honor the Mayor, on January 6th, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That hereafter the Commissioners of the Park Department be, and they are hereby, requested to cause all the walks around and intersecting the several parks and public squares, to be cleared of snow after each snow-fall; and in case it is impracticable so to remove such snow before it becomes congealed or forms into ice, then that the said Commissioners be, and are hereby, requested to cause such walks to be sprinkled with sand or ashes, each and every day, until such snow or ice can be removed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and he is hereby, requested in like manner, to remove the snow or ice from the stoops, steps, and the sidewalk in front of every public building in this city, and the bridges crossing Fourth Avenue tunnel north of Forty-second Street, or similarly sprinkle them with sand or ashes.

Filed.

Lighting the lamps on Battery Park.

From Mr. Hugh N. Camp, Treasurer of the New York & New Jersey Globe Gas Light Co., making the following pro-

position to light the lamps on the Battery Park, from February 1st, to December 31st, inclusive, viz. : "To affix the improved "attachments of said company to all the lamps now in use in "the Battery Park ; furnish a light equal to a three-foot coal "gas-light, every night, all night, keeping the lanterns clean "and in good repair, for the sum of \$2.25 for each lamp so "lighted per month."

(Minutes, Dec. 22d, 1876, p. 493.)

The PRESIDENT stated that this proposition was fifty cents per lamp per month cheaper than the proposition of the New York Gas Light Co., which the Department had rejected, and twenty-five cents per lamp per month cheaper than the proposition made by the same Gas Light Company to light the street lamps. He also stated that, Mr. Camp desired permission to place a lamp on an unused lamp-post in Union Square, and to light the same without expense to the Department.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the proposition of Mr. Camp to light the lamps on the Battery Park, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice, as to whether the Department can legally enter into the contract, as proposed ; and that permission be given to Mr. Camp to place one of the lanterns of said company on the unused lamp-post on the east side of Union Square, opposite Sixteenth street, provided that no expense is incurred thereby.

Adopted.

Zoological Garden.

From Mr. L. R. Mestaniz, asking whether the Department is willing to lease grounds in Central Park, to proper parties, for the purpose of establishing a zoological garden.

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. J. Mahoney, contractor for plastering the Museum of Natural History building, stating that he had plastered the

elevator shaft, which the specifications did not call for, and asking an extra payment therefor of \$205.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and to the Superintending Architect, to report upon.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, reporting upon the application of Mr. J. V. Donovan for orders for certain extra works in connection with his contract for the carpenter's work of the Museum of Natural History building, and recommending that Mr. Donovan be given orders for the following works, the cost of which he estimates as set opposite each work, viz. :

1. Extra iron bars in the octagon corner sashes ; estimated cost, \$114.

2. An extra amount of trimming to be extended to the floor under the windows ; estimated cost, \$193.

3. Furring strips in the attic ; estimated cost, \$125.

Also from the Superintending Architect, in which he states, that the working drawings make provision for a wooden bar in the octagon corner sashes, which is not strong enough to support the plate glass, and that, if iron bars are ordered, the contractor should be allowed extra pay for them.

That it is necessary to have extra trimming and furring strips in the attic story, as the iron studding in that story has to be trimmed in a different manner than is shown on the working drawings.

That, if the contractor is directed to extend the trimming and casting to the floor, as desired by Mr. Vaux, he should be allowed for it as extra work.

That the other items for which the contractor desired to obtain orders are not extra works, and he is not entitled to extra pay for them.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said subject be laid over to enable the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History to be consulted with regard to said extra works.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Theo. Roosevelt, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating that they have examined the extra bill of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, contractors, and find it was occasioned by drainage necessities belonging to the Park proper, and should not be charged to the Museum building fund.

(Minutes, Nov. 22d, 1876, p. 415.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Bell, Thomas, repairs to harness	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.	\$17 85
Bouker, John A., stone, gravel and screening	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.	1,433 56
Cross, J. James R., incidental expenses . .	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc., 1876	36 80
Draper, Danl., sundries	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876 . .	48 57
Ebling, Wm., stone	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, etc., 1876	134 00

Fischer, Wm. L., car fares.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..	\$4 30	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	12 90	
		<hr/>	\$17 20
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$46 88	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..	15 62	
		<hr/>	62 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, Decem....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..	\$171 00	
	H. R. Bridges Reps., Impt. and M., 1876.....	48 00	
		<hr/>	219 00
Jenks, N., drummers.....	Inauguration La- fayette Statue, 1876.....		70 00
Keuffel & Esser, engineer's materials....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		30 88
Labagh, William O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..		9 75
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas, Decem..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..		592 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., gas burners and rivets.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..	\$5 40	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	1 25	
		<hr/>	6 65
McCarthy, John C., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..		155 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Decem..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..		295 00
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		45 00
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, Decem.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..		626 00

Pratt Chas. & Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..	\$10 33	
	Harlem R. B. Reps. Impt. and M., 1876.....	4 20	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	70	
	Museum of Art..	70	
		<hr/>	\$15 93
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints and al- cohol.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		80 60
Reeves, Robt. C., canary seed.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..		2 25
Slattery, John, screened gravel.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		973 20
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876..		12 64
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.....	\$20 00	
	Harlem R. B. Imp. Reps. and Main., 1876.	10 00	
	Maint. and Govnt. P. and P., 1876.	99 00	
		<hr/>	129 00
Valentine & Briggs, rent of office.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....		40 00
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....		550 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, spikes and bolts.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	2 42	
	Harlem R. B., Reps. Imp. and Main., 1876.....	24 43	
	City Parks Imp, Fund.....	7 63	
		<hr/>	34 43

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Police Trials.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had tried the following park keepers upon the undermentioned charges preferred against them :

Frederick Vanni, charged with being off his beat in a water closet, and sitting down beside the stove.

Samuel T. Manson, charged with disobeying the orders of his superior officer.

That he found both guilty of the charges preferred, and he recommended that

Frederick Vanni be reprimanded ; and that

Samuel T. Manson be reprimanded and fined three days' pay.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendations therein adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Patrick Brady.

The PRESIDENT stated that a labor ticket had been issued at the request of Commissioner O'DONOHUE last fall, to a man whose name Mr. O'Donohue gave by mistake as Patrick Duffy, but whose real name is Patrick Brady. That in consequence his pay was stopped on the two pay rolls ending respectively December 2d and 16th, 1876. That Mr. O'Donohue has since identified the man, Patrick Brady, as the man for whom he intended the labor ticket and to whom he gave it. He, therefore, moved, that the Disbursing Clerk be authorized and directed to amend the laborer's pay rolls ending December 2d and 16th, 1876, by

substituting the name Patrick Brady for that of Patrick Duffy, and that he then pay to Patrick Brady the amount due to him as returned on said pay rolls.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Appropriations for 1877.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had made application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the transfers to the appropriations of 1877, as authorized at the last meeting.

(Minutes, Jan. 6, 1877, p. 524.)

Reduction of Foremen.

The PRESIDENT reported that, as the work on Tompkins Square, on which Foreman Lawrence Rock was employed, had ceased, he had suspended him without pay on the 8th inst. That the work on which Foremen W. F. Croft and Christopher Smith have been employed is now stopped. That it is necessary on account of the reduced appropriations for the maintenance of the parks, to suspend at least five of the foremen on the parks. He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the PRESIDENT in suspending Foreman Lawrence Rock without pay, be approved and adopted by the Board.

Resolved, That the following Foremen and Assistant Foreman be, and hereby are, suspended without pay from and after this date, viz : Wm. F. Croft, Christopher Smith, Jeremiah Crowley, Daniel Crimmins, and Francis Hagan.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said resolutions be amended by striking out therefrom the following words, viz. : "and Assistant Foreman," and also, "and Francis Hagan,"

and that action on the case of said Hagan be laid over until the next meeting.

(Minutes, Dec. 27, 1876, p. 502.)

Adopted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that the pay of the under-mentioned employés be fixed as follows, to take effect from the first instant, and during the months of January, February and March, 1877, viz. :

James H. Van Riper, Mechanical Engineer . . .	\$4.50	per day.
E. H. Treadwell, Foreman	4.50	“
John Meehan, Foreman	4.50	“
All other foremen	4.00	“

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of General Foreman, C. B. Trimble, be fixed from the 1st instant, and during the months of January, February and March, 1877, at the rate of \$5 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Pay of Laborers, etc.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of the under-mentioned classes of laborers, mechanics, &c., except those employed in the 23d

and 24th Wards, be fixed at the rates hereafter stated, to take effect from January 1st, 1877, viz. :

Skilled Blacksmiths.....	\$3 50	per day
Blacksmiths.....	3 00	"
Carpenters.....	3 00	"
Bricklayers.....	3 00	"
Masons.....	3 00	"
Stonecutters.....	3 00	"
Painters.....	2 75	"
Rockmen.....	2 00	"
Laborers.....	1 60	"
Double teams.....	4 50	"

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolution be amended by adding at the end thereof, as follows :

And that the laborers be allowed to enrol their names in a book, to be kept by the Superintendent of Parks for that purpose, stating that they are desirous to work for ten hours each day, and that on their so doing they be paid at the rate of twenty cents per hour in addition to said sum of \$1.60 per day, for such time as they shall be required to work in excess of eight hours each day, provided, however, that no laborer be paid more than \$2 for any one day.

Commissioner WENMAN accepted the amendment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

The PRESIDENT moved that the foremen suspended by the Board this day be paid for such time as they have worked since January 1, 1877, at the rate fixed for the pay of foremen during January, February, and March, 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Pay of Laborers and Teams in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of the under-mentioned classes of laborers, &c., employed for the maintenance, &c., of public places, roads, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards, be fixed at the rates hereafter stated, to take effect from January 1st, 1877, viz.:

Laborers	\$1 50 per day.
Double teams	4 00 "

and that the laborers be allowed to enrol their names in a book to be kept by the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards for that purpose, stating that they are desirous to work for ten hours each day, and that on their so doing they be paid at the rate of eighteen cents per hour, in addition to said sum of \$1.50 per day, for such time as they shall be required to work in excess of eight hours each day, provided, however, that no laborer be paid more than \$1.86 for any one day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

List of Laborers, &c.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent furnish to this Board, at its next meeting, a correct list of men in employment under his supervision, with the grade on the pay rolls, and services they are now performing.

Adopted.

The Board then went into Executive Session for the consideration of the subject of reducing the expenses of the Department.

After consideration of the subject, the Board resumed.

Police Force.

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the reorganization of the police force of the

January 10, 1877.]

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Department be referred to Commissioners Wenman and Stebbins, to report at the next meeting.

(Minutes. July 28, 1876, p. 210.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 1 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 9 o'clock

A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 10th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Bridge over Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris R. R. in 24th Ward.

From His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from Mr. J. A. Singer, calling attention to the condition of the bridge over the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad at Kingsbridge Road in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for his report.

Appropriations for 1876.

From the Comptroller of the City, in reply to a request that he would rectify the accounts on the books of the Finance Department, so that the charges should correspond with those on the books of this Department, in which he states :
“The action of my predecessor in this matter is final, so far

“as this Department is concerned, and clearly I have not the
“power to intervene for your relief, as you request.

(Minutes, Nov. 10th, 1876, p. 403.)

Referred to the President.

Lighting the lamps on Battery Park.

From Mr. Hugh N. Camp, Treasurer of the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-Light Company, offering to light and care for the lamps on the Battery Park, in the same manner as the gas companies propose to do, during the month of February, 1877, for \$2.25 per lamp.

The PRESIDENT stated that there are now 186 lamps in use on said Park, and that, at the price proposed, the cost of lighting them for two months would not exceed \$1,000. He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a contract be given to the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas-Light Company, to affix their improved attachment to the lamps now in use on the Battery Park, and to light said lamps during the months of February and March, 1877, on the conditions, terms and specifications contained in the form of contract now used by the Department for lighting the lamps, for the sum of \$4.50 per lamp, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, January 10th, 1877, p.).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Tompkins Square.

From Mr. John M. Scribner, requesting that permission be granted the Dry Dock, East Broadway and Battery Railroad Company to deposit snow swept from the tracks of the company on Tompkins Square.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the request be declined.
Adopted.

Stone for Transverse Road Walls.

From Mr. Wm. F. Croft, offering to furnish rock-faced stone, required for the retaining wall of the Transverse Roads in Central Park, at 65 cents per cubic foot.

Laid over.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. R. L. Stuart, President of the American Museum of Natural History, and other officers of said museum, requesting that \$15,000, of the \$30,000 authorized to be applied to the use of the museums, be appropriated for the American Museum of Natural History this year.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication, and the subject of the amounts to be allowed to the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art for 1877, be referred to the Auditing Committee to report upon.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting specifications for the tiling of the floors of the Museum of Natural History.

(Minutes, November 15, 1876, p. 414.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said specifications be accepted and approved.

Adopted.

List of Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting a list of the men in employment under his supervision, with the grade on the pay roll and the services they are now performing.

(Minutes, Jan. 3, 10, 1877, p. 536.)

Filed.

Thos. F. Goodwin.

From Mr. Thos. F. Goodwin, applying for the position of General Foreman in the Department.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Am. Clock Company, clock.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$6 00
Bouker, John A., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	145 00
Byrne & Co., hay, corn, oats, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876.	264 39
Central Gas Light Co., gas, Decem.....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and M., 1876.....	60 00
Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to instrument..	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	6 00
Harmer Hays & Co., whip.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	2 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas-meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876.	44 55
Horgan, Cornelius, meat, Decem.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876.	234 00
Keuffel & Esser, engineer supplies.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	13 28
King, Briggs & Co., rasps.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876.	5 75
King, Jos., keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards. 1876.....	40 00

Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....		\$27 35
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas meter....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876.		32 75
McCarthy, John C., coal.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876.		10 00
Murphy & Nesbit, lime, sand and bricks..	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		239 60
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876.		11 00
Tone, Theq. F., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1876.		45 00
Van Tassel & Kearney, sleigh.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1876...		45 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, handles and locks.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1876... City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$3 40 2 75	6 15
			<hr/> \$1,238 32 <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$647 44
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876	223 25
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	267 63
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint., 1876....	60 00
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876 ...	40 00
	<hr/> \$1,238 32 <hr/>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve hundred and thirty-eight dollars and thirty-two cents.

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, January 17th, 1877.

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

Colgate & Co., soap	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		\$10 15
Early & Lane, brooms, mops, matches, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$64 67	
	Harlem R. B. Re- pairs, Imp. and Maint.....	58	
		—	65 25
Gray, Wm H., sleigh.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		85 00
Kelso Bros., coal	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$129 25	
	Museum of Nat. History.....	90 00	
		—	219 25
Labagh, W. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		17 28
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes and dusters.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		20 21
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., pans, cocks and solder.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		33 78
Mullane, John, oats, corn, straw, etc....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		442 50
Sanderson Bros. Steel Co., steel.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		37 20
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		
			31 10
			—
			<u>\$961 72</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$840 04
Harlem River Bridge, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	58
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	31 10
Museum of Natural History.....	90 00
	\$961 72

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nine hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-two cents.

Signed JAS. T. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, January 17, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Account.

The TREASURER presented the following account, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.	OR.	
Jan. 3.	By balance.....	\$1,744 26
Jan. 3)	" permit and licenses.....	517 12
to 17,)		
		\$2,261 38

DR.

Jan. 3	}	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$45 00
to			
Jan. 17.	}	" balance.....	2,216 38
Jan. 17.			
			\$2,261 38

DR.

Jan. 17.	To cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	\$1,709 26
" " " " "	" " " " " drawer.....	507 12
		\$2,216 38

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, January 17, 1877, 9.30 A. M.

Police Trials. Gatekeeper Edwd. Kelly.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had tried Gatekeeper Edward Kelly upon a charge preferred by Mr. J. A. Palmenberg, of having acted in a very rough and rude manner to him and his children when they visited the Harlem Meer in Central Park, on December 31st, 1876. That he found the charges sustained, and he recommended that the gatekeeper be dismissed from the service of the Department.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the report of the President be received and the recommendation therein, adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Laborers' Claim for Extra Time.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had directed the Superintendent of Parks, and the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, towards the close of last year, to allow such laborers as desired to work for more than eight

hours each day, to do so, without any increase of pay. That nearly all the laborers had volunteered to work more than eight hours. That he had, however, been informed, that some of the laborers intended to make a claim against the city for such extra time, and that he had, consequently, directed that the receipt taken by the Disbursing Clerk, on the pay rolls of the laborers, should be in full for all claims for extra or overtime work, as well as for the time actually returned on the pay rolls. He then moved that his action in the matter be approved.

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 518.)

Adopted.

Telegraph Instrument.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had not signed the bill of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, which was included in the report of the Auditing Committee, presented at the last meeting, for the reason that on several occasions he had been unable to use the telegraph instrument, as the line was out of order. That the agreement with the company, which was entered into in August, 1873, for five years, contained a clause that no deduction should be made from the amount payable each month to said company, unless the instrument was not in working order for a week at a time, which is obviously an unjust provision.

He then moved that said bill and agreement be referred to the Treasurer, to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Transfer of Appropriations for Salaries, 1876.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer, upon the books of the Finance Department, from the appropriation to the Department of Public Parks, for "Salaries of Police, &c., 1876" (for which it is not required), to the appropriation to said Department, for "Salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, &c., 1876," a sufficient sum to meet the liabilities on that account for 1876.

(Minutes, Jan. 17, 1877, p. 539.)

Adopted.

Transfer of Appropriations for Maintenance of Parks, 1876.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer upon the books of the Finance Department, from the appropriation to the Department of Public Parks, for "Salaries of Police, &c., 1876" (for which it is not required), to the appropriation to said Department, for the "Maintenance of the Parks, including the wages of foremen, &c., 1876," a sufficient sum to meet the liabilities on that account for 1876.

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 539.)

Adopted.

W. F. Croft.

The PRESIDENT moved, that Foreman Wm. F. Croft be paid at the rate of \$5 per day, from January 1st to the date of his suspension without pay.

(Minutes, January 10, 1877, p. 533.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Assessments on Employés.

Commissioner WENMAN moved, that the consideration of the reports presented by Commissioner Stebbins on the 15th and 22d November, 1876, with reference to alleged assessments on employés for political or other purposes, be taken up.

Adopted.

(Minutes, Nov. 22, 1876, p. 426.)

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That, after an examination of the subject referred to in the reports of Commissioner Stebbins, on the subject of political assessments, presented on the 15th and 22d November, 1876, the Board is satisfied that there is no need for any further action thereon.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the levying of contributions for political purposes on any person in the employ of this Department, will not be sanctioned by this Board ; and that a violation of this rule directly or indirectly, will be regarded as a cause of dismissal.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Central Bridge.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, The Engineer of Construction has reported that Central Bridge over the Harlem River is in a dangerous condition ; and

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has not appropriated for the year 1877 an amount sufficient to enable the Department to make any repairs to said bridge ;

Resolved, That the President be directed to close said bridge whenever the Engineer of Construction reports to him that it is unsafe for travel and ought to be closed.

Resolved, The the Engineer of Construction prepare and submit a report stating the necessary work to make said bridge secure, together with an estimate of the cost.

Resolved, That the President be requested to present to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the necessity of making an appropriation, or transfer from some unexpended balance

sufficient to enable the Department to keep the said bridge in a condition safe for travel.

(Minutes, December 4, 1876, p. 448.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of Commissioner Wenman, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Saturday, the 20th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.
“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 17th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Bridge over Port Morris & Spuyten Duyvil R. R., in 24th Ward.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting that he had examined the bridge over the Port Morris & Spuyten Duyvil Railroad, in the 24th Ward, concerning which Mr. I. A. Singer complained, in which he states as follows :

“ On examination, I find that the braces of the bridge have sufficient bearing on well built abutments, and on trotting a horse over it there was reasonably little vibration. I believe the bridge to be safe for any load of ten tons or less.”

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 539).

Filed.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From Mr. Thos. Bland, Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, submitting the estimate of the expenses of the Museum for the present year at \$20,550.

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 541).

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Tompkins Square.

From the Manhattan Gas Light Company, presenting a bill for \$117.77, for repairs made to the gas pipes, &c., in Tompkins Square, under the direction of the officers of this Department.

Also, from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting on said bill.

Referred to the President to examine and report upon.

Experiment with a Fire Extinguishing Compound.

From Mr. W. W. Adams, Superintendent of Buildings, requesting that permission be given to the Zapfle Manufacturing Company, to use the square in front of Tompkins Market for the purpose of experimenting with a fire extinguishing compound.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said request be declined.

Adopted.

Roa Hook Gravel.

From Mr. C Frost, requesting an interview with the Commissioners with reference to supplying Roa Hook gravel.

Referred to the President.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that he can purchase some parrots very cheap, and requesting permission to do so.

Referred to the President, with power.

Change of Titles of Employés.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the titles of the following named employés be changed, and fixed as follows, to take effect on January 1st, 1877, without any increase of pay, viz. :

William L. Fischer.....	Foreman of Gardeners.
John Watkins.....	Skilled laborer.
John Fagan.....	Skilled laborer.
John Beckett.....	Skilled laborer.
Henry Carpenter.....	Skilled laborer.
John McLaughlin.....	Skilled laborer.
John Bozzetti.....	Police tailor.
Patrick Clabby.....	" "
Baer Praeger.....	" "
Parker McCuen.....	" "
Wm. Whelin.....	" "
Daniel Dwyer.....	Gate keeper.
John McCarthy.....	" "
Reuben E. Hewitt.....	" "

Adopted.

Streets in the Twenty-third Ward.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, it is important to enter upon the present year with a careful regard to expenditures of all kinds ; and,

Whereas, doubts exist as to the desirability of entering upon the proceedings in the matter of opening the streets and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, as recited in a resolution passed August 4th, 1876, page 231 of the minutes, it is

Resolved, That all proceedings in relation to opening said streets and avenues be, and the same are, hereby discontinued.

(Minutes Dec. 4, 1876, p. 447.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said preambles and resolution be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

The Board then went into executive session for the consideration of the subject of the reduction of the expenses of the Department.

The Board resumed, and on motion of Commissioner Wetmore adjourned, at 12.30 o'clock P.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 9 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 17th and 20th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Maps of streets in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolutions, approved by his Honor, the Mayor, on the 22d inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and is hereby directed to cause to be prepared from their records and from the maps of the annexed district in their possession one map which shall show :

First—All streets recently opened in the annexed district.

Second—All streets proposed to be opened in said district, the maps of which have been adopted by their Board.

Third—The grade of all such streets recently opened or proposed to be opened, above mentioned.

And be it further Resolved, That said Park Department be and it is hereby directed to cause copies of said maps to be made, and to cause one of said copies to be placed for public inspection in the building formerly known as the “Town Hall,” in Morrisania, which building is now used by the Police of the Thirty-fourth Precinct (provided the permission of the Police Department be first obtained), and that another copy be placed in the branch office of the Park Department at Fordham.

Referred to the President.

List of Contracts.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are respectfully requested to inform this Board, at its next meeting, the number of contracts now let, the nature of the work, the names of the contractors, and the time for their completion.

Referred to the President to reply.

Pay rolls of Laborers and Gate Keepers.

From the Comptroller of the City, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }
January 22d, 1877.

Hon. WM. R. MARTIN, President.

Department Public Parks.

Sir,—Requisition has been made by your Department for the pay rolls of "Laborers, Carts Teams, &c.," and of "Gate Keepers," for the two weeks ending January 13th, that of "Laborers, Carts, &c.," from the appropriation, "Maintenance and Government Parks and Places," and others, and that of "Gate Keepers," from the appropriation, "Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, Police."

The appropriation to pay the first mentioned pay-roll, is "for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics, and laborers;" and the appropriation for the second, is to pay the "salaries of captain, lieutenant, sergeants, patrolmen, post and gate-keepers, and night watchmen."

No other class of employes other than that described in the language of the appropriation, can be paid from these accounts.

I find, upon reference to these rolls, that you have included a class of employes for whose payment there appears to have been no appropriation made, viz. : upon the labor roll, "General Foreman," "Foreman of Gardeners," "Inspectors," "Cartmen," "Double Teams," and upon the roll of gate-keepers, "Police Tailors," and "Special Keepers."

The rolls are herewith returned, and I will thank you for such suggestions as may seem to you necessary to enable the rolls to be audited.

Respectfully,
(Sgd) JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

Referred to the President.

Lighting the lamps on Battery park.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in which he states as follows :

"I do not think that the Department can lawfully make any arrangement with the said company (The New York & New Jersey Globe Gas Light Company) involving an expenditure of more than \$1,000, except in the manner provided in said section (Section 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873) of the Charter."

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 540.)

Filed.

Central Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction reporting upon the condition of Central Bridge and the work necessary to make said bridge secure, with an estimate of the cost, as follows, viz. :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION, }
January 20, 1877.

To Hon. WM. R. MARTIN,
Pres. Dept. Public Parks.

SIR :

In considering what must be done in order to keep the Central Bridge safe for travel, I respectfully call the attention of the Board to the fact that the most rotten parts of the bridge are the timbers of the Howe trusses, each about 185 feet long. The main supporting timbers in these trusses are the chords, which are in many cases entirely destroyed by rot, and cannot in any part be relied on for supporting the bridge. Much of the floors on the trusses and on the approaches are also rotten, as is also much of the other timber of the trusses. These trusses were strengthened to a certain extent, a few years since, by trestles and braces. They are not sufficient to support the bridge and travel in the existing condition of the decayed timber.

The cheapest method of repairing the bridge, to keep it open, is to support the 370 feet of bridge (supported by the Howe trusses) by piles, the cross-bracing being used to keep the bridge in line.

A large portion of these piles will be driven in the channel, and cannot be considered safe against ice in the river. I do not think it would be advisable to rebuild the bridge, on the existing plan, with wood, as iron, at the present prices, is much more economical and trustworthy. It cannot, in advance of the repairs, be determined how much of the floor, floor-beams and other timber must be removed.

The whole length of the bridge is as follows: Draw (lately rebuilt), 200 feet; 2 Howe trusses, 370 feet; approaches on trestles, 405 feet; total 975. The estimate of necessary repairs, with the repairs on the foundations of the piers, which should be done within the current year, is 7,000 to 10,000 dollars. The specimens of the rotten timber of the chords, sent to your office show the character of the timber of the chords.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
(Signed)

GEO. S. GREENE,
Engineer of Construction.

P. S.—In addition I will say that this bridge is in a condition unsafe for travel, and I recommend that no loaded four horse teams be allowed to pass over this bridge. I have this bridge frequently examined, and find a slight movement in the timbers, and only keep it open under the orders of the Board, in consequence of the great inconvenience to the public from having it closed.

(Signed)

GEO. S. GREENE,
Engineer of Construction.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had given a copy of the foregoing report, and also of the preambles and resolutions adopted at the meeting of the 17th inst., to his Honor the Mayor, and had also left at his office specimens of the rotten wood of the bridge, and had represented to him the necessity

of action by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide funds to repair said bridge.

That the bridge might stand for ordinary use, but would be endangered in high winds, or under heavy loads or sudden jars, and he recommended that the public should be notified of its dangerous condition; that loaded wagons or sleighs should be excluded, and that foot passengers and light vehicles permitted to cross in limited numbers; that suitable sign boards with notices as above should be erected on the bridge, and the men on duty there directed to enforce these rules, and give notice of them to persons about to cross the bridge.

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Engineer of Construction has reported that the Central Bridge over Harlem River is in a condition unsafe for travel ;

Resolved, That said bridge be closed until further order; that signs be placed on the bridge and at other convenient places notifying the public that the bridge is closed for the reason that it is in a dangerous condition; that notice of the closing of the bridge be inserted in the *City Record*, and sent to the daily newspapers.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said resolution be amended by inserting after the word "closed," and before the words "until further order," the words "for all travel except foot passengers."

Adopted.

(Minutes, Jan. 17, 1874, p. 549.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Statue of Liberty.

From the Superintendent of Parks, submitting the plans and

details for the foundation and erection of the arm of the Statue of Liberty on Madison Square, as furnished by the engineer in charge of it, and stating that they require not only a foundation, but also some iron work to be attached to the iron anchors, some wooden braces and a wooden pedestal; and that it is necessary to put up the iron work and braces in connection with the foundation; that the estimated additional cost of this iron and wood work is \$200 or \$250, and asking instructions concerning the manner of execution of the work, as there are no masons at present in the employment of the Department.

(Minutes, December 6, 1876, p. 455.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said additional iron and wood work and the pedestal be constructed by the Department, together with the foundations heretofore ordered by special contract on the order of the Treasurer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. William A. Haines and Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, the Committee of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History on buildings, approving of the extra works on said building in connection with the carpenter's contract, and which were recommended by Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, in his communication presented to the Board on the 10th inst.

The PRESIDENT moved that said extra works be approved and ordered, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order therefor.

(Minutes, January 10, 1877, p. 527.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Experiment with a Fire Extinguishing Compound.

From the Zapfle Manufacturing Company, requesting permission to make an experiment with their Fire Extinguishing Compound in one of the public squares.

The communication is endorsed by his Honor the Mayor, recommending that the proposed trial or experiment be allowed.

(Minutes, January 20, 1877, p. 552.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that permission be given to the Zapfle Manufacturing Company to make the experiment, as requested, on such portion of the City Hall Park as the Superintendent of Parks shall designate.

Adopted.

Proposed Building on Central Park.

From Mrs. Rebecca Salomon, offering to erect in the Central Park an ornamental building, which has been in use on the grounds of the Centennial Exhibition, at Philadelphia, and to donate the same to the city, if granted the privilege of occupying it for the purposes of a Cigar Emporium.

Referred to the Landscape Architect for his report.

Edward Kelly.

From Mr. Thos. B. Tappen and others, asking a reconsideration of the action of the Board, in dismissing Edward Kelly, late a gate keeper.

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 546.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following Report :

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

Bartlett, J. W., globes.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$116 00	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & M.	28 00	
		<hr/>	\$144 00
Counting House Monitor, subs., 1877....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		6 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund		47 50
Composite Iron Works, iron door.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		54 50
Cook, Ebenezer, chamois and leather....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		24 50
Donaldson, Thos., globes.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		3 25
Fales, Thos. J., grate and fixtures to en- gine.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		41 23
Harmer, Hays & Co., bits, brushes and bridle.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P....		34 50
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., belting, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		11 60
Kelso, Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$243 75	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	47 50	
		<hr/>	291 25
King, Jos., keep of horse.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, &c.		4 00
Lawrence, F. W., labor and materials..	Museum Natural History.....		2,000 00

Moffat, David & Co., harness, leather, &c. Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$35 24
Mullane, John, oats, corn, bran and hay.. Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.....	396 23
N. Y. Cement Co., cement..... Museum of Art...		31 25
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, nails, bolts, &c. Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.....	\$48 80
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	7 23
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Warner, Wyllys H., ball and union..... Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	1 50
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		<u>\$3,177 58</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$957 60
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	109 23
Harlem river bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance.....	28 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	51 50
Museum of Natural History.....	2,000 00
Museum of Art.....	31 25
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	<u>\$3,177 58</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents.

New York, January 24th, 1877.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
 " H. G. STEBBINS, } *Comm'ee.*

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Streets in the Twenty-third Ward.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the consideration of the following preambles and resolution, offered by Commissioner Stebbins at the last meeting, was taken up, viz. :

Whereas, it is important to enter upon the present year with a careful regard to expenditures of all kinds ; and,

Whereas, doubts exist as to the desirability of entering upon the proceedings in the matter of opening the streets and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, as recited in a resolution passed August 4th, 1876, page 231 of the Minutes, it is

Resolved, That all proceedings in relation to opening said streets and avenues be, and the same are, hereby discontinued.

(Minutes, Jan. 20, 1877, p. 553.)

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Patrolmen.

The PRESIDENT moved that all the members of the police force, heretofore known as Park-keepers or Patrolmen, shall be, from and after January 1st, 1877, designated and styled "Patrolmen."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Propagating Houses. Exotic Plants.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to

prepare and submit, at the next meeting of the Board, a list of all plants necessary to be sold, to enable the Propagating-houses to be closed.

(Minutes, August 11, 1875, p. 195.)

Adopted.

General Offices of the Department.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of the propriety of removing the general office of the Department to the Central Park be referred to the President to report upon.

Adopted.

Lighting the lamps in the Park.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of the obligation of this Department to pay for the lighting of the public lamps on the parks and places of the city, and whether the same should not be paid for by some other Department of the city Government, be referred to the President to report upon.

Adopted.

Maintenance of the Parks for 1877.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report at the next meeting of the Board their views upon the proper plan to maintain the parks and public places during the year within the appropriations granted for that purpose by the Board of Estimate and Appropriation.

Adopted.

Salaries of officers, &c.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the subject of the adjustment of the salaries of the officers and clerks be taken up, that the salary of each employé be acted on provisionally, and that the whole list be then acted on as a whole.

Adopted.

After consideration of the salaries separately,

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the salaries of the following officers, clerks and employés be fixed for the year 1877 at the rates set opposite their names, respectively :

Wm. Irwin, Secretary.....	\$3,500 00	per annum.
Geo. C. Coffin, Asst. Secretary.....	1,800 00	"
D. P. Lord, First Clerk.....	2,200 00	"
James C. Hawley, Clerk.....	1,000 00	"
Wm. D. Beall, ".....	1,000 00	"
F. C. A. Hecker ".....	2 50	per day.
Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk.....	3,000 00	per annum.
F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect.....	4,500 00	"
H. A. Martin, Chief Clerk, Office Design and Superintendence.....	2,500 00	"
J. Munckwitz, Superintendent of Parks.....	4,500 00	"
Arthur Krause, Draughtsman.....	3 00	per day.
Wm. A. Conklin, Director of Menagerie.....	2,000 00	per annum.
Wm. R. Kingsland, Clerk.....	1,000 00	"
Daniel Draper, Director of the Meteorological Observatory.....	4,000 00	"
T. B. Ingram, Clerk.....	1,200 00	"
F. A. Calkins, Asst. Engineer.....	1,900 00	"
Otto Siebeth, Draughtsman.....	1,200 00	"

Resolved, That the removal of John F. Carroll, Clerk, and Morris E. Sterne, Clerk, from the employment of the Department be proposed.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolutions be amended by adding at the end thereof the following :

"That Wm. D. Beall, Clerk, and F. C. A. Hecker, Clerk, be discharged from the employment of the Department, on the ground that they are not necessary for the administration of the office, and that one clerk be appointed in their place at a salary not exceeding \$750 per annum."

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend said resolutions, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolutions be amended by adding at the end thereof the following :

"That the office of the Disbursing Clerk be abolished, on the ground that it is an unnecessary office, as the employés of the Department can be paid from the Comptroller's office in the same manner as the employés of the other departments of the city government."

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend said resolutions, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolutions be amended by adding at the end thereof the following :

“That the office of the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction be abolished, and that the duties of said engineer, except the construction of the bridge over Harlem River, at or near Madison Avenue, be transferred to and made the duties of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and that the By-laws be amended accordingly.”

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

Commissioner WENMAN moved to amend said resolutions by adding at the end thereof the following :

“That the office of Property Clerk be abolished, and that the duties of that office be transferred to and made the duties of the Disbursing Clerk ; that William R. Kingsland be appointed a clerk in the office of said Disbursing Clerk, and that the By-laws be amended accordingly.”

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

Commissioner WETMORE moved to amend said resolutions by adding the following :

“And that John F. Carroll, clerk, and Morris E. Sterne clerk, be notified that their removal is proposed because of the reduction of the appropriation for salaries this year, and not on any personal grounds. That an opportunity of making an explanation will be allowed to them at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.”

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend said resolutions, and it was

determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said resolutions be amended by adding at the end thereof as follows:

"That the salaries as hereby fixed take effect from January 1st, 1877, and shall be subject to such future alterations as the Board shall make."

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Geo. S. Greene.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That General George S. Greene be, and he hereby is, continued in the employment of the Department as Engineer in charge of the construction of the bridge about to be built over the Harlem river, at or near the termination of Madison Avenue; that his salary be fixed, from and after January 1st, 1877, at the rate of \$4,000 per annum, and shall be charged to the funds provided by law for the construction of said bridge."

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Consulting Engineer.

The PRESIDENT moved that Gen. George S. Greene be, and

hereby is, appointed Consulting Engineer of the Department, without any salary.

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

Ayes. — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at one o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

Friday, January 26, 1877.] 569

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1877.

SPECIAL MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square (East).—25th January, 1877. }

Mr. WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

Sir—You will please call a meeting of the Board, to meet to-morrow (Friday), at a quarter past nine o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of considering the question of the closing of Central Bridge.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

WM. R. MARTIN,

President D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 24th inst. was dispensed with.

Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT reported that the residents in the vicinity of Central Bridge had remonstrated against the sudden and total closing of the Bridge, and that the Superintendent of Parks

had reported that some additional supports could be placed under the shore spans, which would aid in sustaining it, at an expense not exceeding \$1,000.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all loaded and heavy wagons and vehicles be excluded from crossing the Central Bridge ; that foot passengers and light vehicles in limited numbers at one time and in quiet weather, be permitted to cross ; that the officers and men employed on the bridge be directed to warn all persons of the danger of crossing.

That the resolutions adopted on the 24th inst., directing the said bridge to be closed, be altered and modified accordingly.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to place additional supports under the Central Bridge to strengthen it, at an expense not to exceed \$1,000.

(Minutes, January 24, 1877, p. 557.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 24th and 26th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Meetings of Heads of Departments.

From the Clerks of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 29th January, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, directed to summon the heads of the several Departments and branches of the city government, including the President of the Board of Education, to meet with him at his office, on the first Wednesday of each month (and oftener if deemed by him advisable), for the purpose of conferring and taking council together, with the view of devising and recommending measures affecting the public interests, and of securing that concert of action which is essential to an harmonious and efficient municipal administration.

Filed.

Accountability for Expenditures.

From the Comptroller of the city, as follows, viz. :

CIRCULAR No. 1.—ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EXPENDITURES.

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }
January 26, 1877. }

I respectfully call your attention to Section 112 of the Charter of 1873, which provides that “no department or officer shall incur any expense in excess of the

sum appropriated" for any object or purpose; and also to Section 95, which provides that "any officer of the city government, or person employed in its service, who shall wilfully violate or evade any of the provisions of this act, * * * shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition to the penalties imposed by law, and on conviction, shall forfeit his office and be excluded forever after from receiving or holding any office under the city government." These provisions of law impose strict accountability upon the heads of departments and all other officers and employes of the city government for expenditures of the public moneys within their respective appropriations.

The Charter of 1873 also provides that "the Finance Department shall have control of the fiscal concerns of the Corporation," and that "all accounts rendered to and kept in the other departments shall be subject to the inspection and revision of the officers of this department." The departments and all officers and employes of the city government will therefore be held to a strict accountability by the Finance Department for all expenditures of the public moneys.

All vouchers transmitted to this department for payment will be examined with the utmost scrutiny, and none will be audited or paid that do not strictly conform to the provisions of the charter referred to and the laws relating to the same. No payment will be made in any case in excess of the appropriation for the specific object or purpose for which the expense is incurred.

The expense of conducting the public business of this city should be kept absolutely within the annual appropriations made for them respectively, and no liability should be incurred for any expenditure in excess of any appropriation or for which there is no provision by a specific appropriation. All accounts should be so kept as to show the actual amount of liabilities incurred against each appropriation; and every department and officer responsible for expenditures is requested to furnish the Finance Department regularly with a weekly statement showing the total amount of such liabilities and the balance remaining to the credit of each appropriation at the end of every week.

The practice of transferring appropriations from one object or purpose to another is liable to great abuse, and should not be sanctioned or allowed, except in cases of actual necessity arising from unforeseen contingencies.

Only with rigid adherence to these principles, by all departments and officers of the city government, can a stop be put to the accumulation of that class of claims against the city which have heretofore involved it in costly litigation, and largely increased the burden of taxation and city debt.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

Filed.

Third Avenue Paving.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, giving his opinion upon the protest of Mr. Thos. Rae and others against assessing more than one half the cost of the work of paving Third Avenue on the property benefited, in which he states—

"Neither the Department of Public Parks nor the Board of Assessors have any discretion as to the proportion of the expense of improving the streets in the annexed district, including the paving of Third Avenue referred to in your letter— which shall be assessed upon the property. It is the duty of the Department to certify to the Board of Assessors the total expense of paving Third Avenue, and of the Board of Assess-

“ors to assess the whole amount so certified upon the property deemed by them to be benefited by the improvement.”

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 511.)

Filed.

Proposed Building on Central Park.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the proposition of Mrs. Rebecca Salomon to erect an ornamental building in Central Park, be declined, as contrary to a long sustained and fully approved policy of the Department.

(Minutes, Jan. 24, 1877, p. 560.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the recommendation of the Landscape Architect be adopted, and that the proposition of Mrs. Rebecca Salomon be declined.

Adopted.

Propagating House. Exotic Plants.

From the Superintendent of Parks, giving a list of plants required to be sold to enable the propagating houses to be closed.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all plants that cannot be well kept in the conservatory at Mount St. Vincent and the lower propagating house, be disposed of by sale and exchange, and that the other two propagating houses be closed and discontinued.

(Minutes, January 24, 1877, p. 563.)

Adopted.

Drainage in the 24th Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting plans and specifications for the drainage of the district in the 24th Ward lying between Pelham Avenue and the Kingsbridge Road, west of the Southern Boulevard, as directed by the ordinance of the Common Council ; and stating that the estimated cost of the work is \$8,973.40.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1876, p. 430.)

Laid over.

Maps of Streets in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that to color two lithograph maps of the 23d and 24th Wards, so as to show the streets opened and proposed to be opened, and the grades of such streets by figures, would cost \$100. That to prepare two maps on a sufficiently large scale to show the dimensions of the streets, the manner in which property is cut, and the depth of cutting and filling on the proposed grades, would cost \$1,100.

(Minutes, Jan'y 24, 1877, p. 555.)

Referred to the President.

Museum of Art. Bill of Moran & Armstrong.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and the Superintending Architect, stating that they have examined the bill of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong for extra work at the Museum of Art building, amounting to \$4,980.88; and that they are entitled to receive \$4,445.76 in full for the work done.

(Minutes, Jan. 10, 1877, p. 528.)

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board, having examined the subject of the bill of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong for extra work at the Museum of Art building, and being of opinion that it has no power to allow same and grant the relief requested by Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, rejects said bill, and the same hereby is rejected.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, recommending that the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company be given an order for the following additional work in connection with their contract for heating and ventilating the Museum of Art building, at a cost of \$359, viz. :

The steam pipes to be connected with ten rain water leaders, at the level of the basement floor.

A 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch steam pipe, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch return pipe, to be continued from the level of the picture gallery floor up to and under the valleys and gutters of each wing.

A strip of hair felt $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick, backed with canvas, eighteen inches wide, to be suspended under said pipes, and secured to the roof.

The communication is endorsed by Mr. Theodore Weston, approving of same on behalf of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said extra work be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company therefor, at a price not exceeding \$359.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Samuel T. Munson.

From the Lieutenant, forwarding the resignation of Patrolman Samuel T. Munson, to take effect January 25th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resignation be accepted.

Adopted.

Ice on the Pool, Central Park.

From Mr. C. Ryan, licensee of the Mount St. Vincent Restaurant, requesting permission to cut and take sufficient ice from the Pool in Central Park to fill his ice-houses.

(Minutes, December 27, 1877, p. 501.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that permission be given to Mr. C. Ryan to cut and take sufficient ice from the Pool in Central Park to fill his ice-houses, on condition that he does the work under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and that he repairs any injury to the grass, trees, &c., on the Park which may be caused thereby, at his own expense.

Adopted.

Skating House.

From Mr. John H. Matthews, complaining of the conduct of one of the employés of Mr. C. Ryan, in the Skating House at the Lake, Central Park.

Also from Mr. C. Ryan, explaining the circumstance complained of, and stating that his employé was not to blame in the matter.

Filed.

Lamps at the Battery.

From the New York & New Jersey Globe Gas-Light Company, stating that forty-four lamps at the Battery Park required to be repaired, and offering to have them repaired at a cost of \$1 per lamp.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that an order be given to said New York & New Jersey Globe Gas-Light Company to repair forty-four lamps on the Battery Park, at a cost not exceeding \$1 per lamp.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum Natural History Building.

From Mr. F. W. Lawrence, contractor for laying the artificial stone flooring on the Museum of Natural History Building, presenting a bill of \$726.60 for extra work done under his contract.

The PRESIDENT moved that said bill be rejected.

Adopted.

Pontoon Bridge.

From Mr. D. Klein, offering to construct a pontoon bridge over the Harlem River.

Filed.

Museum of Arts.

From Mr. Joseph C. Brady, with duplicate assignments to Mr. James Brady, of his contract for the carpenter's work in the Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT moved that said assignments be received; that one be filed with the contract, and the other transmitted to the Finance Department.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1877, p. 350.)

Adopted.

Applications for Positions on Police Force.

Applications from the following persons for positions on the police force were received and ordered to be filed, viz: Canfield T. Barlow, John Fagan, Daniel J. Sullivan, Julius C. Guba, and James Dempsey.

Notice of Warrant of Attachment.

The PRESIDENT presented a notice of warrant of attachment issued in the suit of Michael Egan, administrator of Bryan Egan *vs.* John Collins, in the Supreme Court, which had been served on the Department by Mr. Hiram B. Ferguson, attorney for the Plaintiff, and he moved that it be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to take such action as may be necessary, and that a copy of said notice be placed on file.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Anderson, Pierce & Co., paints.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		\$66 65
Crombie, Thos. J., oak lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$47 25	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	51 60	
			98 85
Harmer, Hayes & Co., harness materials.	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		16 68
Kelso Bros., coal..	Mus. Nat. History, Maint. and Govmt. P & P.....	\$112 50	
		10 00	
			122 50
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Maint and Govmt. P. & P.....		13 95
McCarthy, John C., coal.....	Maint and Govmt. P. & P.....		9 00
Mahoney, Michael, stone.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		92 53
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stoves and fix- tures.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$38 82	
	Mus. Nat. History.	130 35	
			169 17
New York Cement Co., cement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		312 50
Pratt, Chas., & Co. oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	\$15 36	
	Harlem R. B. Rep. Impt. Fund....	1 85	
			17 21
Van Winkle, E. B., services.....	Flagging Marion Avenue.....		60
Wallwork & Co., stamp ribbon.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		2 06
			<u>\$921 65</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$557 75	
City Parks Improvement Fund.	118 60	
Museum Natural History.	242 85	
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maintenance. . .	1 85	
Flagging Marion Avenue.	60	
		\$921 65

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nine hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty-five cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } Auditing
 H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, January 31st, 1877.

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

C. Vaux, commissions and superintendence Museum of Art \$1,625 00

Amounting to the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty-five dollars.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } Auditing
 H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, January 31st, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Telegraph Instrument.

The TREASURER verbally reported, that the Department was bound by the contract entered into with the Gold & Stock Telegraph Company, and that said company would not vary the terms of their agreement.

(Minutes, Jan. 17, 1877, p. 547.)

Accepted.

Broken Stone for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT presented a list of the orders outstanding for broken stone, in pursuance of the order of the Board on the 6th December, 1876, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the work of breaking stone on the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. under orders as heretofore directed, be discontinued after the completion of the outstanding orders.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to prepare specifications for the delivery of broken stone in such quantities and at such points in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards as he may require, and that the Secretary insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the delivery of the same.

(Minutes, Dec. 6, 1876, p. 455.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Gasaliers.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Messrs. Mitchell, Vance & Co. for repairs and new globes for the Gasaliers at Fifth Avenue and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Streets, amounting to \$100.95, and stated that the order given Messrs. Mitchell, Vance & Co., by the Treasurer, on the 3d June, 1876, was only for the repairs, which formed but a small part of the bill ; that the Superintendent of Parks could not certify for more than the work and materials for the repairs, but had certified that although the remaining materials had been furnished without orders they were necessary.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said bill be approved and payment authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Accident on Lake, Central Park.

Commissioner STEBBINS stated that Mr. Delafield, residing at 46 East Twenty-second Street, informed him that his son had been severely hurt while skating in the Central Park on the 24th instant, and had been brought home, cared for and shown a great deal of attention by one of the officers of the Park. He then moved that it be referred to the President to ascertain the name of the officer and the circumstances of the case.

Adopted.

Quarterly Report to his Honor the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT presented the report to his Honor the Mayor of the proceedings of the Department for the three months ending December 31st, 1876.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the report be referred to the President to sign and transmit to his Honor the Mayor.

(Minutes, Nov. 8, 1876, p. 401.)

Adopted.

John F. Carroll.

Morris E. Sterne.

Messrs John F. Carroll, and Morris E. Sterne, clerks, were then received and allowed an opportunity of making an explanation, concerning their proposed removal, as directed by the Board on the 24th instant.

(Minutes, January 24th, 1877, p. 566.)

They then addressed the Board.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the subject of the removal of Messrs John F. Carroll, and Morris E. Sterne, clerks,

be laid over, and that their pay be fixed at the rate of \$1,000 per annum each, from January 1st, 1877, until the further order of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Board then went into executive session, for the consideration of the reduction of the expenses of the department for the year 1877.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board took a recess at one o'clock, P. M. until half-past three o'clock P. M.

At half past three o'clock P. M. the Board reassembled, all the commissioners being present.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT then presented the following report on the general subject of reducing the expenses of the maintenance of the parks, within the limits of the appropriation for the year, and with it presented a report from the Landscape Architect, and Superintendent of Parks, as directed by the Board on the 24th inst., all of which were received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

(Minutes, January 24, 1877, p. 584.)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
New York, 30 January, 1877. }

To the Board of Commissioners :

The appropriations for maintenance for the year 1877 are so greatly diminished, compared with previous years as to require very decided reductions in all branches of maintenance expenditure.

They compare as follows :

EXPENDITURES FOR	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.*	APPROPRIATION FOR 1877.
Salaries.....		93,347 00	77,060 00	55,000 00	45,000 00
Police.....	89,659 62	67,369 54	96,019 25	86,778 08	90,000 00
General maintenance.	342,146 20	310,061 84	276,393 94	174,300 00	145,000 00
Museums.....		25,408 75	26,957 25	29,273 19	30,000 00
Harlem River Bridge.	8,048 18	19,537 82	31,135 78	19,779 72	7,000 00
Music.....	6,955 00	7,500 60	4,642 00	4,845 40	4,000 00
Independence Day...	9,598 97	9,796 60	7,756 51	7,500 00	
Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....		40,126 05	49,931 10	44,656 90	26,000 00
Bronx River Bridges.				500 00	
Surveying 23d and 24th Wards.....		56,201 49	33,518 89	23,894 23	10,000 00
City Hall pavement..				9,589 42	

* Partly estimated.

These maintenance expenditures are divided into three general classes.

1st. The sums for special objects. On the basis of last year's expenditure, these stand as follows : The second column showing a possible reduction for 1877.

Museums.....	\$30,000	\$20,000
Gas.....	25,000	15,000
Office rent.....	5,000	5,000
Coal.....	1,800	1,800
Feed, Horses and Animals.....	10,000	7,000
Telegraphing and Miscellaneous.....	1,000	1,000
	<u>\$72,800</u>	<u>\$49,800</u>

2d. For men in permanent places or in buildings, and whose labor is necessary in order to put the working force in the field :

Buildings—viz.:	Estimated.	
Arsenal,		
Urinals and Cottages, }.....	\$10,000	\$8,000
Ladies' Cottages, }		
Care of Horses and Animals.....	11,000	7,000
Blacksmiths.....	5,600	3,800
Harnessmaker.....	920	920
Plumbers.....	1,840	920
Mechanical Engineer.....	1,400	1,400
Art Gallery.....	560	560
Janitor.....	1,100	1,100
Messenger.....	780	780
	<u>\$33,200</u>	<u>\$24,480</u>

3d. The laboring force which does the work on the Parks and their foremen.

This includes the following works :

Roads and bridle roads,
 Paths,
 Turf and grass,
 Planting trees and shrubs,
 Skating pond and ice,
 Green-houses,
 Transverse roads,
 Drainage,
 Repairs of buildings,
 Seats and signs,
 Lakes and water.

This last is the real work of the Park, and where the money reaches its proper object and produces results of permanent value.

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation for 1877.....	\$175,000	\$175,000
Deduct the 1st class.....	72,800	49,800
	102,200	125,200
Deduct 2d class.....	33,200	24,480
	69,000	100,720
This leaves for 3d class.....	69,000	100,720
Making an average per month.....	\$5,750	\$8,560

The decrease is more apparent by the following comparison. An appropriation reduced by one-half, diminishes the amount available for the third, or valuable class of expenditures, in a greater proportion.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Maintenance expenditure }	\$342,146	\$335,470	\$303,350	\$203,573	\$175,000
Deduct classes 1 & 2 }	122,000	134,000	122,000	111,000	106,000
Leaving for class 3, }	220,146	201,470	181,350	92,573	69,000

This leads to the following conclusions :

- 1st. The propriety of a reduction of the wages.
- 2d. The suspension of the work in winter and midsummer, and its more active prosecution in the spring and fall.

At the best it will not be practicable to keep the Parks in their usual fine condition. Even if the appearance is kept up, it will be at the cost of a greater outlay in the future than would be necessary now. Some part of the necessary work of the Parks must be suspended or neglected, and this will lead necessarily to serious injury. The details of this work and the disastrous result of the reductions we must make are set forth in the accompanying reports of Mr. Olmsted and Mr. Munckwitz.

This presentation of the case failed to convince the Board of Estimates and Apportionment when the subject was before them in December, 1876.

Respectfully,
(Sigd.)

WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
New York, 30th January, 1877.

The Hon. WM. R. MARTIN,
President of the Board :

SIR,—The undersigned have the honor to report under instructions of a resolution of the Board of the 25th inst., as to maintenance of the parks during the remainder of the current year.

Under the circumstances it is best to avoid any radical change of system, as far as practicable, for a change of system involves temporary loss of efficiency, and such loss might not, in this case, be compensated within the year. Wisdom presumably lies, therefore, in reducing equally all departments of maintenance. If this course is to be adopted, however, certain consequences are to be expected, to which the attention of the Board should not fail to be given.

A certain part of the duties of maintenance, and that part which has the most public attention, which has always employed the larger number of men, and taken the larger share of the outlay for maintenance, is of a simple character, requiring but little special knowledge or skill. Such are those of keeping the roads and walks gravelled, watered and cleaned; the seats in place and in order; the houses open and tidy; the water flowing in the fountains, etc.

Neglect or bad work in this class of duties is immediately detected, at once causes public inconvenience, offense and complaint, and nearly always may be readily brought home to the foreman responsible for it. It follows that every foreman looks as sharply as he well can after this part of his business, and if shorthanded or pressed for time, leaves other work undone.

It is hard to realize the difficulties of this class of duties, but some of them may be partly understood if consideration is given to the number of operations and the extent of surface which must be traversed daily to secure a barely decent degree of tidiness in certain particulars.

There are, for example, movable seats in the parks equivalent in capacity to 15,000 chairs, each of which is to be kept in a proper place, and tolerably clean. There is a space of 25,000 square yards of roofed flooring to be swept daily, and of 500,000 square yards, (or 100 acres) of concrete or gravelled surface to be kept in order. A man must travel a course of at least 60 miles merely to glance at it all. The simplest operations thus daily required must be performed by men working each by himself. Of course they cannot be driven up to great activity, nor is it possible to secure moderate efficiency in this part of park maintenance, except at an outlay which will take the larger share of all that can be expended in wages.

To make the sum available for wages of such common labor as is thus needed as large as possible, the Board has during the last three years been reducing its superior force, until now its outlay for salaries and for wages of skilled men is but little more than a third as much as it was in 1873.

It may be desirable to point out the fallacy of supposing that this policy can be pushed further in the interests of economy. It lies in the fact that when all the class of duties of which the object is the immediate convenience and gratification of the public in the parks has been performed, the most important, most difficult, and what under a thoroughly prudent system of municipal management might be the most costly part of the maintenance of the parks has yet to be provided for. This is the provident conservation of value in the fixed property lodged in the parks and the provident development of value in the plantations. It is probably within bounds to say that the sum which the Department has expended during the last year in this part of its duty is not equal to a quarter of one per cent. of the capital which the city has invested in the property to be kept in repair, a proportion which to any one who knows the character of that property and the conditions on which its integrity depends must be recognized as absurdly inadequate.

In this prudential department of maintenance moreover, important duties may be slighted, neglected or postponed from year to year, and except upon close and skillful technical investigation, the dereliction of duty pass unnoticed.

Several thousands of dollars have been expended during the last year in repairing damages wholly due to the careless obstruction and neglect of a drain pipe several years

since by a foreman now unknown. There are 150 miles of underground pipes in the parks, any neglected disorder of which at once sets like destructive agencies at work.

Among the economies practiced last summer in order that the Department might live within its means, was a reduction made by express order of the Board of the number of water carts to be used on the roads of the Central Park. It resulted that the pleasure of those visiting the park, whether in carriage or on foot, was destroyed by the dust, and the Commission was in consequence subjected for several days to derision and denunciation. Yet the injury to the public thus complained of was of trifling consequence compared with another injury which would have occurred if the watering services had not been instantly and liberally increased when the danger of it became obvious.

The roads began to break up from excessive dryness and heat, and had not the remedy been promptly applied, would have soon become impassable until repairs had been made for which the Commission had no means, and which would have cost a larger sum than the entire annual expense of the maintenance of the roads under a truly provident and economical management.

The Commission should not fail to consider that the fittings of the parks are generally in bad repair. The force available for intelligent examination of the various structures, for planning and executing desirable repairs, has long been much less than it should be. Some of the minor consequences are sure to be felt by the public before the year is past. One of the cottages is so dilapidated that its use has been discontinued; others are leaky; several require painting; many of the fixed seats have fallen to pieces. The movable seats, subject to much wear and the constant action of the elements, should, as a matter of economy, have a fresh coat of paint annually; what it would cost would be more than compensated by saving in the rust of the iron, and the warping, rotting and splintering of the wood work. The seats have had no paint in the last two years, and none can be allowed them this year.

The results of injudicious saving in these respects are of small consequence compared with those which follow in the unnecessarily rapid progress in unsoundness of the more substantial structures.

No improvement in this respect is contemplated in the scheme of force to be employed, with which this report will close simply because it is known that it would be useless to recommend it. All that is proposed is to check the progress of decay and deterioration so far as to prevent serious public inconvenience, and guard against immediate consequences of a disastrous character.

The question of the management of the plantations, so that their value to the public shall duly increase with their age, is not simply one between the performance and the neglect of certain operations, but largely one of the knowledge, good judgment, personal interest and faithfulness of the men who shall be employed in certain work which will, in any case, be done. How so, may be briefly indicated. There are various places in the Central Park where, within a space not much larger than the room in which the Board sits, there is occasion, in the ordinary operations of maintenance, such as mowing, the gathering of rubbish and the distribution of the manure, for a discrimination which no man can be expected to exercise who has not had a good general education as a gardener, with some special education, such as no ordinary laborer is capable of receiving, in the motives of design of the locality. For example, in one part is the bay of a broad lawn, the turf of which it is desirable to keep closely mown, and on which dead leaves, or any other plants than certain grasses, are a blemish. Over this it is desirable that the manure should be evenly spread. On another part there is a group of pines, which are better with no manure, except that which nature deposits, namely the same rubbish which is an injury to the adjoining turf. A third part is a knoll between and about the rocks of which a special soil has been placed for a particular class of shrubs and plants, some of which should trail out irregularly toward the turf. Over this ground there should be no mowing; dead leaves and rubbish should be removed only when excessive; then by hand, and with discretion.

To save the expense of work to be performed with discrimination, such as is thus indicated, thousands of trees and plants have been killed on the Central Park, and half the beauty lost which it was designed and expensively prepared to exhibit. But one man competent to use such discrimination as is needed in these respects has, of late years, been employed to fifty acres of the ground to be cared for. Last autumn a part of the men of this class were suspended in order to save wages, and half the plants, usually protected, were left uncovered for the winter. The men employed at less wages in the place of those suspended often pulled up and raked out, as weeds and rubbish, plants which had been nursed with care during the summer. For want of proper force, there will be this winter no thinning of the plantations, no prunings, and even the dead and dying trees marked last summer for removal must be suffered to remain cumberers of the ground.

These considerations are placed thus plainly before the Board in order that it may be fully understood that the recommendations about to be offered are made with no expectation

that any one of the divisions of the force proposed will be adequate for the work which should be done.

To reduce the needed outlay for coal and lessen the duties of the small number of skilled men for the horticultural work (one gardener in charge and one assistant for each sixty acres of ground), it is proposed that the usual decoration of the small parks with bedding, plants, &c., be wholly, and that of the Central Park mainly, discontinued, and that about half the present exotic collection be at once sold and the houses closed in which it is contained. A still further reduction is also proposed in the number of gas-lights to be burned within the small parks (one-third of the jets are now left unlighted).

By these and other means, it is estimated that the outlay for the following named purposes may be reduced to the amounts named :

Coal.....	1,600
Gas-Lighting.....	14,000
Gravel.....	4,000
Feed for animals and horses.....	6,500
Materials.....	2,000
Office rent.....	5,000
Museums of Art and Natural History.....	30,000
Miscellaneous.....	600
	\$63,700

The following is an estimate of the force which will be needed, classified with a view to the most imperative duties, with wages as at present.

To be employed within doors, in offices, the menagerie, cottages, &c., (not including indoor mechanics).

(Two cottages are proposed to be closed, and the attendants at the menagerie to be paid wholly out of the museum fund) ;

- 1 janitor at Arsenal.
- 4 animal keepers.
- 1 attendant at Statuary Room, Mt. St. Vincent.
- 12 men's cottages.
- 8 women's cottages.
- 1 skilled laborer, superintendent's office.
- 1 " " disbursing clerk's office.
- 1 " " office of design and superintendence.
- 1 janitor, at 16th Street office.

II.

MECHANICS' SERVICE.

- 1 mechanical engineer.
- 1 foreman of carpenters and painters.
- 2 plumbers.
- 2 painters.
- 2 laborers, with painters.
- 5 carpenters.
- 2 laborers, with carpenters.
- 3 blacksmiths.
- 3 helpers.
- 1 laborer.

III.

GARDENING SERVICE.

1 superintending gardener.
7 division gardeners.
7 assistants.

IV.

GENERAL WORK, CARE OF ROADS, WALKS, BUILDINGS, TURF
AND OUTDOOR DUTIES.

1 general foreman.
5 foremen.
1 assistant foreman.
1 laborer, inspecting gas lamps, &c.
1 cartman, hauling supplies, &c.
106 laborers.

(Sgd.) Respectfully submitted,
FRED. LAW. OJLMSTED,
Landscape Architect.
(Sgd.) JULIUS MUNCKWITZ,
Superintendent of Parks.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.

American Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner STEBBINS, from the auditing committee, made a verbal report concerning the apportionment of the amount allowed for the care, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the American Museum of Natural History.

(Minutes, January 20, 1877, p. 532.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to advise this Department, whether, under the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 756 Laws of 1873, and the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the American Museum of Natural History, are entitled to the whole amount of \$30,000 for the care, preservation and exhibition of their collections this year, or whether the amount to be applied for those purposes, is not at the discretion of this Department, within the sum of \$30,000.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of

Art and American Museum of Natural History be invited to attend a meeting of the Board, to be held on Wednesday, the 7th February, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M. and to present a statement of the receipts and expenditures, from all sources, of said museums for 1876, and an estimate of those for 1877, to enable the Department to determine what allowance should be made to each in view of the reduction the Department is forced to make in every branch of its maintenance, because of the decrease of the amount of the appropriation for that purpose,

That the Board will hear the Trustees on the question, as to whether the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 756, Laws of 1873, make an absolute appropriation of \$30,000 for the use of said museums, or whether the Department can apply an amount not exceeding that sum for their benefit.

Adopted.

Bridge Keepers, Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a bridge-keeper be appointed for the Third Avenue Bridge and also for the Central Bridge, and that their salaries be fixed at \$1,000 per annum each.

That it shall be the duty of said bridge-keepers to keep said bridges clean and to open and close the draws at all times when necessary.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Employment of Mechanics, Laborers, &c.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That until further order no mechanic or laborer be employed, or required to work, or be paid for more than eight hours a day.

(Minutes, January 10, 1877, p. 534.)

Adopted.

Pay of Gardeners, Skilled Laborers, &c.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the subject of the ad-

justment of the pay of gardeners, skilled laborers, mechanics, &c., be taken up, that the pay of each or each class be acted on provisionally, and the list be then acted on as a whole.

Adopted.

After consideration of the various pays separately, Commissioner Wenman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of the under-mentioned employés and classes of employés, except those employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be fixed as follows, to take effect on January 28th, 1877, viz :

Superintending Gardener or Foreman of Gardeners	\$5 50 per day.
Division Gardeners	2 50 "
Gardeners	2 00 "
Engineer of the Steam Engine on Third Avenue Bridge	2 50 "
Cartmen	3 00 "
Harness Makers	2 50 "
Carpenters	2 75 "
Plumbers	2 75 "
Ladies' Maids	1 50 "
Waldron Young, skilled laborer	3 00 "
John Watkins, "	3 50 "
Jas. H. Hart, "	2 50 "
Frederick Schreiber, "	2 50 "
John Fagan, "	2 00 "
Tobias Lyness, "	2 50 "
Peter Carroll, "	2 25 "
John Reynolds, "	2 00 "
All other skilled laborers, watchmen and messengers	1 60 "

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—

4.

Ladies' Cottages.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Ladies' Cottages situated near 110th Street and Sixth Avenue in the Central Park, and in Washington Square, be closed until the further order of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—

4.

Police Force.

Commissioner WENMAN, from the committee appointed to report upon the reorganization of the police force, made a partial report verbally, and recommended that Robert P. Scofield be appointed Captain of the force.

(Minutes, Jan. 10, 1877, p. 536.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said report be received, and that action thereon be laid over.

Adopted.

Civil and Topographical Force.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the salaries of the under-mentioned employés be fixed at the rates set opposite their names, to take effect from January 1st, 1877, viz. :

J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer.....	\$4,200 per annum.
C. R. Schott, Division Engineer.....	2,200 " "
S. S. Haight, Assistant Division Engineer.....	1,500 " "
F. S. Odell, " " " ".....	1,200 " "
F. Greiffenberg, Draughtsman.....	1,500 " "
T. J. O'Sullivan, " " " ".....	1,000 " "
F. W. Brown, Clerk.....	60 " month.

Resolved, That the removal of the following named employés be proposed, that they be notified that their removal is proposed because of the reduction of the appropriation for the payment of their salaries this year, and not on any personal grounds, and that an opportunity of making an explanation will be allowed to them at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 7th February, 1877, at nine o'clock A. M., namely :

R. L. Cooke, Division Engineer.
 George A. Cushing, Division Engineer.
 A. M. Bailey, Assistant Division Engineer.
 Thos. Fox, Rodman.
 Matthew Cox, Rodman.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman,
Wetmore—4.

Transfer of Appropriations for Salaries, 1876.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that under the following resolution, adopted on the 17th January, 1877, viz. :

“ *Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer, upon the books of the Finance Department, from the appropriation to the Department of Public Parks, for ‘Salaries of Police, &c., 1876,’ (for which it is not required), to the appropriation to said Department for ‘Salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, &c., 1876,’ a sufficient sum to meet the liabilities on that account for 1876”—

the sum of nine thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars and twenty six cents, be specified as the sum which this Department requests to have transferred to the account of Salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, &c., 1876, and that this action be transmitted to the Finance Department, with a request for such transfer.

(Minutes, Jan. 17, 1877, p. 547.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at five o'clock P. M., to meet on Friday, the 2d February, 1877, at three o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2d, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 31st, 1877, were read and approved.

The following communication was presented and read :

Museum of Art.

From Mr. John Hogan, contractor, asking that his bill for extra work on the Museum of Art building, and which was presented to the Board on the 15th December, 1875, be settled without litigation.

(Minutes, December 15, 1875, p. 477.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and the Superintending Architect, for their report.

Adopted.

W. J. Morgan, Patrolman.

The PRESIDENT reported that it was Patrolman W. J. Morgan

who had attended the son of Mr. Delafield when he met with an accident on the Central Park, as mentioned by Commissioner Stebbins at the last meeting. That the conduct of the officer was in every way becoming and worthy of praise.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 581.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to write a letter of commendation to officer W. J. Morgan for his conduct on the occasion, and that the letter be read to the force.

Adopted.

On the motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Board adjourned at 4.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 2d, 1877, were read and approved.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.
American Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History were present, as requested by the Board on the 31st of January last, and moved that the order of business be suspended, and that they be received.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 590.)

Adopted.

The following gentlemen, representing said museums, were then received, viz. :

Messrs. Theo. Roosevelt, W. C. Prime, Robert Gordon, Rutherford Stuyvesant, Robert Hoe, Jr., W. A. Haines, D. Huntington, Thos. Bland, and A. S. Bickmore.

Mr. Roosevelt addressed the Board, and read the opinion of Mr. Joseph H. Choate, in which he holds that the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment makes it obligatory on this Department to apply the whole of the sum

of \$30,000 to the use of said museums. He also handed in statements of the receipts and expenditures of both museums for 1876. Messrs. W. C. Prime and W. A. Haines also addressed the Board, and urged the necessity of the museums receiving the whole of said sum of \$30,000 this year, even if the Department has the right only to apply a portion of it for their benefit.

They then retired, and the order of business was resumed.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Morningside Park.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in reply to the request of the Board for his advice as to whether this Department can construct Morningside Park, and pay for the work under the provisions of Section 8, Chapter 697, Laws of 1867.

(Minutes, November 15, 1876, p. 411.)

Filed.

John Bogart, Superintending Engineer.

From Mr. John Bogart, Superintending Engineer, stating that he does not intend, and will not claim any pay as Superintending Engineer, or as an employé of the Department, unless directed to perform the duties belonging to the position.

(Minutes, February 18, 1876, p. 644.)

Filed.

Wilson Crosby.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that the Finance Department had deducted the amounts due to Mr. Wilson Crosby, from the pay-rolls of the engineers employed on the construction and improvement of Riverside Avenue, for the months of November and December, 1876.

(Minutes, December 27, 1876, p. 499.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Wilson Crosby be given the

official designation of "Second Assistant Engineer," to take effect from the date of his appointment.

(Minutes, Nov. 29, 1876, p. 441.)

Adopted.

The Casino.

From Mr. C. Ryan, licensee of the refreshment saloons on Central Park, requesting that the Casino be repainted inside.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to advise the Department whether it has the power to allow Mr. Ryan to make the repairs required, and deduct the cost thereof from the fees which he pays under the terms of his agreement.

Adopted.

John Beckett.

From John Beckett, skilled laborer, applying to have his pay increased.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that John Beckett, skilled laborer, be discharged from the service of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Notice of Attachment.

From the Sheriff of the City of New York, notifying the Department that he had made an attachment on certain property on the Twenty-third Ward, in pursuance of the authority of a warrant of attachment issued in the suit of

Michael Eagan, Administrator of Bryan Eagan, vs John Collins.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 577.)

The **PRESIDENT** moved that a copy of said notice be placed on file, and that the original notice be transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for such action as he may deem necessary.

Adopted.

Engineers on Construction.

From **Mr. F. A. Calkins**, Assistant Engineer, reporting upon the duties performed by the assistants employed on construction works under his supervision.

Referred to the President.

Meeting at the Mayor's Office.

From the Chief Clerk of his Honor the Mayor, summoning the President to meet with the Mayor on the first Wednesday of February, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Filed.

Jacob Weinnig.

From **Mr. Howard Potter**, calling the attention of the Commissioners to the destitute condition of **Jacob Weinnig**, late a patrolman on the police force.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon his condition, in which he states :

“ In order to learn something of his present circumstances, I visited him this morning and found him in a most deplorable state, physically prostrate, and destitute, in a great degree, of the necessaries of life. His condition is such as to call into action the best feelings and emotions of humanity.

The **PRESIDENT** reported, that in pursuance of the directions of the Board, on the 18th October last, he had discharged said **Jacob Weinnig** from the force, on the 1st December, 1876.

(Minutes, Oct. 18, 1876, p. 360.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said Jacob Weinnig be restored to the position of Patrolman, on the Police force, from January 1st, 1877, and that he be allowed half-pay from that date.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Truck to move Trees.

From Mr. John Hoey, requesting the Department to lend him, for a few days, a truck suitable to move large trees.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Mr. Hoey's request be granted.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. J. V. Donovan, contractor for the carpenter's work of the Museum of Natural History building, requesting an additional payment on account of said work.

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 507.)

Referred to the Superintending Architect to report.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Decker, N. H., and G. W. Quintard, labor

and materials.....Impt. and Const.
of Riverside Av-
enue.....••

\$1,659 76

Donvan, I. V., labor and materials.....	Museum . Natural History.....		2,000 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		62 50
Harlem Gas Light Company, gas-meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		69 84
Lefferts, Marshall, galvanized iron.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		85 82
Martin, I. M. C., & Sons, feather dusters.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$4 00	
	Maint. and Govmt, P. and P.....	4 41	
			8 41
McNab & Harlan Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$9 30	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	7 75	
			17 05
Metropolitan Gas Light Company, gas- meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		169 50
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		322 50
Tucker, Luther, & Son, subscription to "Country Gentleman".....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		3 00
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		5 50
			<u>\$4,353 88</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$318 55
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	370 07
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards..	5 50
Museum of Natural History.....	2,000 00
Improvement and construction Riverside Avenue.....	1,659 76
	<u>\$4,353 88</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-three hundred and fifty-three dollars and eighty-eight cents.

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, February 7th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presenting the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.

OR.

January 17. By balance.....	\$2,216 38	
Jan. 17 to Feb. 7. " cash received from licenses.....	75 00	
		<u>\$2,291 38</u>

DR.

Jan. 17 to Feb. 7. To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$507 12	
Feb. 7. To balance.....	1,784 26	
		<u>\$2,291 38</u>

DR.

Feb. 7. To Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	\$1,709 26	
" " " drawer.....	75 00	
		<u>\$1,784 26</u>

(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

Wednesday, February 7, 1877.

9. 30 A.M.

Ladies' Cottages.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the resolution of the Board adopted on the 31st January, 1877, directing the

Ladies' Cottages at 110th Street and 6th Avenue, and at Washington Square, to be closed, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 592.)

Adopted.

Commissioner WENMAN then withdrew said resolution.

Central Bridge.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Bertholf be, and hereby is, appointed Bridge-keeper of Central Bridge, as directed by the Board on the 31st January, 1877.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 591.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Bridge.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Daly be, and hereby is appointed Bridge-keeper of Third Avenue Bridge, as directed by the Board, on the 31st January, 1877.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 591.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Civil and Topographical Force.

As directed by the Board, on the 31st January, 1877, the following named employés were received and allowed an op-

portunity of making an explanation with reference to their proposed removal, viz. :

- R. L. Cooke, Division Engineer.
- George A. Cushing, Division Engineer.
- A. M. Bailey, Assistant Division Engineer.
- Thos. Fox, Rodman.
- Matthew Cox, Rodman.

When they were each heard, they retired.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 593.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved. That R. L. Cooke, Division Engineer, George A. Cushing, Division Engineer, A. M. Bailey, Assistant Division Engineer, Thomas Fox, Rodman, and Matthew Cox, Rodman, be, and they are hereby removed from the employment of the Department, because of the reduction of the appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the work on which they have been engaged.

Resolved, That the pay of said employés be fixed from January 1st, 1877, up to date, as follows, viz. :

R. L. Cooke, at the rate of.....	\$2,200 per annum
George A. Cushing, at the rate of.....	1,800 " "
A. M. Bailey, " "	1,300 " "
Thos. Fox, " "	3 00 per day
Matthew Cox, " "	3 00 " "

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner's Badge.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that a badge, similar to those used by the Commissioners, be purchased for Commissioner Wenman.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore—3.

Commissioner WENMAN was excused from voting.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.
“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, informing the Department that the following resolution had been adopted by that Board on the 9th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for “Rebuilding and Repairing Bridges over the Bronx River, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,” 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for “Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads, Avenues, and Bridges, including Bridges over the Bronx River, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,” for the year 1877, for which the same is required.

Filed.

City Parks Improvement Fund.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, informing the Department that the following preambles

and resolution had been adopted by that Board, on the 9th inst., viz. :

Whereas, Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, provides for the issue of stock, to be denominated "City Parks Improvement Fund," to an amount not exceeding \$575,000, the moneys realized from which shall be applied only to the construction and improvement of Parks, Squares, and Public Places in the city of New York, and the completion and repair of architectural structures in the Central Park; and

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have heretofore authorized the issue of the sum of \$500,000 of said stock; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Parks have made requisition on the Comptroller for moneys under said act, for the purpose thereof; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," as authorized by Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, in full of requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated August 25, 1876, twenty-five thousand dollars.

(Minutes, December 27, 1876, p. 497.)

Filed.

Stationery.

From the Board of City Record, forwarding a list of stationery supplied to this Department during 1876.

Referred to the President.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that Mr J. V. Donovan, contractor for the carpenters' work of the Museum of Natural History Building, has completed more than half his work, although not in the order called for by the contract, on account of his having been delayed by other contractors, and recommending that he be paid \$5,000 on account of his said contract.

(Minutes, February 7, 1877, p. 601.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of Mr. J. V. Donovan on account of said contract, to an amount not exceeding \$5,000.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the claim of Mr. John Hogan, contractor, for extra work in connection with his contract for the granite work of the Art Museum building, in which he states that the work claimed by Mr. Hogan as extra work is shown and indicated on the plans and drawings furnished by Mr. Vaux, the Architect, which plans had been signed by Mr. Hogan, and that he had, therefore, required Mr. Hogan to do the work.

Also from Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, reporting on the same subject, in which he states :

“The final certificate was given by the architects, to close the contract for Art Museum granite work, with Mr. Hogan, who made a claim for extra work at the time, which was not allowed.”

(Minutes, December 15, 1875, p. 477.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, reporting upon the claim of Mr. J. Mahoney, contractor, for extra plastering work on the elevator shaft of the Museum of Natural History Building, in which he says :

“Plastering the interior of elevator is not required by the contract, as I did not think it necessary to do more than paint on the brick work.”

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting on the same subject, in which he states that Mr. J. Mahoney did plaster the sides of the elevator shaft, but without any orders to do so.

(Minutes, January 10, 1877, p. 526.)

Filed.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, stating that he had consulted with the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in regard to the tiling work of the Museum of Art building, and also the erection of the temporary gallery, which he now recommends to be advertised for contract. That, in accordance with the views of the trustees, he had added to the plans and specifications for the temporary gallery, some additional work to the interior of the roof of the Central Hall.

The communication is endorsed as follows :

“ Approved in behalf of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
“ Theodore Weston, Trustee.”

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 217.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the plans and specifications heretofore submitted by Mr. Vaux, Architect, with the addition of the work to the interior of the roof of the Central Hall of the Museum of Art building, for the following works be approved, viz. :

1. Tiling.
2. Temporary gallery.

And that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the said works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, enclosing specifications and plans for certain galvanized iron and zinc work in connection with the Museum of Art building, the estimated cost of which he states to be \$700, and which he recommends to be done.

The communication is endorsed :

“ Approved for trustees Metropolitan Museum of Art. Theodore Weston.”

The PRESIDENT moved that said work be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order therefor.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Battery Park—Refreshment Pavilion.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting a preliminary study for a “ Refreshment Pavilion” on the Battery Park, as heretofore directed by the Board.

(Minutes, Aug. 4, 1876, p. 224.)

Laid over.

Concord Avenue.

From Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer in charge of improvements authorized by the trustees of the late town of Morrisania, stating that he has made the necessary surveys on Concord Avenue, between Westchester Road and Home Street, to enable him to calculate the amount of work remaining to be done in order to complete the abandoned contract for grading said avenue, and asking instructions as to whether he shall proceed to prepare the work for re-letting.

(Minutes, Dec'r 3, 1875, p. 447.)

Referred to the President to report.

Inventory of property.

From the Disbursing Clerk, forwarding an inventory of the property belonging to the Department, under date of January 1st, 1877.

Referred to the Treasurer.

R. L. Cooke.

From General George S. Greene, Engineer, recommending that Mr. R. L. Cooke be employed as Assistant Engineer and Draughtsman on the work of the construction of the bridge over Harlem River, at the termination of Madison Avenue.

Laid over.

Foot-ball on Central Park.

From Mr. V. Falkenau, requesting permission for the students of the College of the City of New York to play foot-ball on the lawns of the Central Park.

(Minutes, April 28, 1876, p. 777.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to inform Mr. Falkenau that his request is declined.

Adopted.

James R. Johnston.

From Mr. James R. Johnston, applying for an appointment on the Police force.

Filed.

Samuel T. Munson.

From Mr. Samuel T. Munson, formerly a patrolman, asking to be reinstated in his former position on the Police force.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 575.)

Filed.

John Beckett.

From John Beckett, formerly a skilled laborer, applying to be reinstated to his former position.

(Minutes, Feb. 7, 1877, p. 599.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the Board on the 7th inst., discharging said John Beckett, be considered.

Adopted.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved his original motion of

the 7th inst., to discharge said John Beckett from the service of the Department.

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

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Crombie, Thos J., lumber.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. & M.	\$51 08
Croes, J. James R., incidental expenses..	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	21 49
Douglas, W. P., rent Mus. of Art for Jan.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	666 67
Early & Lane, brooms, mop-sticks and wick.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$25 37
	Harlem R.B. Reps., Impt. and M....	58
		<hr/> 25 95
Gildersleeve, Wm. H., bread.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	52 13
Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	22 86
Kelso, Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	\$218 75
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	28 75
		<hr/> 242 50

Gordon, Robert, Act'g Treas., expenses		
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	818 31
Horgan, Cornelius, meat.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	240 00
Irwin, William, incidental expenses....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$56 75
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	13 62
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	30
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	1 53
		<hr/> 72 20
Mahoney, John, labor, materials.....	Mus. Nat. History.	8,000 00
Mulcahey & Hopkins, iron.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	6 03
N. Y. Cement Co., cement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	250 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	33 00
Reeves, Robt. C., canary seed.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	4 00
Ruhe, Louis, bird food....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	16 00
Slattery, James, building sand.....	Museum of Art... City Parks Imp't. Fund.....	\$58 50 157 50
		<hr/> 216 00
Tone, Tho. F., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$270 00
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and M....	10 00
		<hr/> 280 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$8,018 22

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,423 84
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	415 06
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	61 66
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	13 62
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	45 54
Museum Natural History.....	3,000 00
Museum of Art.....	58 50
	————— \$6,018 22

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of six thousand and eighteen dollars and twenty-two cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
 H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, February 14th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Propagating Houses. Exotic Plants.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had made arrangements with Mr. W. Wilson, Nurseryman, of Astoria, to give the Department \$483 worth of trees and shrubs during the coming spring, at his regular catalogue wholesale price, in exchange for 357 of the exotic plants directed to be sold or exchanged, and he moved that his action in the matter be approved.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 573.)

Adopted.

Engineers on Construction.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. F. A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer, with reference to the work performed by the assistants employed on construction work, verbally reported that he had suspended the following employés without pay, from the 9th inst., on account of the want of work, viz. :

Emil Bleyer, Assistant Engineer.
Edward Kennedy, Rodman.
James C. Trimble, Chairman.
Peter Kelly, Axeman.

(Minutes, February 7, 1877, p. 600.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President in the premises be approved and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Meeting at Mayor's Office.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that in pursuance of the summons of the Mayor he had attended a meeting at his office on the 7th inst. That the meeting was adjourned to the 10th inst., at which time he was requested to present in writing a statement on the question of reducing the expenses of the Government of the City, and the best methods of increasing its resources, so far as this Department is concerned. He then read to the Board a letter which he had addressed to the Mayor, giving his views on the subject.

(Minutes, February 7th, 1877, p. 600.)

Drainage in the 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT moved that the plans and specifications for the drainage of the district in the 24th Ward, lying between

Pelham Avenue and Kingsbridge Road, west of the Southern Boulevard, presented to the Board on the 31st January, 1877 be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 573.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore —4.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, this Department, on the 20th day of February, 1875, made requisition on the Comptroller of the city of New York to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 3, Chap. 534, Laws of 1871, and Section 16, Chap. 329, Laws of 1874, for the construction of a bridge over Harlem River ;

And whereas, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 21st day of March, 1876, authorized the said Comptroller to issue said bonds to the amount of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars ;

And whereas, this Department has completed its plans and specifications for said bridge, which is to be made of iron, and has advertised for proposals for the construction of the same, which proposals are to be received and opened on the 28th day of February, 1877 ;

And whereas, the estimated cost of said bridge is about \$90,000 ;

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to authorize the Comptroller of the city to issue the residue of said bonds for \$100,000 (namely, bonds to the amount of \$90,000), as mentionnd in the aforesaid requisition of this Department, of February 20th, 1875.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 375.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Pipe Sewers in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT presented duplicate assignments from Mr. F. A. O'Donnel to Mr. Robert G. Wamsley, of the contract awarded to the former, for the construction of pipe sewers in Central Park, and moved that one of them be transmitted to the Finance Department, and that the other be filed with the contract.

(Minutes, Aug. 30th, 1876, p. 266.)

Adopted.

Central Bridge. Third Avenue Bridge.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that Mr. Bertholf and Mr. Daly, lately appointed bridge-keepers of the Central Bridge and the Third Avenue Bridge respectively, had made arrangements to take charge of the bridges on the 15th inst.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to transfer the two bridge-tenders on Third Avenue Bridge, namely, Benjamin Bates and Thomas Byrne, and also the laborers employed on Central Bridge to the laboring force on the Parks, as laborers.

(Minutes, Feb. 7th, 1877, p. 604.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

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On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 21st inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 14th inst. was dispensed with :

The following communications were presented and read :

Improvements in Morrisania.

From the Comptroller of the City stating that the persons appointed by the Trustees of Morrisania, as commissioners to assess the expenses of regulating and grading 144th Street, have not as yet done anything in the matter, and suggesting that other commissioners be appointed for that work and also for the work of grading 136th Street.

Also requesting that immediate steps be taken to have the assessment lists for all the street improvements begun by the late town of Morrisania completed as early as practicable, and that all abandoned or suspended works be completed by this Department or measures taken to assess the property benefited with the expense of the work already performed on such abandoned or suspended street improvements.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Trustees of Morrisania had

duly appointed commissioners to assess the expenses of the work on 144th Street, and also of the work on 136th Street.

That the commissioners appointed on 136th street are now about to proceed with their work and have obtained the cost of the work from this Department to enable them to do so.

He then moved that said communication be filed and that the commissioners appointed to assess the work of grading 144th Street be notified to proceed with the work of assessing the expense thereof.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History. 77th street.

From Mr. R. L. Stuart, President of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting the Department to take such action as will hasten the work of grading and paving 77th Street from 8th to 9th Avenues, and also to order the approaches from 77th Street to the Museum of Natural History Building to be completed as soon as possible.

(Minutes, April 8, 1876, p. 743.)

Laid over.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theo. Roosevelt and Mr. Wm. A. Haines, a committee of the trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that orders be given for the following works in connection with the Museum of Natural History Building, viz. :

1. An iron stairway at a cost not to exceed \$375.
2. Additional plumbing at a cost not to exceed \$900.
3. Settees for the exhibition halls (like a sample in the building) at a cost not to exceed \$950.

Laid over.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect and the Superintending Architect, recommending that the following alterations or modifica-

tions in the plans of existing contracts for the Museum of Natural History building be made, viz. :

1. Modification in the arrangement of the doors of cases, at a cost not exceeding \$100.
2. Alterations in the floors of the gallery cases, at a cost not exceeding \$216.
3. To paint the wood and iron work of windows, &c., with three additional coats, and to finish them in maroon, at a cost not exceeding \$195.

Said communication is endorsed : " Approved, Theodore " Roosevelt, Wm. A. Haines, for Committee of Trustees."

The PRESIDENT moved that the alterations and modifications recommended be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the contractors for the construction of Brook Avenue sewer, only worked for a few days subsequent to November 3d, 1876, as they could not excavate the rock to any advantage, not being allowed to lay masonry work.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, This Department, on the 3d day of November, 1876, directed Messrs. Jones & McQuade, contractors for the construction of the Brook Avenue sewer, to proceed with the work in accordance with the terms of the contract ;

And whereas, The said contractors have not made any pro-

gress with said work, alleging as the reason, that they could not do so unless they were allowed to lay masonry, which the terms of the contract prohibited during the winter ;

Resolved, That said contractors be, and hereby are, directed to proceed with said work at once; and that they be allowed to build masonry work on and after March 1st, 1877, except on such days as the Engineer in charge shall direct the work to be suspended on account of frost.

(Minutes, November 3, 1876, p. 386.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Elton Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the established grade of Elton Avenue, at 162d Street, where the Port Morris Branch Railroad crosses, is nine inches below the the railroad grade, and six inches below the grade of Brook Avenue, into which the water at that point should drain; and submitting a map or plan of a new grade which he recommends should be adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, deem a change to be required (as specified on the plan hereinafter mentioned) in the grade of Elton Avenue, in the 23d Ward, from One hundred and sixty-first Street to Brook Avenue, and of One hundred and sixty-second Street, from a point three hundred feet east of Melrose Avenue to the west curb line of Washington Avenue, as laid down and established by the commissioners appointed under Chapter eight hundred and forty-one of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the County of Westchester, on the twenty-third day of February, 1871.

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of

the City of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby alter said grades, and do establish the grades of Elton Avenue and 162d Street aforesaid, in such manner that the elevation of the surface of said street and avenue at their intersection and the crossing of the Port Morris Branch Railroad shall be fifteen feet and three inches above the datum plane of levels, as shown on a plan entitled "Sketch of proposed change of grades in Elton Avenue and 162d Street to accompany letter of February 20th, 1877," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

And that the President of the Department cause to be prepared, and submitted to this Board, three similar maps and profiles of the same to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Bridge. Steam Engine.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the contractor, after an unexplained delay, had resumed work on the Steam Engine for the Third Avenue Bridge, which he expects to complete in about ten days.

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 508.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. W. E. Worthen, the contractor for the construction of the Steam Engine for the Third Avenue Bridge, be notified to complete same without delay ; and that he will be held to his default in not having completed said engine within the time specified, unless it is finished and in position by March 1st, 1877.

Adopted.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the plan for laying out the

district of the 24th Ward, West of Riverdale Road, and submitted by them on the 20th December, 1876, has been publicly exhibited for a period of six weeks, and that written invitations were addressed to all known land owners of the district, requesting them to examine the plan, and express their views upon it. That few exceptions were taken to the plan proposed, and these in matters that did not interfere with the general plan. That in each case where an exception had been taken, the plan had been restudied, and the wishes of the land owners, as far as possible, complied with. They then submitted the plan thus revised, for the further action of the Board.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 479.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the consideration of said plan be laid over until Wednesday the 28th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M. ; and that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to notify the land owners of said district that the Board will take action upon it at that time.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following two reports :

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

Crombie, Thos., J., lumber.....	Bronx River Bridges Re- pairing and Re- building, 1876..	\$49 91
Bien, Julius, maps.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	130 00

Forsyth, John, broken stone.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1876...	\$1,000 00
Gatchel, A. S., gasometer cover.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. and Maint., 1876...	171 25
Keuffel & Esser, engineers, supplies.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	162 93
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	41 15
Wheatley, R. R., straw, hay, &c.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1876...	40 66
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		\$1,595 90
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RECAPITULATION.

Bronx River Bridges, Repairing, Rebuilding, etc., 1876....	49 91
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint., 1876....	171 25
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876....	292 93
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	1,081 81
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	\$1,595 90
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen hundred and ninety-five dollars and ninety cents.

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, February 21st, 1877.

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

Annin & Co., flags and bunting.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$24 00
Clafin H. B. & Co., bro' sheeting.....	Surveying, laying out, etc. 23d & 24th Wards, etc.....	8 53
Campbell & Co., subs. N. Y. Weekly Digest, Vol. 4.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 00

Central Gas Light Co., gas, January.....	Harlem R. B. Re- pairs, Imp. and Maint.....		\$60 00
Christern, F. W., subs. 1877, to builder, building news and Zoo. Garden.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$15 00	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 85	
		<hr/>	18 85
Cornell, Birdsall' labor materials.....	Museum of Art....		782 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Harlem R. B. Re- pairs, Impt. and Maint.....	\$489 72	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	60 72	
		<hr/>	550 44
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., galvanized wire.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		51 84
Coogan, Wm., labor and malts.....	Flagging, E. S. Thomas, Ave. from New Ford- ham School House to Kings- bridge Road...		925 50
Donvan, John V., labor and malts.....	Museum of Nat. History.....		5,000 00
Egan, K. & Co., waste.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		5 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., January.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$192 37	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and M.....	54 00	
		<hr/>	246 37
Hazard Powder Co., powder and shot...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		2 80
Jube, John P. & Co., spokes.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		5 40
Keuffel & Esser, engineer supplies.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		22 96

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Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Jan'y. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$854 00
New York Gas Light Co., gas, January.. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	745 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, January..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	668 00
Pierce, F. O. & Co., paints and turpen- tine..... Maint, and Govmt. P. and P.....	45 50
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, steel brooms, saws, &c..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$22 50
Harlem R. B. Reps., Imps. and Maint.....	5 00
City Parks Impt. Fund.....	17 32
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	<hr/> <u>\$9,515 01</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,184 98
Harlem River Bridge, Repairs, Improvement and Mainte- ance.....	608 72
Surveying, Laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	8 53
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	55 23
Museum of Natural History.....	5,000 00
Museum of Art.....	732 00
Flagging E. S. Thomas Ave. from School House to Kings- bridge Road.....	925 50
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-five hundred and fifteen dol-
lars and one cent.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, February 21, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved, that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
Feb. 7.	By balance.....		\$1,784 26
Feb. 7 to Feb. 21,	} " cash received from licenses and sundry receipts.....		2,604 89
			<u>\$4,389 15</u>

		DR.	
Feb. 7 to Feb. 21.	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$2679 89
Feb. 21.		" balance.....	1,709 26
			<u>\$4,389 15</u>

	DR.	
Feb. 21.	To cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	\$1,709 26

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, February 21, 1877, 9.30 A. M.

Police Trials.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had tried the following officers, on the undermentioned charges, of which he found them guilty, viz.:

Wm. B. Love, Gate-keeper, charged with leaving his gate before he was relieved.

Patrick Burns, Post-keeper, charged with smoking while on duty.

He recommended that Gate-keeper Love be fined five days pay, and that Post-keeper Burns be fined three days' pay.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendations adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore.
—4.

Lieutenant Corcoran

Commissioner WENMAN presented a report, of which the following is a copy :

NEW YORK, Feby. 21, 1877.

*To the Hon. the Board
of Commissioners, D. P. P. :*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the charges made by H. Ramsey, of 19th Police Precinct, against Lieut. John Corcoran, as per letter of 13th inst., begs leave to report, that he has given the subject a thorough and careful investigation, and fails to find the slightest approach to truth in the same, but, to the contrary, finds the letter itself to be the production of some person of malicious intent, who has used the name of an officer of the 19th Precinct without his knowledge or consent.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed,)

JAS. F. WENMAN.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and filed.

Adopted.

Thomas Avenue, Flagging.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment list for the work of flagging the east side-walk of Thomas Avenue, from Kings-bridge Road to the new Fordham school-house, in the 24th Ward, together with the statement of the amount and cost of the work, and moved that they be signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, .)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Employment of Laborers.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had authorized the Superintendent of Parks to restore four laborers in each foreman's gang, and that he had restored seventeen laborers and three teams in the 23d and 24th Wards.

He recommended that the Board adopt a resolution discharging all suspended laborers and teamsters who are not now at work.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, the orderly and proper administration of this Department requires that all persons in its employ have a distinct and clear recognition by this Board, of authority to render service and to draw compensation from the treasury of the city; and

Whereas, any departure from this method has tended, and now tends, to confusion in the affairs of this Department, and to uncertainties and irregularities in the disbursements of the public moneys ;

Therefore, *Resolved*, that hereafter no person shall be employed in any capacity, whatever, by this Department, except in the following manner, to wit :

Resolved, that the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th, Wards and the Superintendent of Parks, in case they deem the em-

ployment of more persons necessary in the districts under their charge, respectively, shall recommend the number and occupation of such additional persons to the Board in writing.

Resolved, that the Board shall act on such recommendations as they may deem best, and no person shall be employed unless the Board shall, by resolution, authorize it.

Resolved, that when the Board has ordered any additional persons to be employed, each Commissioner shall be entitled to send one-fourth of the number to the Disbursing Clerk, with a ticket signed by such Commissioner, who thereupon shall add such name to the pay-roll, and give such person a ticket to the foreman of the gang, who shall then, and then only, place such person at work.

Resolved, that the Disbursing Clerk be, and he is hereby, prohibited from placing any person upon the pay-roll, except by virtue of these resolutions, and that if any effort is made to effect the contrary, he shall report the same to the Board.

Resolved, that in cases of suspension, because of absence for three days, the Superintendent shall report the same to the Board, and obtain their approval, by resolution, before said person or persons can be restored.

The PRESIDENT left the meeting at this point.

On motion of Commissioner Wetmore, the Board adjourned, without taking action on said preambles and resolutions, at 10.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Before the reading of the Minutes, and at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the Comptroller of the city entered.

The proposals for the construction of an iron bridge over Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and 139th Street, were then received, and the meeting was opened to the public.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the opening of the proposals received be adjourned until Monday, the 5th day of March, 1877, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, Feb. 14, 1877, p. 617).

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then publicly announced to those present, and to such of the bidders as desired to be present, the time and place of such adjournment.

The Comptroller then retired.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 14th and 21st instants were read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Wilson Crosby, Second Assistant-Engineer.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that he had received the pay-rolls for the months of November, December, and January of the Engineers employed on the construction of Riverside Avenue. That the name of Wilson Crosby, Second Assistant-Engineer, appears thereon, but that he is not authorized to make payment of his salary, for the reason that the contract for the work does not provide for a Second Assistant-Engineer.

(Minutes, February 7th, 1877, p. 598.)

Referred to the President to report.

Banner Polls at Terrace.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the gale on the night of the 23d inst. had blown down the upper portion of one of the banner poles at the Terrace in Central Park. That on examination both poles were found to be in a state of decay, and that it would be dangerous to leave them in their present position.

The PRESIDENT moved that said banner poles be removed, and that the Superintendent of Parks report to the Board the estimate cost of replacing them with new poles.

Adopted.

Laborers, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that he requires at present twenty additional laborers, three additional division gardeners, and three additional gardeners.

Laid over.

Walks at Boat House.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the boat house at the Lake in Central Park is now nearly completed and recommending that the walks and grounds adjoining it be graded and finished, as shall be directed by the Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT moved that said walks and grounds be graded and finished by the Superintendent of Parks, as recommended.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, recommending that the following works in connection with the Museum of Natural History Building, and which have been also recommended by the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, be ordered, viz. :

1. An iron stairway, at a cost not exceeding, \$375.
2. Additional plumbing work, at a cost not exceeding \$900.

Also from the Superintending Architect, approving of the above works, and recommending that estimates be procured as soon as possible for the construction of the settees for the exhibition halls of said Museum.

(Minutes, February 21, 1877, p. 622.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the above mentioned works, and also for settees for the exhibition halls (like the sample now in the building), at a cost not to exceed \$950.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes. — Commissioner Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer enclosing a copy of the notice, and a list of the persons to whom it was sent, of the proposed action of the Board at this meeting on the map or plan of the district of the 24th Ward, west of Riverdale Road.

(Minutes, February 21, 1877, p. 625.)

Filed.

From Mr. S. R. Filley, President of the North Side Association, transmitting a certified copy of the following resolutions adopted by that Association on the 17th February, 1877, viz. :

Resolved. That the North Side Association has received with great interest the recent preliminary report of Messrs. Olmsted and Croes, engineers to the Department of Parks, on the subject of laying out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that the general views expressed in said report, so far as they relate to that section of the Twenty-fourth Ward lying east of Riverdale Avenue, are those which have long been entertained by the property owners, as the true basis on which each improvement should be made ;

Resolved. That this Association earnestly urges upon the Park Department the earliest practicable action on the plans of the aforesaid section submitted by the engineers with such report, after considerations as to details made by the parties in interest, to the end that the people may see some substantial result for the great expenditures already incurred ; and be it further

Resolved. That while giving due attention to that portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward, which seems so long a time to have occupied almost the exclusive attention of its engineers and surveyors, we respectfully submit to the Department of Public Parks that the more thickly populated portions of the district demand an early consideration, and we would urge that prompt revision of the survey and map of the town of Morrisania (now Twenty-third Ward), and the balance of the Twenty fourth Ward be made, and that such judicious changes as are necessary be perfected, and the entire map be reconfirmed as a finality, so that property owners may be guided properly in the making of improvements.

Filed.

From the Landscape Architect and the Civil Topographical Engineer, presenting a map or plan for laying out the district of the 24th Ward, lying between Broadway and Riverdale Road, and extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers city.

The PRESIDENT moved that said map or plan be publicly exhibited at the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and that said Engineer be directed to notify all known owners of property in the district that it is open for their examination. Adopted.

Deer Paddock.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that the deer paddock is in such a bad condition that he did not dare to let the deer out, lest they should break through the fence and escape; and suggesting that a wooden structure or shed be erected on the ground west of the Arsenal, for the use of the deer.

Laid over.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Joseph H. Choate, submitting a draft of a proposed agreement or contract with the American Museum of Natural History for the occupation by it of the building erected on Manhattan Square, Central Park, as authorized by Chapter 139 of the Laws of 1876.

Referred to the President for his report

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., Assignees of the Watson Manufacturing Co., asking for a payment on account of the contract with said Watson Manufacturing Co., for the construction of the cases for the Museum of Natural History.

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Trees in Fifth Avenue and City Parks.

From Mr. Wm. H. Gebhard, requesting that trees be set out on the Central Park side of Fifth Avenue, from 90th Street to 110th Street.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred

to the Landscape Architect, with instructions to report upon it, and also upon the subject of what trees, if any, are required on the small or city parks.

Adopted.

Boulevard on east side of Harlem River.

From Mr. Smith W. Anderson, suggesting that a Boulevard be laid out from the easterly end of the bridge about to be built at 139th Street and Madison Avenue, to the bridge over Cromwell's Creek at 161st Street.

Filed.

Central Bridge.

From Mr. Thomas Leighton, offering to make a proposal to rebuild the fixed spans of Central Bridge with iron.

(Minutes, January 26, 1877, p. 569.)

Filed.

St. George's Cricket Club.

From Mr. J. T. Soutter, President of the St. George's Cricket Club, requesting permission for said club to use a portion of one of the lawns in Central Park.

(Minutes, August 23, 1876, p. 260.)

The President stated that he had seen Mr. Soutter, and that a portion of the north meadow would answer their requirements. That cricket, unlike other games of a similar nature, requires an even, green sward, kept in perfect order, and constantly rolled and watered. That the club would undertake this work themselves.

After the matter had been considered, Commissioner WETMORE moved that the President be requested to inform Mr. Soutter that the Department does not consider it expedient to depart from its previous and long established policy of allowing only

children belonging to the schools of the city to use the Park for such purposes.

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From Messrs. Heuvelman, Haven & Co., returning the specifications for the iron bridge over Harlem River, at 139th Street and Madison Avenue, and declining to make a proposal, for the reason that certain timbers are required which cannot possibly be procured in "Virginia, North Carolina or Georgia, hard pine," as required by the specifications, and pine of any kind cannot be furnished of the dimensions required in the time allowed for the completion of the bridge.

(Minutes, Feb'y 28, 1877, p. 635.)

Filed.

Joseph C. Gooding.

From Mr. P. T. Barnum, recommending Mr. Joseph C. Gooding as gardner.

Filed.

Laborers detailed as Night Watchmen

From six of the seven laborers detailed as night watchmen, applying for an increase of pay.

(Minutes, February 5, 1876, p. 605)

Laid over.

Jeremiah McCarthy.

From Mr. Joseph W. Kingston and others, recommending Mr. Jeremiah McCarthy for the position of inspector on Brook Avenue Sewer.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

American District Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$23 10
Copeland & Bacon, elevator.....	Museum of Art....	1,810 35
Donaldson, Thos., chimnies.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	1 50
Eckel & Imhoff, repairs to transit.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	8 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	62 50
Phelps, Dodge & Co., tin.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	51 00
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, hardware....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$23 76
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 20
		<hr/> 25 96
		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,982 41

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$140 80
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	31 76
Museum of Art.....	1,810 35
	<hr/> \$1,982 41

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen hundred and eighty-two dollars and forty-one cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
" JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, February 28th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed

to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Police Trials.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had tried the under mentioned officers of the police force on the charges hereafter stated; that he found them guilty of the offences with which they are charged, and he recommended that they be fined and reprimanded as mentioned, viz. :

W. H. Brown, patrolman, charged with being off his beat in a lager bier saloon while on duty, on the 17th inst.

Recommended to be fined one day's pay.

John Steinert, patrolman, charged with neglect of duty, in that he watched two persons in Central Park from a concealed position, instead of directing said persons to leave the Park, as it was after 9 o'clock P. M., the hour of closing.

Recommended to be fined three days' pay.

Peter McCusker, gate-keeper, charged with intoxication while on duty.

Recommended to be fined ten days' pay, and to be publicly reprimanded before the force.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be accepted, and that the recommendations therein be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Employment of Laborers.

Commissioner STEBBINS called up and moved the adoption of the following preambles and resolutions offered by him at the last meeting, viz. :

Whereas, the orderly and proper administration of this Department requires that all persons in its employ have a distinct and clear recognition by this Board, of authority to render service and to draw compensation from the treasury of the city ; and

Whereas, any departure from this method has tended, and now tends, to confusion in the affairs of this Department, and to uncertainties and irregularities in the disbursements of the public moneys ;

Therefore, Resolved, that hereafter no person shall be employed in any capacity whatever, by this Department except in the following manner, to wit :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards and the Superintendent of Parks, in case they deem the employment of more persons necessary in the districts under their charge, respectively, shall recommend the number and occupation of such additional persons to the Board in writing.

Resolved, that the Board shall act on such recommendations as they may deem best, and no person shall be employed unless the Board shall, by resolution, authorize it.

Resolved, that when the Board has ordered any additional persons to be employed, each Commissioner shall be entitled to send one-fourth of the number to the Disbursing Clerk, with a ticket signed by such Commissioner, who thereupon shall add such name to the pay-roll, and give such person a ticket to the foreman of the gang, who shall then, and then only, place such person at work.

Resolved, that the Disbursing Clerk be, and he is hereby, prohibited from placing any person upon the pay-roll, except by virtue of these resolutions, and that if any effort is made to effect the contrary, he shall report the same to the Board.

Resolved, that in cases of suspension, because of absence for three days, the Superintendent shall report the same to the Board, and obtain their approval, by resolution, before said person or persons can be restored.

(Minutes, Feby. 21, 1877, p. 682.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner STEBBINS then presented a report, accompanied by a memorandum prepared by General George S. Greene, upon the plans heretofore presented to the Board for the laying out of the district of the 24th Ward west of Riverdale Road, and moved that they be received and printed as a document of the Board.

(Minutes Dec. 20th, 1876, p. 479.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

(See Document No. 74.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the consideration of the subject of the map or plan for laying out the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, west of the easterly line of Riverdale Road, be taken up, and that the meeting be opened for the purpose of receiving and hearing the property owners in reference thereto.

(Minutes, February 28th, 1877, p. 638.)

Adopted.

The following owners of property were then received, viz. :

H. N. Camp, L. L. Delafield, Fordham Morris, Robert Colgate, T. B. Myers, Oliver Harriman, J. A. Hayden, Webster Woodman, T. N. Cuthbert, J. C. Tucker, J. R. Whiting, Joseph Godwin, W. H. Appleton, W. E. Worthen and E. Coleman, representing the estates of W. E. Dodge and D. W. James.

They all favored the adoption of the plan, and urged the Board to take measures at once to make the map final and binding, except Mr. J. R. Whiting, who objected to the plan on account of its having too many junctions of roads on his property.

A letter was also received from Mr. James N. Wells, and ordered to be filed, in which he protests against the laying out of the road on said map or plan, which passes through his land.

The property owners then retired, and the PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks and places, within the Twenty-fourth Ward, of the city of New York, shown on a map or plan entitled, "Plan of streets, roads, and avenues, within that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York, lying west of the easterly line of Riverdale Avenue," dated "New York, February 21, 1877," and signed "Fred Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect," and "J. James R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, are designated on said map or plan, by red lines and figures, and by color, and that the widths, extent, and direction of the said streets, roads, and avenues and public parks or places so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated ; and also that three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned."

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said resolution be laid on the table until the report presented by him is printed and circulated among the parties interested.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, to lay said resolution on the table, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore, Wenman—3.

No.—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That profiles of the streets avenues &c., as laid down on the plan for laying out that district of the Twenty-

fourth Ward, west of Riverdale Road, submitted by the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and exhibited with said plan, which said profiles shall show the cuttings, fillings, grades, drainage &c.,

Resolved, That the maps heretofore adopted by the Board as prepared by Mr. W. H. Grant, together with subsequent modifications of said map, by General George S. Greene, be exhibited by the side of the plan prepared by the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, for laying out that district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, west of Riverdale Road, and that an opportunity be afforded to both Engineers to express their views and explain said plans before the Board and property owners.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman—2.

Noes.—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the profiles of the streets &c., as shown on the said map or plan, have been prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and had been exhibited with said map.

Commissioner WENMAN, then moved that the resolution offered this day by the President, adopting the map or plan of the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, west of Riverdale Road, be reconsidered.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman—2.

Noes.—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 12:45 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 5th March, 1877, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, MARCH 5th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 28th ulto. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Comptroller of the City, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
MARCH 3d, 1877.

HON. WM. R. MARTIN,

President Department of Public Parks.

Sir—The Board of Estimate and Apportionment passed resolutions to-day, asking the Department of Public Parks for information relative to the proposed Iron Bridge over Harlem River at Madison Avenue.

The Secretary of the Board will transmit to you copies of the resolutions, but in order to facilitate the business, I now call your attention to the matter.

The Board wishes to be informed whether the amount of \$90,000 named, as about the estimated cost of the Bridge, includes all expenditures necessary for the completion of the approaches and abutments to make the Bridge ready for use.

All the particulars relating to the costs involved should be presented, together with plans of the Bridge and maps necessary for a full understanding of the subject, including information about proceedings for acquiring title to the lands required for the Bridge, if any have been taken or are necessary.

If you will advise me when you will be prepared to furnish the desired information, I will take measures for a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to consider the matter.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

Referred to the President.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment forwarding copies of the following preambles and resolutions adopted by that Board on the 3d inst., viz. :

Whereas, The Department of Public Parks has requested the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of \$90,000.00 for the construction of an iron bridge over the Harlem River, which amount is stated to be about the estimated cost of the Bridge; and

Whereas, This Board should be fully informed of the whole expenditure that may be involved in this undertaking before authorizing an increase of the public debt by the issue of bonds for the purpose;

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be requested to inform this Board whether the estimated cost of construction of the Bridge stated at \$90,000 covers all expenditures necessary for the completion of the work, including the building of the abutments and constructing the approaches to the Bridge ready for public use and travel; and also, whether the title to the lands at the termini of the Bridge has been acquired by the City.

Resolved, Also, that the Department of Public Parks be requested to submit the plans and estimates of the cost of the said Bridge to this Board in detail.

Referred to the President.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the opening of the proposals received for the construction of an iron bridge over the Harlem River at the intersection of Madison Avenue and 139th Street, be adjourned until Saturday, the 10th of March, 1877, at the hour of half past-nine o'clock, A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, February 28th, 1877, p. 635.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

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The meeting was then opened to the public, and the President announced to those present and to such of the bidders as desired to be present, the time and place of such adjournment.

The Comptroller then retired.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 9.45 o'clock A. M., to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, the 7th inst.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

Broken stone for the 23d and 24th Wards.

Before reading the Minutes, and at the hour of half-past nine o'clock, A. M., the Comptroller of the City entered.

Proposals for the delivery of 1,000 cubic yards of broken stone on the roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards were then received, and the meeting was opened to the public.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 580.)

The PRESIDENT of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, then opened the estimate box, and publicly opened and read all estimates which had been received for the delivery of said broken stone.

The following proposals were received, viz.:

1. Green Wright.....	\$2 00	per cubic yard.
2. Harrison & Crotty.....	2 10	“
3. Jesse Ryder.....	2 15	“
4. John Bulger.....	2 75	“
5. Forsyth & Sherman.....	1 89	“
6. J. B. Devlin.....	1 97	“
7. John A. Bouker.....	2 75	“

The Comptroller of the City then retired.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meetings of February 28th and March 5th, 1877, were read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read:

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution, approved by His Honor the Mayor on February 28th, 1877:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, directed to afford proper protection to pedestrians crossing the Third Avenue Bridge, in order to prevent accidents, by causing chains to be drawn across the footway on each side of the carriageway of the bridge at each end of the opening for the draw, before opening the draw, and to be retained across said footways until the said draw is closed.

The PRESIDENT stated that the chains had been placed across the footways of the bridge, as directed by said resolution, and he moved that said communication be filed, and the Board of Aldermen notified that the matter had been attended to.

Adopted.

Lamps at Franklin Statue, and Lincoln Monument.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding copies of the following resolutions, approved by his Honor the Mayor, on February 28th, 1877, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks are hereby respectfully requested to report to this Board why the lamps around the statue of 'Franklin,' in Printing-house Square, are not lighted at night.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, directed to erect four lamp-posts and light four Boulevard lamps on or near the coping or base for the railing surrounding the Lincoln Monument, at Union Square, at equal distances apart."

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be filed, and that the Board of Aldermen be informed that the appropriation for the maintenance of parks this year is not sufficient to justify the Department in incurring the additional expense which would be entailed by complying with requests contained in said resolutions.

Adopted.

Meeting at the Mayor's.

From the Chief Clerk of his Honor the Mayor, requesting the President to meet with the Mayor and the heads of the other departments, at 12 o'clock M., on the first Wednesday of March.

(Minutes, February 7, 1877, p. 600.)

Filed.

American Museum of Natural History. Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in reply to the resolution requesting him to advise the Department whether, under the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 756, Laws of 1873, and the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the American Museum of Natural History, are entitled to the whole amount of \$30,000 for the care, preservation and exhibition of their collections this year, or whether the amount to be applied for those purposes is not at the discretion of this Department, within the sum of \$30,000, in which he states as follows, viz. :

“ I think that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have designated and appropriated \$30,000 as the amount to be applied to those purposes, and that, while, under the above cited act of 1873 (Chapter 756, Section 7) it is within the discretion of the Department to determine how much of such sum shall be applied to purposes connected with said museums, no portion of the same can be used or applied by the Department to any purposes except those specified. If the whole of said sum of \$30,000 should not be applied in the manner intended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the balance not used must be regarded as an unexpended appropriation, and cannot be applied to the other purposes of the Park Department, except under the authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.”

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 590.)

Filed.

Salaries of 1876. Maintenance of Parks, &c., 1876.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding copies of the following resolutions, adopted by that Board on the 1st inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of nine thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars and twenty-six cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for the " Department of Public Parks—Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Police, Salaries of, including Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeants, Patrolmen, Post and Gate Keepers, and Night Watchmen," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation to the " Department of Public Parks—Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—For salaries, to pay entirely the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects, &c.," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand four hundred and eleven dollars and twenty-three cents be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for the " Department of Public Parks—Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Police, Salaries of, including Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeants, Patrolmen, Post and Gate Keepers, and Night Watchmen," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation to the " Department of Public Parks—Maintenance of the Parks, including the wages of Foremen, Gardeners, etc.," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 547 and 548.)

Filed.

Museums of Art and Natural History.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution adopted by that Board on the 3d inst., viz. :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, " Museums of Art and Natural History Stock," authorized by Chapter 290, Laws 1871, and on account of requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated September 9, 1875, twenty-five thousand dollars.

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 505.)

Filed.

Banner Polls at Terrace.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that it would cost \$500 to replace the banner poles at the Terrace, in Central Park, and \$75 to replace the iron finial of one of them, which was broken.

(Minutes, February 28, 1877, p. 636.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co. have furnished materials and done

work on the cases at the Museum of Natural History, to the amount of about \$18,000.

That it is not advisable to let them put the plate glass in any of the cases at present (as called for in the specifications), nor until the work of the other contractors is finished.

And recommending that they be given a payment on account, of \$12,000.

(Minutes, Feby. 28, 1877, p. 639.)

Laid over.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that Mr. John Mahoney, the Contractor for the plastering work of the Museum of Natural History building, has not pointed up and finished his work in accordance with the terms of his contract, although several times notified to do so ; and that his neglect will cause delay so that the building cannot be finished in proper time.

(Minutes, January 10, 1877, p. 609)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. John Mahoney be, and hereby is, notified and directed to complete the work of plastering the Museum of Natural History building, in accordance with the terms of his contract therefor, without further delay ; and that, in case he does not proceed to do so on or before Monday, the 12th inst., that the Department will employ workmen and materials for the purpose, and will thereupon complete the work and deduct the expense thereof from the amount remaining due to said contractor on account of his said contract.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

East River Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the gale

of last week tore off a large portion of the tin covering of the roof of the centre platform on East River Park.

That to repair the damage will cost from \$125 to \$150.

That to remove the platform will cost from \$75 to \$100.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to remove said platform, and to lay down the roadway, which will pass over the place now occupied by it, with gravel.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer with a copy of the notice which he sent to property owners, that the plans for laying out the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, between Riverdale Road and Broadway, were at his office for examination and also enclosing a list of the persons to whom he sent said notice.

(Minutes, February 28, 1877, p. 639.)

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer in charge, reporting that the contractors for regulating and grading Elton Avenue have progressed satisfactorily with the work since the 27th December last, and recommending that the order directing them to discontinue the work be further suspended until the 15th of April next.

(Minutes, December 27, 1876, p. 497.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the operation of the preambles and resolutions adopted by the Board on the 18th October, 1876, notifying Messrs. James Hall and Michael

O'Neill, contractors for regulating and grading Elton Avenue from Third Avenue to Brook Avenue, to discontinue all work on said avenue, be suspended until April 15th, 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore, Wenman—4.

Steam Roller.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, requesting that John Meehan be employed as night watchman for the steam roller borrowed from the Department of Public Works. That he is the man who was employed in that capacity by the Department of Public Works, and was employed by him for two nights at the time that H. R. Searing, the engineer, and Henry Reilly, the steersman, were authorized to be employed last December.

(Minutes, December 15th, 1876, p. 465.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be authorized to employ John Meehan as night watchman of said steam roller when required, and that his pay be fixed 23 cents per hour when employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From Mr. James E. Serrell, City Surveyor, calling attention to his protest against the manner of constructing the Brook

Avenue sewer, and requesting an opportunity to appear before the Board and explain his objections more fully.

(Minutes, August 23, 1876, p. 261.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

Am. Dist. Tel. Co., rent and services.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., 1876.	\$7 16	
	City Parks Impt F.	21 50	
			<hr/> \$28 66
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., 1876.		94 21
Conklin, W. A., medicines.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., '76.		14 08
Donaldson, Thos., ruby globes.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., '76.		25 00
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art, Nov.			
and Dec.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., 1876.		1,833 83
Gildersleeve, W. H., bread, Dec.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., 1876.		40 64
Gordon, Robert, Acting Treas. expenses			
Art Mus.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., 1876.		624 70
Irwin, Wm. Petty, expenses.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P., 1876.	35 19	
	City Parks Impt.F.	36 01	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards, 1876	24 04	
	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards 1876.	25	
			<hr/> 95 49

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Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876...	\$72 50
Kreischer B. & Son, fire clay.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876,	2 25
McCarthy, John C., coal.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876...	15 00
Metropolitan Gas L. Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876...	122 25
Mitchell, Vance & Co., repairs to gas- aliers.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876...	100 95
Morgan, J. Pierrepont, Treas., expenses		
Mus. Nat. Hist.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876...	1,728 10
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, stoves.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., '76.....	21 00
New York Mutual Gas L. Co., rent Nov. and Dec.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876... City Parks Impt.F.	\$208 33 625 00
		<hr/> 833 33
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876... Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M., '76..... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876, Museum of Art... City Parks Impt.F.	28 70 1 05 70 70 38 85
		<hr/> 70 00
Tyson, David J., Jr., cabbages.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876...	22 50
		<hr/> <hr/> \$5,243 99

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1876....	\$4,495 89
City Park Improvement Fund.....	721 86
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	24 74
Harlem River Bridge, Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance, 1876.....	1 05
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876....	25
Museum of Art.....	70
	\$5,248 99

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-two hundred and forty-three $\frac{99}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

Auditing Committee.

New York, March 5th, 1877.

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

Byrne, James E., Agt. hay.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	\$19 98
Decker, Nicholas H. and Geo. W. Quin- tard, labor and material.....	Const. and Inpt. Riverside ave..	3,592 29
Edwards, Chas. A., hose.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	22 50
Hunter, Keller & Co., butts.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	3 68
Lefferts, Marshall, hoop iron.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	5 56
Jube, John P. & Co., rims, spokes, &c....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	24 58
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent, 36 Union square.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	416 67
Smith, Cohn & Co., lawn rakes.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	13 50
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	City Parks Inpt. Fund.....	18 00
		\$4,116 66

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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$506 37	
Construction and Improvement, Riverside avenue.....	3,592 29	
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	18 00	
		————— \$4,116 66

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-six cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENHAM, } Auditing
 " H. G. STEBBINS, } Committee.

New York, March 5, 1877.

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

F. O. Pierce & Co., varnish, paints, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$64 62	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	4 00	
		—————	\$68 62
Central Gas Light Co., gas, February... Harlem R. Reps., Impt. & M.....			60 00
Croes, J. James R., incidental expenses. Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards....			9 66
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		47 56
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, February... Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. & M.....		\$64 13	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	192 37	
		—————	256 50
Heller & Bardell, badge.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... ..		34 00
Irwin, Wm., incidental expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	71 95	
	Maint., &c., of 23d and 24th Wards.	12 48	
		—————	84 43

Keuffel & Esser, engineers' materials....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$176 45
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Feb- ruary.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	321 00
Mott, J. L., Iron works, grates	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	\$35 28
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	1 50
		<hr/> 36 78
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas meter..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	26 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., Gas Feb'y.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	670 00
N. Y. Gas Light Co	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	307 50
		<hr/> <u>\$2,098 50</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,770 28
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	180 45
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	13 98
Harlem River bridges, repairs, improvement and mainten- ance.....	124 13
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	9 66
	<hr/> <u>\$2,098 50</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, March 7th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes:

To the Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.		
Feb. 21.	By balance.....		\$1,709 26	
Feb. 21	} " licenses and sundry receipts.....		19 96	
to				
March 7.				<u>\$1,729 22</u>
1877.		DR.		
March 7.	To balance.....		\$1,729 22	\$1,729 22
		DR.		
	" cash in Bank of Metropolis.....		\$1,709 26	
	" " drawer.....		19 96	
				<u>\$1,729 22</u>

(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, March 7, 1877.

9.30 A. M.

Balance in Bank.

The Treasurer stated that the balance in the bank as shown in his report, was the surplus of a fund paid to the Department by the Comptroller, under authority of Chapter 651, Laws of 1874; and he moved that it be referred to the President to examine and report what disposition can be made of said balance.

(Minutes, March 18, 1876, p. 675.)

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller and the preambles and resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in relation to the proposed bridge over Harlem River at Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, presented a communication from General George S. Greene, Engineer, and also estimates prepared by him, giving the information desired by the Comptroller and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

(Minutes, to March 5th, 1877, p. 649.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the President be requested to transmit said estimates to the Comptroller, in reply to his letter and the preambles and resolutions of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Screened Gravel.

The PRESIDENT stated that last autumn, fearing the navigation on Hudson River would not be opened soon enough to allow the Department to obtain screened gravel for the roads and walks of the parks when required this spring, he had requested Mr. John Slattery, from whom the Treasurer was then authorized to purchase screened gravel, to bring two boat loads to the city, and have them in readiness when the Department required them. That he did so, and that the gravel was now on the parks.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the President be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to give Mr. John Slattery an order for said two boat loads of screened gravel.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase screened gravel of the quality approved by the Board, from such parties as he may select, for the use of the roads and walks of the park.

(Minutes, Oct. 4th, 1876, p. 328.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Parade Ground in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that a bill had been introduced in the Legislature authorizing the First Division of the National Guard of the State to use the lawns in Central Park, during certain portions of the year, as a parade ground.

He then presented a petition to the Legislature which he had prepared, protesting against the passage of such an act.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said petition be engrossed, signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Legislature.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Laying Out the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that, in order to monument the dis-

trict of the Twenty-fourth Ward west of Riverdale Road, the map of which was adopted by the Board on the 28th ultimo, the Civil and Topographical Engineer required the services of two chainmen and that there are now no chainmen employed in his office.

He then moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be authorized to employ Thomas Fox and Matthew Cox (lately members of his force) as chainmen whenever he requires their service; and that their rate of pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day when so employed.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved as a substitute for said motion, that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to perform the work of monumenting said district with the with the force now employed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1

Bridge over Harlem River.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Mayor, Comptroller, and residents of the district principally affected by the construction of the proposed bridge over Harlem River at Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be requested to meet with the Commissioners of this Department on Saturday the 10th instant, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering whether the said bridge should be constructed at a height thirty feet above high water mark, or at a height of only about ten or twelve feet.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 666.)

Adopted.

Battery Park—Refreshment Pavilion.

The PRESIDENT called up the communication of the Superintending Architect submitting the preliminary study for a "Refreshment Pavilion" on the Battery Park, and moved that the plan of said pavilion as submitted by the Superintending Architect be approved and adopted.

(Minutes, February 14, 1877, p. 611.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Meteorological Observatory.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the President be requested to obtain from the Counsel to the Corporation his opinion as to whether the cost and expenses of the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory, including the salaries of the Director and his Assistant, should not be charged to the sum of \$30,000 provided by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment "for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and also the Maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory."

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 655.)

Adopted.

Edward Kelly.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the Board in dismissing Edward Kelly, late a gatekeeper, from the employment of the Department be reconsidered.

(Minutes, January 24th, 1877, p. 560.)

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a

majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT presented the original assignment by Mr. Watts Cooke, receiver of the Watson Manufacturing Co., to Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., of the contract awarded to said Watson Manufacturing Co. for cases for the Museum of Natural History building, and moved that a copy of it be filed with said contract, and that the original be transmitted to the Finance Department.

(Minutes, January 18th, 1876, p. 536.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Saturday the 10th inst., at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 : 30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The COMPTROLLER of the City.

On motion of the President, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th inst. was dispensed with.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT moved that the opening of the proposals received for the construction of the iron bridge over Harlem River at One hundred and thirty-ninth Street and Madison Avenue be adjourned until 9:30 o'clock A. M. on Thursday the 15th inst., at this office.

(Minutes, March 5, 1877, p. 650.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore, Wenman
—4.

The meeting was then opened to the public, and the President announced to those present and to such of the bidders as desired to be present, the time and place of such adjournment.

In response to invitations as directed at the last meeting, the following named persons attended for the purpose of considering the question whether the bridge at Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, over the Harlem River, should be at a height of thirty feet, or at a height of ten or twelve feet above high water mark, viz. :

His Honor the Mayor, the Comptroller of the City, Hon. H. D. Purroy, President of the Board of Aldermen, Hon. S. H. Wales, President of the Dock Department, and the following, with other owners of property and residents, Joseph H. Godwin, J. L. Mott, Wm. E. Rider, L. G. Morris, B. G. Arnold, Henry L. Morris, Thomas Rae, J. B. Devlin, J. J. Crane, H. A. Cram, Wm. Cauldwell, S. R. Filley, Alonzo Carr, Theodore H. Conkling, Henry P. McGowan, James Manchester, George P. Webster, and Walter S. Cowles.

The four last named gentlemen, as a committee from the "Citizens Tax Payers' Protective Union of the Twelfth Ward," presented a petition against the construction of any bridge across the Harlem River.

The following gentlemen then spoke in favor of constructing a high bridge, viz. : L. G. Morris, B. G. Arnold, J. J. Crane, Wm. Cauldwell, and Alonzo Carr.

Mr. J. L. Mott favored the construction of a low bridge, but said a rise of no more than about four feet to one hundred in the approaches to the bridge as proposed on the plans, would remove his objections to a high bridge.

Mr. Cram opposed the construction of any bridge, the construction of which would require the avenue to be filled up at his expense or necessitate the erection of a trestle work in front of his lots.

The Mayor, the Comptroller and the other gentlemen present, then retired.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the President be requested to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, as to whether this Department has the authority to construct the approaches to said bridge on both sides of the Harlem River.

Adopted.

Gardeners.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the following Division Gardeners and Gardeners be restored, viz. : Division Gardeners John Johnson, William Werner and James Donally; Gardeners Conrad Doerner, George Kugler, E. Fischer and Albert Schwencke.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Laborers in the Menagerie.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the following laborers, heretofore employed in the Menagerie, be restored from March 1st, 1877, viz. : Peter Shannon and Philip Holmes.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN enquired whether the provisions of the preambles and resolutions in relation to the employment of laborers, adopted on the 28th ulto, had been carried out.

Employment of Laborers.

The PRESIDENT then presented the following in relation to the preambles and resolutions moved by Commissioner Stebbins, and adopted by the Board on the 28th ult., and stated that he had directed the Secretary not to give notice of the adoption of the same until further order.

The resolutions passed by the Board on the 28th February, on the motion of Commissioner Stebbins, providing for the mode of employment of all persons in any capacity whatever in this Department, violates the statutes by which this Department is controlled and its own By-Laws and ordinances, I, therefore, hold and decide that they are illegal, irregular, invalid and void.

In their express terms they include all employés—officers, clerks, engineers, police, as well as foremen mechanics and laborers.

They make changes in the powers and duties of the Superintendent and the Disbursing Clerk.

They are in conflict with and nullified by—

Sec. 6, Chap. 290, Laws of 1871, which provides that the Department may, by and through its President, appoint a police force.

Sec. 6, Art. II, of the By-Laws, which provides that there shall be such employés as may be determined by the Board.

Sec. 4, Art. III, of the By-Laws, which provides that the Landscape Architect may nominate laborers, gardeners, &c., to the Board.

Sec. 2, Art. II, of the By-Laws, which provides that the Superintendent of Parks shall have the disposition, management, and discipline of the force employed.

I respectfully advise the Board of this decision.

WM. R. MARTIN,
President.

NEW YORK, 8th March, 1877.

Commissioner STEBBINS then presented the following :

As the mover of the resolutions of the 28th February, I reply to the protest of the President, that it is not a true interpretation of the law, or of the by-laws of the Board.

The object of the resolutions is to control the appointment of all men employed by the Board, where, by law, the authority is alone vested, and see that they are properly placed on the pay rolls.

The resolutions are intended to prevent the exercise of this power by any single Commissioner, or by any subordinate of the Department, and to confine this authority to the Board where it belongs and where the responsibility rests.

The protest of the President is designed to defeat this just and proper exercise of the Board's prerogative, to retain the control of it for himself, and transfer at his discretion the same powers to the Superintendent.

The resolutions in no way contravene the statute to which he refers, nor do they invalidate any by-law, nor are they intended to change the organic law upon which the commission rests.

They are the act of the Board regulating the manner in which men shall be employed and placed on the pay-rolls. They reassert its rights, powers and duties, and are not in conflict with any previous legislation.

(Minutes, Feb. 28, 1877, p. 644.)

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock m., to meet on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 7th and 10th insts. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Berrian Avenue Flagging.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, approved by His Honor the Mayor, on the 9th inst. :

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance, approved by the Mayor, May 5, 1875, directing the flagging of the west side of Berrian Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street, be amended by inserting the words “ the second angle north of the” immediately before the word “ Kingsbridge;” and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

(Minutes, Nov. 22, 1876, p. 424.)

Filed.

Broken Stones for the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the samples of the broken stone submitted with the proposals received on the 7th instant, in which he states as follows :

“ I recommend that the bid of Forsyth & Sherman be ac-

“cepted, if they will furnish all the stone of a quality fully equal to their sample No. 1 ; if they will not do that, I recommend that the bid by J. B. Devlin be accepted.”

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 653.)

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 5) of Messrs. Forsyth & Sherman for furnishing and delivering 1,000 cubic yards of broken stone on the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to the said Forsyth & Sherman for stone of the quality of their sample marked No. 1, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Bridge Steam Engine.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the progress made by the contractor for the construction of the steam engine for Third Avenue Bridge.

(Minutes, February 21, 1877, p. 625.)

• Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Cooke & Beggs, contractors for the elevator work of the Museum of Natural History building, stating that their contract is completed, with the exception of connecting a few steam joints, which will not cost more than about \$10, but which cannot be finished for about a month ; and asking to be paid on account of said contract the sum of \$500.

The communication is endorsed by the Superintending Architect recommending that a payment of \$500 on account be made to said contractors.

(Minutes, August 23, 1876, p. 260.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare an estimate for Messrs. Cooke & Beggs, contractors, for fitting up the elevator, &c., in the Museum of Natural History building, on account and not exceeding \$500.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., Assignees of the contractors for the construction of cases for the Museum of Natural History, stating that the glass which they proposed to use in said cases was imported from the London and Manchester Plate Glass Co., England, and is now in store at No. 94 Maiden Lane.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then moved that as recommended by the Superintending Architect, on the 7th June, he be directed to prepare an estimate for said contractors on account of the contract for said cases, to an amount not exceeding \$12,000.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 656.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. F. W. Lawrence, contractor for laying the artifi-

cial stone flooring in the Museum of Natural History building, claiming compensation to the amount of \$726.60, for additional work in said building, which he says is not included in his contract.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon said claim, in which he states that the work claimed by Mr. Lawrence as extra work, is included in the terms of the supplemental contract made by the Department with him, and he had therefore required Mr. Lawrence to do said work.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 376.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to advise the Department whether the work for which payment is claimed, is extra work, or is included in the work provided for by the contract or agreement; and, if he is of opinion that it is extra work, whether the Department has authority to pay a reasonable sum for it.

Adopted.

Refreshments in Central Park.

From Mr. C. Ryan, licensee for supplying refreshments in Central Park, applying for an extension of his license for five years from October 31st, 1877, the termination of his present license.

(Minutes, November 2, 1872, p. 556.)

Referred to the President to report.

Boat Service in Central Park.

From Mr. T. S. Dick, applying for a renewal of his license for the boat service on the lake in Central Park.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 111.)

Referred to the President to report.

Bath-house at the Battery.

From Mr. Isaac Hall, applying for a renewal of the license to moor his bath-house outside the wall of the Battery Park during the coming summer.

(Minutes, Feb. 2, 1876, p. 583.)

Referred to the President to report.

Riverside Park.

From Mr. R. L. Schieffelin, calling the attention of the Department to a well on Riverside Park, near Ninety-second Street, and requesting that, in the construction of Riverside Avenue, it be not interfered with.

The President stated that he had already given directions to have said well preserved, and moved that said communication be filed.

Adopted.

Crosswalk at 5th Avenue and 60th Street.

From Mr. W. C. H. Waddell, requesting the Department to lay a crosswalk across Fifth Avenue at Sixtieth Street.

Filed.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From Mr. J. W. Crow, suggesting that the location of the proposed bridge over Harlem River, at Madison Avenue, be changed to a point about 800 feet north of the present location.

(Minutes, January 30, 1875, p. 490.)

Filed.

Geo. E. Graham.

From Mr. George E. Graham, employed in the Museum building, Central Park, asking an increase of pay.

Laid over.

John O'Connor.

From Mr. John O'Connor, applying for the position of gate-keeper on the police force.

Filed.

Treadwell Seaman.

From Mr. Joseph Spears and others, accompanied by a letter of recommendation from Mr. A. W. Craven, requesting

that Mr. Treadwell Seaman be appointed an inspector of masonry.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	\$98 20	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	125 05	
			223 25
Devlin, John B., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		824 75
Gordon, Robt., actg. Treas., expenses Mu- seum of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		534 25
Harmer, Hayes & Co., whip and harness materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		16 03
Horgan, Cornelius, meat.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		215 22
Kelly, Thomas, broken stone.....	Maint., etc., 23d 24th Wards....		200 00
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	10 00	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	20 00	
			30 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing, Jany. and Feby.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		38 90
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Lake and Arsenal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		68 00

Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses Museum N. H.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	415 26
Mullane, John, hay, straw, oats, etc. ...	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	410 28
New York & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., gas, Feby.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	375 75
Sherman, Robt., broken stone.	Maint. etc. 23d and 24th Wards.	800 00
Wetmore & Co., iron and tires.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	38 02
		\$4,189 71

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	2,181 01
City Parks Improvement Fund.	145 05
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	1,863 65
	\$4,189 71

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-one cents.

(Sgd.) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, March 14th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,

—4.

Balance in Bank.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the subject of the

balance in bank, and to report what disposition can be made of it, presented the following report :

March 9, 1877.

To the Board of Commissioners :

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned, to whom was referred the subject of the balance of \$1,709.26 of the fund paid to this Department by the Comptroller of the city, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 651, Laws of 1874, begs leave to report that from a previous report on the subject, presented to the Board on the 18th February, 1876, by the then Treasurer, it appears that he had, at that date, paid all claims properly chargeable to said fund, leaving the balance above stated in excess of the requirements.

That the Counsel to the Corporation has advised this Department, on the 18th of March, 1876, that this Department cannot use said balance for any other purpose than that for which it was appropriated, without the authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

That there are certain old claims still outstanding for work and supplies furnished to this Department in the years 1871, and 1872, in connection with the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River, under authority of Chapter 534, Laws of 1871.

That, on March 18th, 1876, this Department adopted resolutions requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make a transfer of said balance, to enable said old claims to be paid, and that said resolutions were duly forwarded to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. That no action has been taken by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the matter.

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be called to said resolutions, and they be requested to take action on the application of the Department at an early day.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 665.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be received and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Suspended Mechanics and Laborers.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all suspended mechanics and laborers be, and are hereby, dismissed from this date.

(Minutes, February 21, 1877, p. 632.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the opening of the proposals for the construction of the iron bridge over Harlem River, at Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned from to-morrow, the 15th inst., to Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 9:30 o'clock A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, March 10th, 1877, p. 671.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer. L. K. Osborn.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Lewis K. Osborn be appointed an inspector upon the work of the construction of the sewer in Brook Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$4 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Employment of Laborers.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the resolutions offered by Commissioner Stebbins, and adopted on the 28th ultimo, in relation to the employment of employés, together with the opinions thereon presented at the last meeting by the President and Commissioner Stebbins, be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the legality of said resolutions.

(Minutes, March 10, 1877, p. 673.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman—2.

President. Secretary.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That there is no authority vested in the President to authorize the suspension of the duties of the Secretary when imposed directly by resolution of the Board, as in the case of the proceedings of the Board on the 28th ultimo, establishing the manner in which men shall be employed and placed upon the pay-rolls of the Department.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Secretary, in all cases, to forward the instructions of the Board ; and he is notified that the Board will not view with indifference any violation of his duties at the suggestion of any individual Commissioner.

(Minutes, March 10, 1877, p. 674..)

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Edward Kelly.

The PRESIDENT stated that Edward Kelly, late a gate-keeper, desired to have the application of Mr. Thos. B. Tappan and others for his reinstatement, which was presented to the Board on the 24th January, 1877, and filed, returned to him; and he moved that the Secretary be authorized to take said application from the file and return it to said Edward Kelly.

(Minutes, January 24, 1877, p. 560.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11.45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Adjourned meeting for the purpose of opening the proposals received for the construction of the iron bridge over Harlem River, at One hundred and thirty-ninth Street and Madison Avenue.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

The meeting was opened to the public, and the President announced to those present, and to those of the bidders who desired to be present, that the Board had adjourned the opening of the proposals until Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, March 14, 1877, p. 685.)

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Secretary D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 14th and 15th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Tompkins Square.

From his Honor the Mayor, requesting to be informed whether the work on Tompkins Square cannot be finished this spring, and what has caused so much delay in its construction.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 380.)

Referred to the President to reply.

Bridges over Harlem River]

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following preamble and resolution adopted by that Board on the 14th inst., viz. :

Whereas, Different views are entertained by citizens interested in the erection of a proposed bridge over the Harlem River, as well as by officers of the city regarding the comparative advantages of a high and low bridge; therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, requested to prepare plans and estimates for building an iron bridge over the Harlem River, at One hundred and thirty-eighth Street and Madison Avenue, at an elevation of the

roadway of twelve feet above high water, and submit the same to this Board at as early a date as practicable, together with estimates of all expenses attending the same, including the cost of filling and completing the approaches to the ends of the bridge, and the necessary regulating and grading of the streets to open it to the public for passage and travel on and from both sides of the river; and also report the names of persons owning property affected thereby and subject to assessment for any portion of the expenses.

Resolved, That no action be taken by this Board to authorize the issue of bonds for the building of the proposed bridge over Harlem River, before the plans and estimates of the cost of a low as well as a high bridge are submitted, and a comparison can be made of their respective expense and public benefit, and that the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, requested not to open any proposals for building the proposed bridge before such plans and estimates are submitted and duly considered.

(Minutes, February 14, 1877, p. 617.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and estimates as requested by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that he be authorized to reply to said Board, forwarding said plans and estimates and giving the information required.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the opening of the proposals for the construction of the iron bridge over Harlem River at Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 4th day of April, 1877, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, March 15, 1877, p. 689.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The hour of half-past nine o'clock, A. M., having arrived, the meeting was opened to the public, and to those of the bidders who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of such adjournment.

Harlem River Bridges.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Appor-

tionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 29th January, 1877, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for "Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance," for the year 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for the same objects and purposes, for the year 1877, for which it is required.

(Minutes, January 26, 1877, p. 569).

Filed.

Steam Transit Routes in the 23d and 24th Wards

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Landscape Architect, submitting a plan for local steam transit routes in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be printed as a document of the Board, and that the plan be laid over.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman
Wetmore—4.

(See Document No. 75.)

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting an adjusted map of streets, &c., in the district between Riverdale Road and Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, the plan of which was presented to the Board on the 28th of February last, and stating that the map had been examined by most of the owners of property, and had met with general approval. That a few modifications, which seemed to be judicious, in the light of the explanations of land owners, had been made and are embodied in the plan now submitted.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 658.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the consideration of the

said plan be laid over until Wednesday the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., and that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to notify the land owners of said district that the Board will hear them upon it at that time.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore —4.

Skate House.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the Skate House, at the south end of the Lake, in Central Park, is now so old and decayed, that to remove it and put it in repair to erect again next winter, and to put the ground now occupied by it in order, will cost from \$2,600 to \$3,000. That to leave the house standing, paint it, and make some slight repairs, will cost about \$400.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to remove said house, as has been usual heretofore.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore —4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. P. McDermott, contractor for the plumbing work of the Museum of Natural History building, applying for a payment, on account, of \$1,000.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting in favor

of granting a payment, on account, of \$1,000 to said contractor.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare an estimate for said contractor, on account, to an amount not exceeding \$1,000.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. J. V. Donovan, contractor for the carpenter work of the Museum of Natural History building, applying for a further payment, on account, of \$7,000.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting in favor of granting a payment, on account, of \$7,000, to said contractor.

(Minutes, February 14, 1877, p. 608.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare an estimate for said contractor, on account, to an amount not exceeding \$7,000.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Watts Cooke, Receiver of the Watson Manufacturing Company, contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art building, applying for a payment, on account, of \$6,000.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting in favor of granting a payment of \$6,000 on account, to said contractors.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate for said contractors, on account, to an amount not exceeding \$6,000.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Broken Trap-Rock and Screenings for the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that he required 1,300 cubic yards of broken trap-rock, and 500 cubic yards of trap-rock screenings for the Southern Boulevard and One hundred and thirty-eighth Street, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and publish the necessary advertisements for proposals to furnish and deliver the said broken trap-rock and screenings in the manner required by the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. James C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer of the construction of Riverside Avenue, stating that the houses

situate at One hundred and eleventh Street, and at One hundred and twenty-fourth Street, on said avenue, and which were reserved by the Department at the time of the sale of the other houses, are becoming encumbrances to the progress of the work.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, stating that to remove said houses and build the necessary foundation walls, will cost about \$3,500 for each house.

(Minutes, Nov. 22, 1876, p. 425, and January 3, 1877, p. 508.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said houses be removed from the line of said avenue to suitable positions on Riverside Park, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue such order for the work of said removal as may be necessary.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

R. L. Cooke.

From General George S. Greene, Engineer, reporting that Mr. R. L. Cooke has continued, since his discharge from the employment of the Department on the 7th of February last, to work on the plans of the iron bridge proposed to be built over Harlem River at Madison Avenue, and recommending that he be compensated, as his services are necessary.

(Minutes, February 7th and 14th, 1877, pp. 605 and 612.)

Laid over.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, submitting his report for the year ending December 31st, 1876, and requesting

that 400 copies of it for distribution be printed, separately from other reports.

The PRESIDENT moved that he be authorized to make requisition upon the Board of City Record to print 400 copies of said report, as requested.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Lighting the Lamps on Battery Park.

From Mr. Hugh N. Camp, Treasurer of the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Company, offering to light the lamps on the Battery Park during the month of April next for \$2.25 per lamp.

(Minutes, Jan. 17, 1877, p. 540.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a contract be given to the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Company to fix their improved attachment to the lamps now in use on the Battery Park, and to light said lamps during the month of April, 1877, for the sum of \$2.25 per lamp, and on the conditions, terms, and specifications contained in the form of contract now used by the Department for lighting the lamps ; and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

William A. Jefferes.

From Mr. William Alger Jefferes, who was formerly employed

in the office of the Superintending Engineer, requesting that he be paid for the days that he worked for the Department during the months of January, February, and March, 1876, after his discharge.

(Minutes, Jan. 13th, 1876, p. 517.)

Referred to the President to report.

Dennis Fitzpatrick.

From the Police Department, stating that Mr. Dennis Fitzpatrick, an applicant for a certificate as to qualification to take charge as engineer, of a steam boiler and engine situate at Harlem Bridge, has been examined, and, having been found to be duly qualified, was granted a certificate.

(Minutes, Nov. 8, 1876, p. 400.)

Filed.

Experiment with a Fire Extinguishing Compound.

From Mr. G. J. Crickelair, requesting permission to erect a small temporary structure of boards in the City Hall Park, for the purpose of making an experiment with "Reec's Compound Fire Extinguisher."

(Minutes, Jan. 24 1877, p. 560.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said application be referred to Commissioner Wenman, with power.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Coogan, Wm., flagging.....	Flagging west side Berrian Avenue, from Isaac St. to the second angle N. of the Kings- bridge Road...
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\$136 30

Croft, Wm. F., pedestal for arm of Statue of Liberty	City Parks Impt. Fund.	972 00
Cooke & Beggs, elevator	Mus. Nat. History.	500 00
Watson Manfg. Co., labor and matls.	Mus. Nat. History.	12,000 00
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		<u>\$13,608 30</u>

RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund	\$972 00
Museum Natural History	12,500 00
Flagging west side of Berrian Avenue, from Isaac Street to the second angle north of the Kingsbridge Road.	136 30
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	<u>\$13,608 30</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and eight dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, March 21st, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Arrests on the Parks by Metropolitan Police.

Commissioner Stebbins stated, that he was informed Captain Williams of the Twenty-first Precinct of the Metropolitan Police force had arrested a young gentleman a few days since, for riding a velocipede on Madison Square, where permission

for that purpose had been given by this Department; and he moved that the President be requested to ascertain the facts connected with the case and communicate with the Police Department on the subject.

Adopted.

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks, &c.

The PRESIDENT read a letter which he had addressed to the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, on the 10th inst., suggesting to them that a fair interpretation of Section 73 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, will include the lighting, under the Gas Commission, of all the public lamps, whether situated in the parks or along the streets.

(Minutes, January 8, 1874, p. 511.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, forming the Gas Commission, be, and hereby are, respectfully requested to light the lamps in the public parks, places and bridges, under the control of this Department, as well as those on the streets, and to pay for the expense thereof out of the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas" for the year 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore, Wenman
—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals for supplying illuminating material to, lighting, cleaning and reglazing, &c., all or any portion of the public lamps on the public parks, squares, places, and bridges, under the control of this Department, from May 1st to December 31st, 1877, both days inclusive.

(Minutes, Dec. 6, 1876, p. 451.)

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore, Wenman,—4.

Bath House at the Battery.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the application of Mr. Isaac Hall for a license to moor his bath-house outside the wall of Battery Park, verbally reported and recommended that a license be given to Mr. Hall, for that purpose, during this year, and that his license fee be fixed at the sum of \$575, to be paid or applied in maintenance and repairs, on or before July 10th, 1877.

(Minutes, March 14, 1877, p. 680.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the report of the President be accepted, and the recommendation therein adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Thomas Farrell.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that it be referred with power to the President to employ Thomas Farrell, lately employed in the Menagerie, as a laborer, if there is any place where his services are required.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Berrian Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment list for the work of flagging the west side of Berrian Avenue, from the second angle north of Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street, together with the statement of the amount, and cost of the work, and moved that they be signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, March 14, 1877 677).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore, Wenman
—4.

Pipe Sewers in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT presented duplicated assignments from Mr. R. G. Walmsley, to the Mechanics' & Traders' Bank of the City New York, of the contract awarded to Mr. Frank A. O'Donnel, for the construction of pipe sewers in Central Park, and moved that one of said assignments be transmitted to the Finance Department, and that the other be filed with the contract.

(Minutes, Feby. 14, 1877, p. 618.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 9 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 21st instant were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Brook Avenue Sewer—George M. Cushing.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the work on Brook Avenue sewer requires the employment of an assistant to inspect and test the cement used, and recommending Mr. George M. Cushing for the position.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. George M. Cushing be, and he is hereby, appointed an assistant upon the work of constructing the Brook Avenue sewer, and that his pay be fixed at \$3 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Stone Liberty Bell.

From the Dorchester Union Free Stone Company, offering to present to the Department an accurate fac-simile of the old "Liberty Bell" in Philadelphia, cut out of the Dorchester freestone.

The PRESIDENT moved that the offer be accepted, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the cost of removal of said bell if necessary.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Steam Engine on Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Police Department, forwarding a certificate of the inspection of the boiler of the steam-engine on Third Avenue Bridge.

(Minutes, Feby. 21, 1877, p. 625.)

Filed.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the communication of Mr. J. E. Serrell in reference to the plans of Brook Avenue sewer.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 659.)

Filed.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding a copy of the notice he had sent to the land owners in the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, between Broadway and Riverdale Road, as directed by the Board.

(Minutes March 21, 1877, p. 693.)

Filed.

Museum of Art.

From the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, applying for a payment of \$4,000 on account of their contract for heating and ventilating the Museum of Art.

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

T. Meehan. Thomas Farrell.

From Thomas Meehan, applying for the position lately held by John Fagan, skilled laborer.

The PRESIDENT stated that John Fagan, skilled laborer, had recently died. That up to the time of his death he had acted as janitor of the Museum building, Central Park. That he had directed the Superintendent to place Thomas Meehan temporarily in his place; and that he had appointed Thomas Farrell to the position held by Meehan, as authorized by the Board on the 21st instant.

(Minutes March 21, 1877, p. 702.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the President be approved, that Thomas Meehan be promoted to the position of skilled laborer, lately held by John Fagan, deceased, and that his pay be fixed at \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Philanzo Edick.

From Mr. Joseph H. Godwin, recommending Mr. Philanzo Edick for the position of inspector.

Filed.

Patrick Brennan.

From Mr. J. Nelson Waterbury, recommending Mr. Patrick Brennan for the position of a carpenter.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

Coogan, Wm., flagging, etc.....	Flagging and laying crosswalks N. side 173d Street from 3d. Ave. to Railroad Ave.....		\$830 00
Devlin, Jno. B., screened gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		511 89
Donvan, J. V., labor and materials.....	Mus. Natl. History		7000 00
Early & Lane, matches, pails and baskets.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$18 55	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and M.	62	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	58	
			19 75
Frassé & Co., screws.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		4 25
Gildersleeve, W. H., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		33 98
Labagh, William O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$6 60	
	Museum of Art...	1 25	
			7 85

McDermott, P., labor and materials	Mus. Natl. History	\$1000 00
McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., plumbing materials	City Parks Imp't. Fund	\$28 27
	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.	4 80
		<hr/> 33 07
Moffat, David & Co., leather	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.	16 83
New York & N. J. Globe Gas L. Co., re- pairs to lamps	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.	44 00
Reeves, Robt. C., mower parts	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	35 70
Slattery, James, screened gravel	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	702 61
Smith, Cohn & Co., hardware	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$20 25
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. and Maint.	11 29
		<hr/> 31 54
Scott, D., fish and vegetables, Jan. & Feb.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	63 93
Tone, Theo. F., coal	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	225 00
Watson Mfg. Co., labor and materials	Museum of Art	7000 00
Wheatley, R. R., hay and oats	Maint. 23d & 24th Ward	48 20
Wright, Green, broken stone	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards	600 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$18,208 60

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places	\$1684 14
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.	11 91
City Parks Improvement Fund	33 10
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	648 20

Flagging and Laying Crosswalks 173d Street.....	\$830 00
Museum of Natural History.....	8,000 00
Museum of Art.....	7,001 25
	\$18,208 60

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen thousand two hundred and eight dollars and sixty cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, March 28, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Payments by Mr. C. Ryan.

Commissioner WENMAN presented a bill from Mr. C. Ryan, licensee for sale of refreshments in Central Park, amounting to \$98, being the amount paid by Mr. Ryan for labor in connection with the skating in December, 1876, and without which the skating would have had to be discontinued. Accompanying said bill is a letter from Mr. C. Ryan, stating the facts, and enclosing a detailed statement of the payments made by him.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said bill and subject be laid over.

Adopted.

Bath House at the Battery.

The PRESIDENT presented and read the form of license pre-

pared for Mr. Isaac Hall, licensee of the bath house at the Battery, as directed at the last meeting of the Board.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the form of license as read by the President be approved, and that the President be authorized to sign same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 702.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore.
—4.

Thomas Fox, Matthew Cox.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be, and he hereby is, authorized to employ Thomas Fox and Matthew Cox as chairmen on such days as he shall require their services, and that their pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day when so employed.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 667.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

John Brady.

The PRESIDENT presented a certificate from Dr. Rohner, that John Brady, a laborer, was ill and unable to work from the 16th to the 23d inst. He then moved that said John Brady be restored to work.

Adopted.

George W. Pyne.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. George W. Pyne be appointed to a position on the police force.

The PRESIDENT moved that said appointment be laid over.
Adopted.

173d Street (formerly Eleventh Street).

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment list for the work of flagging the sidewalk on the north side of the street known as 173d Street (formerly Eleventh Street), in the Twenty-fourth Ward, from Third Avenue to Railroad Avenue, and laying crosswalks across each intersecting avenue; together with the statement of the amount and cost of the work, and moved that they be signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, Nov. 8, 1876, p. 400.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the Comptroller of the city entered, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller, and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works, viz.:

1. Encaustic tiling for the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 541.)

2. Construction, removal, and remodelling of cases for the
Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, Nov. 15, 1876, p. 412.)

The following estimates or proposals were received :

I.—ENCAUSTIC TILING.

1. Miller & Coates.....	\$21,450
2. Thomas Aspinwall & Son.....	18,950
3. Edward Boote.....	20,700
4. Anderson, Merchant & Co.....	21,857
5. The American Encaustic Tile Co.....	26,975

II.—CONSTRUCTION, &C., OF CASES.

1. Morton, Chesley & Co.....	\$19,610
2. J. V. Donovan.....	13,711
3. Strippel & Son.....	10,935

The Comptroller then retired.

Laying out the 23rd and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the consideration of the subject of the map or plan for laying out the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, between Riverdale Road and Broadway, be taken up, and that the property owners be received and heard in reference thereto.

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 707.)

Adopted.

The following owners of property were then received, viz. :

Waldo Hutchings,	Hiram Barney,
N. P. Bailey,	Joseph H. Godwin,
J. J. Crane,	James A. Hayden,
W. G. Ackerman,	Jacob Weber,
L. L. Delafield,	Charles White,
Robert White,	Webster Woodman.

Mr. Delafield approved of the general principles of the plan, but objected to its adoption on the following grounds, viz. : That there are too many roads laid out, and that in certain places some of the roads are too wide, and he also objected to the places taken for parks, on the ground that there should be no public parks or places.

Mr. Hutchings favored the plan, with the exception of the width of the streets, which, he thought, should be narrower.

Mr. Godwin, Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Robert White, and Mr. Woodman, all expressed their approval of the plan as submitted.

After the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer had explained the principles of the plan, and the necessity for the number and width of the streets, the property owners retired.

Commissioner WETMORE then moved that the further consideration of said map or plan be laid over.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 4th of April, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, APRIL 2d, 1877.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call of the President.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square (East).—30th March, 1877. }

MR. WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

Sir,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board, on Monday morning at nine o'clock A. M., to consider the subject of the bill of Mr. Wm. F. Croft, for the erection of the foundation pedestal, on which the Arm of the Statue of Liberty is placed.

Respectfully,
(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN,
President, D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 28th ulto. was dispensed with :

The following communication was presented and read :

Statue of Liberty.

From the Comptroller of the City of New York, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
March 24, 1877.

HON. WM. R. MARTIN,
President, Department of Parks.

Sir,—A voucher in favor of Wm. F. Croft, amounting to nine hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$972), for erecting a pedestal for the Arm of the Statue of

Liberty, at Madison Square, has been transmitted to this Department for payment, requisition having been made upon the "City Parks Improvement Fund."

Chapter 608, Laws of 1875, creating this fund, provides that the moneys realized from said funded stock, shall be applied only to the construction and improvement of said Parks, etc.

It is understood that this pedestal holds a portion of Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty, which has been presented to the citizens of the United States, and has been accepted by Congress, who have donated land on one of the Islands in the Harbor, on which the Statue is to be erected, and it is also understood that a committee of distinguished citizens has been selected, having in charge the raising of moneys for the purpose of defraying the expense of a suitable pedestal, and the erection of the Statue thereon.

If these are the facts, the Arm of the Statue is soon to be changed from its present location, and was not intended to be permanently placed in the Park, and it is difficult to understand how any work connected with it can enter into the construction or improvement of the Parks, or in what manner the city can be properly chargeable with any of the expense. I will thank you to explain under what interpretation of the law and the facts you have certified this to be a claim against the city.

Respectfully,
(Signed)

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

The PRESIDENT then read the following letter which he had sent to the Comptroller in reply to the foregoing, viz. :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (East),
March 27, 1877.

Hon JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller :

SIR,—In response to your letter of 24th inst. with reference to the bill of Mr. W. F. Croft for the foundation, &c., for the Arm of the "Statue of Liberty" on Madison Square, we have to say :

That the subject was brought to the attention of this Department by Mayor Wickham in a letter, of which a copy is appended.

The Board, therefore, determined to lay and construct the foundation in and upon which Mr. Bartholdi might place the arm of the Statue. The circumstances of the gift of this Statue by the people of France to this country, its proposed erection in the vicinity of this city, and the exhibition here of the Arm and Torch of the statue, are too well known to need repetition.

We respectfully submit that this work comes properly within the improvement of the Parks, and that our determination of that question is correct, and not open to question.

In this light it is not material whether the arm of the Statue is ever removed or not. Perpetual permanence is not essential to the improvement of the Parks, and our work would remain, even if the arm was removed.

(Signed)

Yours respectfully,
WM. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the Comptroller still refused payment of Mr. Croft's bill, and had suggested that the Department should make application for a transfer by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide funds for the payment

of the bill. He then offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas this Department has charged the bill of Wm. F. Croft, for \$972, for work done and materials furnished in the erection of the pedestal for the arm of the Statue of Liberty, on Madison Square, to the City Parks Improvement Fund, and is of the opinion that it is a proper charge to that fund, and that it is within its province to determine that question ; and

Whereas the Comptroller, in dissenting from that opinion, expresses his readiness to approve and recommend an appropriation from the unexpended balances for the payment of the bill ; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to transfer the sum of \$972 from some appropriation for the year 1876 on which there is a sufficient balance unexpended and not required for the purposes thereof, to an appropriation to pay said bill.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned from Wednesday, the 4th inst., at 9:30 o'clock A. M., until Wednesday, the 18th, inst., at 9:30 o'clock A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 692.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

GEORGE C. COFFIN,
Assistant Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the meeting was opened to the public and to those of the bidders for the construction of the bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of the adjournment, as directed by the Board on the 2d inst.

(Minutes, April 2, 1877, p. 717.)

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned at 9:35 o'clock, A. M., to meet on Friday, the 6th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary, D. P. P.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of March 28th, April 2d and 4th, 1877, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Concord Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the completion of the work of regulating and grading Concord Avenue between Westchester Road and Home Street in the Twenty-third Ward, in which he states :

“ In view of the difficulties in which this matter appears to be involved, I respectfully suggest that an effort should be made to have the work performed under the old contract with James Finnigan. There is nothing before me to show why he failed to go on with the work under his contract, but, at the present low prices of labor and materials, I should suppose that either he or some person to whom he might assign his contract, would be glad to complete the work of regulating and grading Concord Avenue.

* * * * *

“ If it is not practicable to have the work done under the contract with Finnigan, I renew my former recommendation, that application should be made to the Legislature to pass an act which would free the matter from doubt.

“ If any substantial reason has heretofore existed for doubt-

“ing the constitutionality of an act authorizing the completion
“of this avenue, such reason no longer exists.

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“This question has been recently considered by the Supreme
“Court in the case of *Hulbert vs. Banks*, and a decision has
“been rendered that the provision of the constitution, above
“referred to, does not apply to local acts providing for the
“improvement of streets in cities, and such decision of the
“Supreme Court has been affirmed by the Court of Appeals.
“(Howard’s Pr. Reps. for February, 1877, p. 196).

“It is suggested, that the owners of property on Concord
“Avenue, are very anxious to have the avenue completed, and
“I should suppose that, with their co-operation, there would
“be no difficulty whatever in procuring the passage of a brief
“act, authorizing this work to be done, and authorizing the
“Board of Assessors to lay an assessment for all moneys
“heretofore or to be hereafter expended.”

The President, to whom this matter had been referred, ver-
bally reported, that he had submitted the question to the Coun-
sel to the Corporation, who has given the foregoing advice.

That in compliance with said advice he had a draft bill pre-
pared and sent to the Legislature, and he submitted a copy of
said draft bill.

(Minutes, February 14, 1877, p. 611.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said communication from
the Corporation Counsel, and said draft bill be filed, and that
the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

The Casino—Deduction of Fees of Licensees for Repairs.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, giving his opinion as
to whether the Department has the power to allow Mr. C.
Ryan, licensee, &c., to make certain repairs to the Casino, and
deduct the cost thereof from the fees which he pays under the
terms of his agreement, in which he states:

“The contract with Mr. Ryan is of a peculiar nature, having
“in some respects the character of a lease, and, in others that
“of a license, though differing materially from ordinary leases,
“and from other licenses issued by officers of the city. I am
“informed by the Finance Department, that the moneys re-
“ceived through the Park Department from Mr. Ryan, are

“deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the ‘General Fund.’ Whether such moneys are properly regarded as ‘license fees,’ or should be considered ‘rents,’ and, whether they should be credited to the ‘General Fund,’ or to the ‘Sinking Fund,’ I think the right of the Department of Public Parks to now modify the contract with Mr. Ryan, in the manner proposed, is so extremely doubtful, that I must advise that such modification be not made. Whether the Department could originally have made a contract with Mr. Ryan providing that he should make all necessary repairs on said buildings, and, that in consideration of such covenant on his part, the Department would accept a percentage of his receipts less than that named in the present contract, is a different question from that just considered. Such a provision is a common one in leases, and, I think the Department could have lawfully made a contract with Mr. Ryan containing a provision of this character.”

(Minutes, February 7, 1877, p. 599.)

Filed.

Riverside Park. Morningside Park.

From the Landscape Architect, stating that he has seen evidence of the stealing of trees and shrubs, and of the wilful as well as careless injury and destruction of trees on Riverside Park. And suggesting the adoption of a few regulations or ordinances for Riverside and Morningside Parks during the time of their construction.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the following ordinances for Riverside and Morningside Parks be, and hereby are, adopted, and that the Secretary is hereby directed to cause the immediate publication of the same for ten days in the *City Record*, published in the city of New York.

Resolved, That the President is hereby directed to cause the further publication of said ordinances by means of hand bills, and to offer a reward, not exceeding twenty-five dollars, for evidence that will obtain the conviction of any person who violates the first section of said ordinances.

ORDINANCES APPLICABLE TO RIVERSIDE AND MORNINGSIDE PARKS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public

Parks, this 6th day of April, 1877, adopt and ordain the following ordinances for Riverside and Morningside Parks :

All persons are forbidden—

SEC. 1. To cut, break, bruise, peel, or in any way injure or deface trees or bushes, or any of the buildings, walls, fences, or constructions upon said parks.

SEC. 2. To turn cattle, horses, or goats upon them.

SEC. 3. To throw missiles, to discharge firearms, or to make fires upon them.

SEC. 4. To interfere with or hinder any men employed in the service of the city upon them.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, recommending that a payment on account, not exceeding \$4,000 be made to the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, contractors.

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 707.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of said Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company to an amount not exceeding \$4,000.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Thos. Bell.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards forwarding a bill of Mr. Thos. Bell of \$2.15 for

certain repairs to harness belonging to the Department made in November and December, 1876.

The PRESIDENT moved that payment of said bill be authorized.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Memorial Committee, G. A. R.—Union Square Cottage.

From Mr. John H. Brady, Chairman of the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, requesting permission for said Committee to occupy the Reception Room in the Cottage on Union Square, until Decoration Day, the 30th May, for the purpose of receiving flowers and donations.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be granted.

Adopted.

Worth Monument.

From Mr. James M. Turner, Commander of the "E. A. Kimball Post," of the Grand Army of the Republic, requesting permission for said Post to decorate the Worth Monument on Decoration Day.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that permission be granted, as requested, on condition that Mr. Turner has all the decorations and temporary fixtures for the same removed the next day after Decoration Day.

Adopted

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. W. A. Haines, of the Committee on Plans of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of the following changes in the plans of the Museum of Natural History building, and asking that they be ordered as soon as convenient, viz.:

No. 1.

Plumbing.

Fitting up four (4) sinks, galvanized, 36 x 21 x 12 inches, supplied with hot and cold water, through $\frac{3}{4}$ inch A A lead pipes for hot water, and 1 inch A A lead pipe for cold water, with $\frac{3}{4}$ cocks for hot and cold water, and 1 inch independent cock to attach hose, lined up four (4) feet all round with slate, 1 inch thick, and slate platforms on floor, and three (3) inch waste pipes, traps, etc., complete, with sink in cellar, supplied with hot and cold water, for the sum of.....	\$467 00
Removing and altering four (4) wash basins, with marble slabs, etc., at \$22.....	88 00
Altering gas pipes in four (4) rooms, at \$6.....	24 00
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	\$579 00

No. 2.

To groove the standards throughout the building, for the sum of....	\$250 00
Putting adjustable shelves on the two upper tiers of shelves of six (6) cases on third floor, for.....	240 00
Putting in movable backs to all B. cases upon two upper floors.....	194 00
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	\$684 00

No. 3.

Furnishing and putting on the letters and figures on all the cases in the building.....	\$248 00
Putting in inclined shelves on the two upper tiers of 8 C. cases, and 2 B. cases on gallery floor, for.....	175 00
Building 12 closets for packing away things not in use, for.....	360 00
Two platforms, on wheels.....	50 00
Six (6) pine table-tops, 3 ft. x 6 ft., and 12 horses to support them....	30 00
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	\$863 00

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Superintending Architect, to report upon.

Adopted.

Statue of Fitz Greene Halleck.

From General James Grant Wilson, requesting that a site for the Statue of Fitz Greene Halleck be designated at the southeast corner, made by the intersection of the Mall and the path that crosses it directly north of the Statue of Sir Walter

Scott; and that the Department have the foundations for the pedestal of the Statue constructed before the 15th inst.

(Minutes, October 18, 1876, p. 352.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the site, requested by General Wilson, be designated as the site for the Statue, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the construction of the foundations for the pedestal, the cost of which shall be charged to the "City Parks Improvement Fund."

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

Ayes. — Commissioner Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Surveying, &c., in Central Park.

From Mr. Alfred G. Compton, Professor, &c., of the College of the City of New York, asking permission to take his class upon the lawns in the Central Park, for the purpose of practice in the use of surveying instruments, &c.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be granted.

Adopted.

Stone Liberty Bell.

From the Dorchester Union Free Stone Company, stating that the stone fac simile of the "Liberty Bell" will be delivered to the Department, free of charge, at a stone yard in this city, and that the company will provide a base for it to stand on.

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 706.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that it be referred to the President, with power, to designate a site for said Bell.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History Tiling.

From Messrs. Anderson, Merchant & Co., in relation to the contract for laying encaustic tiling in the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 713.)

Filed.

Statue of Liberty.

From Mr. Charles Villa, Secretary of "Le Comité Français de l'Union Franco Americaine," forwarding resolutions thanking the Department for allowing the Arm of the Statue of Liberty to be placed on Madison Square.

(Minutes, January 24, 1877, p. 559.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following three reports :

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

American Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$18 76
Angell & Blake Mfg. Co., heating and ventilating.....	Museum of Art...	4,000 00
Bartlett, J. W., lamp tops.....	Harlem R. B. Repairs, Imp. and Maint.....	12 00
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	140 37
Crotty, P., rock.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	30 80
Cooper, Peter, Glue Factory, bone dust..	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	28 80
DeGrauw, Aymar & Co., blocks and rope..	Harlem R. B. Reps., Imps. and Maint.....	5 48

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Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	62 50
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials. . . .	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	30 24
Lawrence, F. W., work and materials. . . .	Museum of Nat. History.....	2,000 00
Mullane, John, corn, oats, straw and hay. .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	674 02
Parry, Henry, marble basin.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	15 00
Rogers, H. A., hardware.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$32 93
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	21 52
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	24 30
	Harlem R. B. Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	1 40
		<hr/> 80 15
Smith, Cohu & Co., chains and forks. . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	27 00
Wright, Green, broken stone.....	Maint 23d & 24th Wards.....	675 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$7,800 12

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$776 80
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	757 10
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	247 34
Harlem River Bridge, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	18 88
Museum of Art.....	4,000 00
Museum of Natural History.....	2,000 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-eight hundred dollars and twelve cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee

New York, April 6, 1877.

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

Decker, Nicholas H. and Geo. W.

Quintard, labor and matls.	Impt. and Const. of Riverside Drive.....	\$10,206 29
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	87 40
Kelso, Bros., coal.	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	87 50
Irwin, Wm., incidental expenses.	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	\$74 48
	Maint. etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	14 04
		0 55
		<hr/> 89 07
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses		
Museum Natural History	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	1,225 66
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	26 00
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	12 52
Wheatley, R. R., hay, straw and oats.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	71 44
		<hr/> <hr/> \$11,705 88

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,413 56
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	85 48
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	0 55
Improvement and Construction, Riverside Drive.	10,206 29
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred and five dollars and eighty-eight cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
" JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

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

Finnigan, John, broken stone,	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.	\$231 61
Scott, D., fish and vegetables.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P., 1876.	45 35
Wright, Green, broken stone.	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.	180 00
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		\$456 96
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1876 . . .	\$ 45 35	
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.	411 61	
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		\$456 96
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-six cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
" JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, April 6th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks in account with**James F. Wenman, Treasurer.*

1877.		CR.	
March 7.	By balance.....	\$1,729	22
March 7	} " cash received from licenses and permits....	202	90
to			
April 4.	}	—————	\$1,932 12
DR.			
March 7	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$202	86
to			
April 4.	}	1,729	26
April 4.			
		—————	\$1,932 12
DR.			
April 4.	To cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	\$1,709	26
" " "	" " " " drawer.....	20	00
		—————	1,729 26

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, April 4, 1877, 9.30 A. M.

Wm. A. Jefferes.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Wm. A. Jefferes, making application for remuneration for the days on which he worked for the Department during January, February and March, 1876, subsequent to his discharge from the Department, verbally reported that it appears from the returns kept in the office of the Superintending Engineer at the time, that Mr. Jefferes worked for 13 days in January, 18 days in February, and 24 days in March, 1876, in all 55 days; that his position was that of an axeman, and his pay was \$2.50 per day. He presented a letter from the Superintending Engineer stating the facts, and he recommended that Mr. Jefferes be paid for said days, at \$2.50 per day, and that his pay be charged to the "City Parks Improvement Fund."

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 698.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the report of the President be accepted and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT reported that the contractors for constructing and improving Riverside Avenue had applied that the following information be furnished them by the Superintending Engineer of that work, viz. :

The elevation of one or more " benches."

The cross sections of the natural surface of earth and rock.

The details of rock and earth excavation and of wall built.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to furnish the contractors for Riverside Avenue with any information in relation to said work contained in the papers of the Department, which they may officially ask for, and which will not interfere with the rights of the city and not occasion expense to the Department.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of

the city of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks and places, within the Twenty-fourth Ward, of the city of New York, shown on a map or plan entitled, "Plan of streets, roads, and avenues, within that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York, lying between Riverdale Avenue and Broadway," dated "New York, March 21, 1877," and signed "Fred Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect," and "J. James R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, are designated on said map or plan, by red lines and figures, and by color, and that the widths, extent, and direction of the said streets, roads, and avenues and public parks and places so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated; and also that three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned."

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 707.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

No.—Commissioner Wetmore—1.

Webster Statue.

The PRESIDENT reported that Mr. G. W. Burnham, who had presented the Statue of Webster to the City, had paid some bills for the use of trucks and derricks, in conveying said Statue to the Central Park, to the amount of \$75, and that he now made application to be refunded said sum.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. G. W. Burnham's bill, to an amount not exceeding \$75, for trucks and derricks

used in conveying the Statue of Webster to Central Park, be authorized to be paid.

(Minutes, November 3, 1876, p. 396.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

George W. Pyne.

Commissioner WENMAN called up the motion of 28th ulto., to appoint Mr. George W. Pyne on the Police force, and moved that he be appointed as gate-keeper on the Police force, when reported on favorably by the Police Surgeon.

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 712.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of Messrs. Strippel & Son for the construction, removal and remodelling of cases for the Museum of Natural History Building be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract be awarded to Messrs. Strippel & Son; and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 713.)

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 11th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th inst. were read and approved.

Lighting the Lamps in the Parks, &c,

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the Comptroller of the city entered, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller, and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and publicly opened and read all estimate or proposals which had been received in pursuance of an advertisement duly published in the *City Record*, for furnishing illuminating material to and lighting, &c., all or any portion of the public lamps in the public parks, places, and on the bridges of the city of New York (except the ornamental lamps on the north side of Union Square), under the control of the Department of Public Parks, from the first day of May, 1877, until the 31st day of December, 1877, both days inclusive.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 701.)

The following estimates or proposals were received :

BIDDERS.	For the illuminating material for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes, stand pipes, burners and other appliances which may be used for a like purpose, and cross-heads, lamp irons and lanterns thereto, and keeping each lamp and lamp-post in thorough repair.	Illuminating Material proposed to be supplied.
1. Metropolitan Gas-Light Co.....	\$17 50	Gas.
2. Manhattan Gas-Light Co	12 00	Gas.
3. New York Gas-Light Co.	12 00	Gas.
4. New York & New Jersey Globe Gas-Light Co..	17 00	Gas generated from naphtha of the best quality.
5. New York Mutual Gas-Light Co.....	10 00	Gas.
6. Harlem Gas-Light Co...	20 00	Gas.

The portions of the city included in the foregoing proposals are as follows, viz. :

1ST. METROPOLITAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York designated by red lines on a map annexed to the proposal, except the north side of Transverse Road No. 2, in the Central Park.

The portions designated by red lines on said map are as follows, viz. :

Transverse Road No. 2 in the Central Park.

Transverse Road No. 1 in the Central Park.

The Circle at the junction of Eighth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

The entrance to the Central Park at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

The Plaza, at the junction of Fifth Avenue and Fifty-eighth Street.

Park Avenue Parks from the north side of Thirty-fourth Street to the south side of Fortieth Street.

Reservoir Park bounded by the distributing reservoir, Fortieth Street, Sixth Avenue and Forty-second Street.

2ND. THE MANHATTAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York bounded as follows:
On the north by Thirty-fourth Street.
On the east by the East River.
On the south by Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets.
On the west by the North or Hudson River.

3RD. THE NEW YORK GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

The district lying south of Grand Street and Canal Street from the East River to the North or Hudson River.

4TH. THE NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY GLOBE GAS-LIGHT CO.

Tompkins Square, Washington Square, Battery Park, Union Square, Madison Square, Bowling Green, City Hall Park, Reservoir Square, Plaza at entrance to Central Park, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Circle at Eighth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Transverse Road No. 1, Transverse Road No. 2, Transverse Road No. 3.

5TH. THE NEW YORK MUTUAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

Union Square, bounded by Fourth Avenue, Broadway, Fourteenth Street and Seventeenth Street.
Madison Square, bounded by Madison Avenue, Broadway, Twenty-third Street and Twenty-sixth Street.
Tompkins Square, bounded by Avenue A, Avenue B, Seventh Street and Tenth Street.
Washington Square, bounded by Wooster Street, McDougal Street, Fourth Street and Waverly Place.
Jackson Square, bounded by Horatio Street, Greenwich and Eighth Avenues.
Cooper Institute Square, bounded by Third and Fourth Avenues and Seventh Street.
Worth Monument, bounded by Fifth Avenue, Broadway and Twenty-fifth Street.
Washington Monument, at junction of Fourth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.
Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-third Street.
Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street.

6TH. THE HARLEM GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York bounded as follows: By a line commencing at the intersection of the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street and the East River, running thence along the centre line of said Seventy-ninth Street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2, to the Hudson River; thence along said Hudson River to Spuyten Duyvil creek; thence along said creek to the Harlem River; thence along said Harlem River and through the draws in the Central and Third Avenue Bridges to the East River, and thence along the East River to the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street, the place of beginning.

The Comptroller of the City then retired, and the Board resumed the order of business.

The following communications were presented and read :

Riverside Avenue, Removal of Houses.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in reply to a communication from the President, asking his opinion upon the duty of the Department in the matter of removing a house situated on Riverside Avenue, and which was sold at public auction on the 27th November, 1876, to Mr. Wm. F. Boehm, in which he states as follows :

“ I think * * it is the duty of the Department to re-
 “ move the building sold to Mr. Boehm. As a matter of pre-
 “ caution, I advise that the Department should serve a notice
 “ on Mr. Boehm, that unless he removes the building forth-
 “ with it will be removed by the Department at his expense.
 “ It would be well to have such notice delivered to Mr. Boehm
 “ personally.

“ In case Mr. Boehm still neglects to remove the building, it
 “ should not be sold, but should be removed by the Depart-
 “ ment, and Mr. Boehm should then be notified of the fact of
 “ such removal.”

(Minutes, Nov. 22, 1876, p. 425, and Jan'y. 3, 1877, p. 508.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given Mr. Boehm notice as advised by the Counsel to the Corporation, and he moved that his action be approved and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the removal of said house in case Mr. Boehm neglects to do so within a reasonable time after service of the notice on him.

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

Ayes. — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wetmore,
 Wenman—4.

Arrests on the Parks by Metropolitan Police.

From the Police Department, in reply to the communication of the President in relation to the arrest of a young gentleman

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on Madison Square by the Metropolitan Police force, as follows, viz. :

POLICE DEPARTMENT
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
New York, April 5, 1877.

Hon. WM. R. MARTIN,

President Dept. of Public Parks :

Sir,—I am directed by the Board of Police to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 24th ult., relative to the arrest of Greenville P. Snelling, for "velocipede riding," and to transmit herewith a copy of the report of Captain Williams, 29th Precinct, thereon, and also a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Board upon the same.

The Board desire me to state that they concur in the opinion of counsel as to the right of "constabulary pursuit," even within the "exclusive jurisdiction" claimed by the Department of Public Parks, and further claim the right to enforce the laws and ordinances of the city, and to arrest for violations of the same, should the offence be committed within view of an officer, even though it be within the jurisdiction of any other department of the city government.

And the Board of Police would be glad to have any officer (having power to arrest) belonging to another department, arrest all offenders against law, even though outside of their jurisdiction, considering it to be the honest intent of the legislative enactments that the City and County of New York affords no place of refuge for violators of law.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) WM. H. KIPP,

First Deputy, Clerk.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 700.)

Filed.

Bridges over Harlem river.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the following named bridges, over Harlem river, required to be repaired, in the manner mentioned, viz :

Kings' Bridge.—The railing and flooring, at an estimated cost of \$15.

Third Avenue Bridge.—The flooring, at an estimated cost of \$25.

Farmers' Bridge.—The centre pier, at an estimated cost of \$150.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the repairs made to Kings Bridge and Third Avenue Bridge, as recommended ; and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for the repairs required on Farmers' Bridge.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that it is necessary to make a change in the plans of the Brook Avenue Sewer, so as to provide for four feet instead of two feet, of six inch pipe being set into the masonry for house connections. That the contract contains no price for six-inch pipe, other than the connections of two foot long, but the contractors will agree to furnish and set in place the additional pipe at manufacturer's prices, viz., 30c. per foot.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the contractors for building a Sewer in Brook Avenue be ordered to build into the masonry of said sewer, two feet of six-inch sewer pipe at each house connection, in addition to the two foot length of bevelled pipe required in § 45 of the specification, and item (14) of § S of the contract, and that the President be authorized and empowered to agree, in writing, with said contractors, that such additional pipe shall be paid for at the rate of thirty cents per linear foot.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a map or plan for laying out the district of the 24th Ward lying west of Jerome Avenue and south of Van Courtland's Lake and the Gun Hill Road.

The PRESIDENT moved that said map or plan be received ;

that it be publicly exhibited at the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to address notices to all known owners of property in said district, requesting them to examine said map or plan.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the request of Mr. W. A. Haines, of the Committee on Plans of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, to have certain changes made in the plans of the Museum of Natural History, in which he states as follows, viz. :

“ The three items in Memorandum No. 1 are for fitting up four galvanized iron sinks, including pipes, &c., on the different floors of the building. There are no provisions made on the plans and specifications, as furnished by the architect (Mr. Vaux), for any sinks, and as it will be necessary to draw water for washing the floors and cleaning the cases and at the same time have means to dispose of the waste water after the cleaning, it would be advisable to put up a sink on each floor of the building as requested in the letter.

“ The removal of the four washbasins and altering gaspipes becomes necessary on account of putting the additional cases, lately estimated on, in the curator's rooms. The washbasins were placed in each corner of the rooms in accordance with the original drawings ; but as the drawings lately issued for furnishing new cases, &c., locate the washbasins in different positions, so as to make room for the cases, it is necessary that the proposed changes should be made.

“ The other eight items on Memoranda Nos. 2 and 3, relating to shelves, movable backs, lettering and figuring, platforms, &c., &c., are all additional works not shown on plans and not mentioned in specifications and therefore not included in contract. If the Board desires to have this work done,

“ the orders should be issued at the present time, before the
“ other work on cases is finished.”

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 726.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the changes and additional work on said building, as requested by Mr. W. A. Haines, and stated at length in the minutes of the 6th inst., be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for said several works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. W. A. Haines, objecting on behalf of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History to the position of the closets in the public exhibition room, and requesting that they be placed either outside the building at its northern end, or in the basement.

Also, calling the attention of the Department to the fact that there are serious leaks in the roof around the dormer windows of the building.

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Strippel & Son, accepting the contract for the construction, remodelling and removal of cases for the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes April 6th, 1877, p. 735)

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. Alexander Bertrand and others in relation to the

manner in which the contractors for Elton Avenue are performing their work.

Also from Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, the engineer in charge of said work, reporting thereon.

(Minutes March 7, 1877, p. 658.)

Filed.

Francis H. Waters.

From Mr. Francis H. Waters, applying to be appointed on the police force.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Central Gas Light Co., gas, March.....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and M.....	\$60 00
Gordon, Robert, Act'g Treas., expenses		
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	642 63
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	17 15
McDermott, P., gas fitting.....	Museum Natural History.....	225 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, March.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	240 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter, March.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	67 90
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, March.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	496 00
New York Gas Light Co., gas, March....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	227 50

New York & New Jersey Globe Gas		
Light Co., gas, March.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$292 50
Scott, D., fish and vegetables.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	26 50
Wright, Green, broken stone.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	781 25
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		<u>\$3,026 43</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,993 08
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	748 40
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance.....	60 00
Museum of Natural History	225 00
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	<u>\$3,026 43</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand and twenty-six dollars and forty-three cents.

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
H. G. STEBBINS, } *Committee.*

New York, April 11th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had submitted the proposal of Messrs. Thomas Aspinwall & Son, who were the lowest

bidders for laying Eucaustic Tiling in the Museum of Natural History building, to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice as to its regularity.

Also that he had obtained samples of the tiles which each of the bidders proposed to lay, and had requested Mr. C. Vaux, the Architect, Mr. Munckwitz, the Superintending Architect, and Mr. F. L. Olmsted, the Landscape Architect, to furnish him with their opinions as to the quality of the samples.

(Minutes March 28, 1877, p. 713)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Pay of Foremen, &c.,

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pay of the under-mentioned employés be fixed as follows, to take effect from the first instant, viz.:

C. B. Trimble, General Foreman.....	\$5 00	per day.
J. H. Van Riper, Mechanical Engineer.....	4 50	"
E. H. Treadwell, Foreman.	4 50	"
John Meehan, "	4 50	"
All other foremen.....	4 00	"

(Minutes January 10, 1877, p. 534.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT called up and moved the adoption of the following resolution, which had been offered by Commissioner Wetmore, at the last meeting, and then laid on the table, viz :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874,

they do hereby lay out the streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks and places, within the Twenty-fourth Ward, of the city of New York, shown on a map or plan entitled, "Plan of streets, roads, and avenues, within that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York, lying between Riverdale Avenue and Broadway," dated "New York March, 21, 1877," and signed "Fred Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect," and "J. James R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, are designated on said map or plan, by redlines and figures, and by color, and that the widths, extent, and direction of the said streets, roads, and avenues and public parks and places so laid out, are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated; and also that three similar maps or plans and profiles of the same be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned."

(Minutes, April 6th, 1877, p. 733.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion to lay said resolution on the table, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the Members of the Board not voting in favor thereof.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Third Avenue Pavement.

The PRESIDENT presented the certificate of the Civil and Topographical Engineer in charge of construction, that he had examined the work of regulating and paving with belgian or trap-block pavement, Third Avenue from Weschester Avenue to the northerly side of One hundred and sixty-third street in

the Twenty-third Ward, and that he found same in good order ; and six months having elapsed since the acceptance of the work, he moved that the certificate be signed by the Commissioners and that payment of the balance (\$2,058.10), retained for repairs, be authorized to be made to the contractor, Mr. James Everard.

(Minutes, September 27, 1876, p. 310.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Payments by Mr. R. L. Cooke.

The PRESIDENT presented two bills of petty cash expenses, incurred by Mr. R. L. Cooke, in 1876, and while he was in the employment of the Department, as follows, viz. :

On repairs to Harlem River Bridges.....	\$11 90
On construction of the proposed bridge over Harlem River at Madison Avenue.....	8 54

and he moved that payment of said bills be authorized.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 11th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Comptroller of the City, requesting that the opening of the proposals for the construction of an iron bridge over Harlem River, be further postponed, as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have not yet considered the plans, &c., last submitted to them.

(Minutes, March 5, 1877, p. 649.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 2d day of May, 1877, at 9.30 o'clock A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, April 4th, 1877, p. 719.)

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the meeting was opened to the public, and to those of the bidders for the construction of said bridge who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of said adjournment.

Maintenance of Parks, &c., 1876.

Maintenance of Public Places, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.

From the Comptroller of the City, enclosing a schedule of bills payable from the appropriations, for Maintenance and Government of Parks, &c., for 1876, and for the "Maintenance and Government of Public Places, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," 1876, which are still unpaid, for the reason that the balances of said appropriations are not sufficient.

Also enclosing a statement of all the balances on the books of the Finance Department of appropriations to this Department for 1876, and requesting that the Department make requisition on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for transfers of sufficient amounts from said balances to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, The Comptroller of the City has informed the Department that there are certain bills chargeable to the appropriations for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," 1876, and for "Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," 1876, still unpaid, and that said appropriations are not sufficient to pay same ; and he has asked this Department to make requisition on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer sufficient sums from unexpended balances of appropriations for 1876, to pay said bills ; and

Whereas, The books of this Department show that if the bills transmitted from this Department to the Finance Department for payment from the appropriations of 1876, had been charged by the Finance Department to the accounts or appropriations to which this Department charged them, and no other charges had been made against those appropriations, there would be no deficiency; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to make the following transfers on the books of the Finance Department, namely :

The sum of \$6,635.30 to the appropriation for 1876 for " Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places; Maintenance of the Parks, &c.," from the following appropriations for 1876, and in the amounts set opposite each, viz. :

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, Police, &c.....	\$3,407 04
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, Salaries, &c.....	62 58
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, for the special purpose of providing proper accommodations and protection for skating; to keep the ice cleaned, the snow swept off, and to erect the necessary skating houses.....	1,049 86
Maintenance of Parks and Places, to be appropriated specifically to the care and preservation of the parks for the remainder of the year...	1,859 75
Music—Central Park.....	154 60
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement, and maintenance.....	101 47

And the sum of \$554.96 to the appropriation for 1876, for " Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads, Avenues, and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," from the appropriation " For the special object of repairing roads and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the remainder of the year 1876."

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Statue of Liberty.

From the Comptroller of the city, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 April 17, 1877. }

HON. WM. R. MARTIN,

President Department of Public Parks :

Sir,—The resolution adopted by the Department of Public Parks on the 2nd inst., requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the sum of \$972 from some unexpended balance of appropriation for the year 1876, to pay the claim for erecting a pedestal in Madison Square, has been referred to me to inform you that it is necessary to designate an appropriation to your Department for 1876, from which said transfer shall be made.

Please send a resolution making such designation, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for action thereon at its next meeting.

Very respectfully,

(Signed.) JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

(Minutes, April 2, 1877, p. 715.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to make the transfer of \$972, to pay the claim for erecting a pedestal in Madison Square, requested by the resolution of this Department, adopted on the 2d inst., from the appropriation for the "Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance of Harlem River Bridge," for 1876, on which appropriation there is a sufficient balance unexpended, and not required for the purposes and objects thereof.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman,
 Wetmore—4.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows :

LAW DEPARTMENT, }
 OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
 NEW YORK, April 13th, 1877. }

HON. WILLIAM R. MARTIN,

President of the Department of Parks :

Sir,—From your letter to me of the 15th of March ultimo, the following facts appear :

The Park Department is authorized by Section 3, of Chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, to construct bridges over the Harlem River.

Section 10 of that Act authorizes the Department of Parks to acquire title, for the use of the public, to all streets, avenues, or roads and approaches to such

bridges; and also provides that such streets, avenues, roads and approaches shall be under the control and management of said Department, as to the regulating, grading and proper constructing and maintaining the same, and of the works pertaining thereto. The provisions of Section 3, of said Act are expressly re-affirmed by Section 16, Chapter 329, of the Laws of 1874.

The Park Department has located a bridge to be built over the Harlem River, from the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, at the bulkhead line on the west side of said river, to the bulkhead line at the termination of One hundred and thirty-eighth Street, on the east side of the river.

The approaches of said bridge will be along Madison Avenue on the west side, and along One hundred and thirty-eighth street on the east side. The city has sometime since acquired title to Madison Avenue, up to the bulkhead line, and a commission has been appointed by the Supreme Court to acquire title to One hundred and thirty-eighth street, up to the bulkhead line on the east side of the river.

The plans of the Department for approaches to the bridge, require a trestle work for about four hundred feet along Madison Avenue, and also along One hundred and thirty-eighth street, which will gradually rise from the established grade of said street to a height of about eighteen feet above such grade to the bulkhead line. These four hundred feet on both sides of the river are at present under water and within the high water line of the river.

Neither Madison Avenue nor One hundred and thirty-eighth Street are graded at the places on which the trestle-work is intended to be established.

My opinion is requested on the following points:

(1) Whether the city would be liable in damages to any property-owner by reason of the elevation of the trestle-work above the grade of Madison Avenue or One hundred and thirty-eighth Street; and if so, whether the claim for such damages can be waived by the property-owners?

(2) Whether the Department can, in addition to building the bridge proper from one bulkhead line to the other, also construct the approaches to the bridge extending to high water mark on each side?

With regard to your first inquiry, I think it somewhat doubtful whether the land fronting the four hundred feet under water referred to in your letter belongs to private individuals. It doubtless once belonged to the City, and unless it has been conveyed away, still belongs to the City. It appears by the records of this office that application was made a few years ago for a water grant of a portion of such lands, but so far as I can ascertain, no action was ever taken thereon by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. I have not felt it necessary, however, to investigate the question of ownership of such lands, nor do I intend to express any decided opinion in regard to the same, because, even if they are owned by private individuals, I do not think the City would be liable in damages to any such individuals by reason of the elevation of the trestle work of the proposed approach above the grade of Madison Avenue or One hundred and thirty-eighth Street. The law on this point is well settled, and the property-owners could not claim damages, unless by virtue of an act of the Legislature making the City liable to pay the same.

With regard to your second inquiry, I think the Department has full authority to construct the approaches to the bridge extending to high water mark on each side. The authority to build the bridge itself carries with it the right to construct such approaches. Section ten of the act above referred to expressly authorizes the Park Department to acquire the land necessary for such approaches, and there was no reason for giving the authority to acquire the land for the approaches, unless the Department was authorized to construct the same when the land had been acquired.

Without regard, however, to this special provision of the statute, there can be no question that the authority to construct a bridge carries with it the authority to construct the approaches necessary to reach the bridge. The City has already acquired the land on this side of the river, for a street, and, therefore, no further proceedings are necessary to acquire the land needed for the approach to the bridge on this side. Under the said act of 1871 there is no limitation upon the

powers of the Commissioners in regard to the location to be selected for bridges. They are, therefore, fully authorized to place this end of the bridge at the intersection of One hundred and thirty-ninth Street and Madison Avenue, and to use the land already acquired by the City.

I do not think it necessary that the Department of Public Works should regulate and grade that portion of Madison Avenue to be used for the approach to the bridge on this side; such work could not be done except under an ordinance of the Common Council, and if the Common Council should refuse to pass the same, the result would be that the bridge could not be built. A construction of the act of 1871, which would lead to such a result, is wholly inadmissible. As above stated, the Department of Public Parks has, in my opinion, full authority to construct the approach to the bridge on this side over the end of Madison Avenue, and if such approach shall be so constructed, it will of course make it unnecessary that the street should be regulated and graded in the ordinary manner.

I am, sir,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

W. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, March 10, 1877, p. 673.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication from the Counsel to the Corporation be received and filed, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the proposal of Messrs. Aspinwall & Son for laying encaustic tiling on the Museum of Natural History in which he states :

“Section 91 of the charter provides that contracts of this description shall be made at public letting under such regulations as shall be established by ordinances of the Common Council. The ordinances require that each proposal shall be accompanied by the consent in writing of two householders or freeholders in the City, that they will become bound as securities for the faithful performance of the contract in case it is awarded to the bidder, and such consent must be accompanied by an affidavit that the persons offering themselves as sureties are worth the amounts of the security required, over and above all their debts and obligations.

“The ordinances also provide that when the bids are opened every proposal not made in the manner prescribed, shall be rejected and the contract shall then be awarded to the lowest bidder. As the proposal of Messrs. Aspinwall & Son is not accompanied by any consent whatever of persons proposing to become sureties, as required, it is the duty of the Department to reject it.

“The Department has no authority to permit the proposal to be amended, nor to reject all the bids and re-advertise for new proposals.

“It is the duty of the Department to reject the proposal of Messrs. Aspinwall & Son, and award the contract to the next lowest bidders.”

(Minutes, April 11th, 1877, p. 746.)

Filed.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the proposal of Messrs. Aspinwall & Son for laying encaustic tiling in the Museum of Natural History Building be rejected for the reasons stated in the said opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

The PRESIDENT stated that the next lowest bidder for said work is Mr. Edward Boote, who has furnished a sample of the tiles he proposes to use, and which are manufactured by Messrs. T. & R. Boote. That Mr. Vaux, Architect, and also the Superintending Architect had reported to him verbally that the tiles manufactured by T. & R. Boote are not “the best English encaustic tiles,” which the specification calls for. That their report in writing, and also a report from the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History on the same subject, are to be furnished in writing, and he moved that when said reports are received they be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion whether Mr. Edward Boote is entitled to the contract.

Adopted.

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, on behalf of the “Gas Commission” refusing to light the lamps on the parks

and pay the cost of the same from the appropriation for "lamps and gas."

(Minutes, January 24, 1877, p. 564.)

Filed.

Battery Park—Castle Garden.

From the Commissioners of Emigration, requesting permission to erect an iron hand rail round the side of Castle Garden fence fronting on the Battery.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had given the permission requested, as the Commissioners desired to erect it without delay.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Swedish School House.

From the United States Treasury Department, stating that orders had been given to the Collector of Customs at Philadelphia to allow the Swedish School House to be removed without the payment of duty.

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 515.)

Filed.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that to enable the triplicate maps of the streets, &c., in the 23d and 24th Wards which have been adopted, to be prepared for filing, three draughtsmen be temporarily employed.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had authorized the Civil and Topographical Engineer on the 13th inst. to employ the following draughtsmen temporarily for said purpose, viz: J. F. Perez, Herman Crueger, and Samuel B. Smith, and moved that his action be approved, and that their pay be fixed at \$3.50 per day each.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Pay of Laborers.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that on the pay-roll ending April 7th the Finance Department withheld, for further consideration, the pay of five laborers.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the Finance Department has withheld the pay of certain laborers on the pay-roll ending April 7th, 1877 ;

Resolved, That the President be requested to state whether any laborers have been transferred or detailed to the work of constructing and improving Riverside Avenue ; and, if so, whether their pay is properly chargeable against the " City Parks Improvement Fund."

Adopted.

Cornelius Sanford.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that Cornelius Sanford, watchman, had been absent for five consecutive days prior to the 13th inst, but that the Superintendent of Parks had returned his time since that date.

The PRESIDENT stated, that of the five days he was absent he had leave of absence for two, which had been extended because of sickness. That the Superintendent of Parks had reported his absence, and referred Mr. Sanford to him. That he had restored Mr. Sanford to work, subject to the action of the Board.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the action of the President in restoring said C. Sanford to work, be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Messrs. Copeland & Bacon, contractors for the elevator work of the Museum of Art, stating that their work is completed, but that the elevator cannot be tested until the steam can be used, which is delayed on account of the contractors for the heating and ventilating not having advanced far enough with their work, and asking for a payment of \$2,200 on account of the final payment on their contract.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that the payment requested be authorized.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of said contractors, Messrs. Copeland & Bacon, on account, and not exceeding the amount of \$2,200.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

City Hall Park Pavement.

From Messrs Van Santvoord & Hauff, stating that Mr. J. J. Schillinger had obtained a decision in the Circuit Court of the United States, that Mr. H. A. Gunther, the contractor for laying the pavement on City Hall Park had infringed on his (J. J. Schillinger's) patent, in the construction of the work, and asking whether the Department is authorized to settle Mr. Schil-

linger's claim for damages in the matter. Also enclosing copies of the evidence and decision of the judge of the Circuit Court.

(Minutes, May 24, 1876, p. 63.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication and documents be filed, and that copies be sent to the Counsel to the Corporation for his advice in the matter.

Adopted.

Sewer in Mott Avenue.

From Mr. Henry L. Morris and other owners of property fronting on Mott Avenue, from One hundred and forty-ninth street to One hundred and thirty-eighth street, petitioning the Department for permission to construct a sewer along said avenue.

Referred to the President to report.

Camera Obscura.

From Mr. George Raphael, requesting permission to erect a Camera Obscura in Central Park.

(Minutes, March 6, 1875, p. 569.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Mr. Raphael's request be refused.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Am. Dist. Tel. Co., rent and services		
March.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	\$25 11
Babbitt, B. T., soap.....		
	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	2 50

Berge, Gustav, bungs.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, et..		\$7 50
Bell, Thomas, harness repairs.....	Maint., &c., of 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....		2 15
Burnham, G. W., cartage Webster statue.....	City Parks Impt F.		75 00
Claffin, H. B. & Co., towels.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	\$5 17	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	58	
	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards....	1 15	
			6 90
Croft, Wm. F., base Halleck statue.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		67 00
Cooke, R. L., petty expenses.....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. & M., 1876.		11 90
Cooke, R. L., petty expenses.....	Constr. Bridges over H. R....		8 54
Curley, M., repairs to wagon.....	Maint. and Govmt' P. and P., 1872...		54 30
Early & Lane, brooms, baskets and twine.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$24 22	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	1 00	
			25 22
Harmer, Hays & Co., axle grease, thread, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt' P. and P.....	\$28 05	
Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1876,		63 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, March.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	117 68	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. & M.....	67 50	
			185 18

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Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$142 50	
	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	23 75	
			<hr/> \$166 25
Moran, Owen & Armstrong, L. W., ma- sonry.....	Museum of Art...		12,000 00
Pratt, Chas. & Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$15 05	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	2 45	
			<hr/> 17 50
Pierce, F. O. & Co., glue.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$4 50	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	17 00	
			<hr/> 21 50
Rogers, H. L., sundries.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$1 23	
	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards....	23 39	
			<hr/> 24 62
Stewart, A. T., gloves.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		99 62
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		5 50
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		13 75
			<hr/> <hr/> \$12,911 09

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$478 15
City Park Improvement Fund.....	160 81
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	5 50
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	55 79

[*Wednesday,*

Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.	\$70 95
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.	8 54
Metropolitan Museum of Art.	12,000 00
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1872. . .	54 30
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.	65 15
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance, 1876.	11 90
	\$12,911 09

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars and nine cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, April 18th, 1877.

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

Vaux, C. Commissions Mus. N. H. Mus. Nat. History.	\$273 37
	\$273 37

Amounting to the sum of two hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty seven cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, April 18th, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes :

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
April 4.	By balance		\$1,729 26
April 4	} " cash received from licenses.....		165 31
to			
April 18.			
			————— \$1,894 57
			=====

		DR.	
April 4	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		30 28
to			
April 18.			
April 18.	To balance		\$1,864 29
			————— \$1,894 57
			=====

		DR.	
	Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....		\$1,709 26
	" drawer.....		155 03
			————— \$1,864 29
			=====

(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, April 18, 1877.

9.30 A. M.

Geo. W. Pyne.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Police Surgeon upon the examination of George W. Pyne, and reported that on the receipt of same he had appointed Mr. Pyne a gate-keeper, in pursuance of the resolution of the Board.

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 735.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said examination and report of the Police Surgeon be filed, and that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Quarterly Report to the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT presented the report to his Honor the Mayor of the transactions of the Department for the three months ending March 31st, 1877.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 581.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be approved, and that the President be requested to transmit same to his Honor the Mayor.

Adopted.

Police Uniforms.

The PRESIDENT presented a requisition from the Lieutenant, for summer uniform for the Police force, and moved that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for furnishing said uniforms.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Licenses.

The PRESIDENT presented and read the following licenses which had been prepared, viz. :

LICENSEE.	SERVICE.	TERM FROM JAN'Y 1, 1877.
Abel S. Clapp.....	Carriage service on Central Park.....	Five years.
Thos S. Dick.....	Boat service on the Lake, Central Park..	Five years.
John Lucas.....	Donkey service	Three years.
Do. do.....	Rolling Chairs	One year.
J. J. Snow.....	Pony service.....	Three years.
Joseph Scott.....	Children's Carriage service.....	Three years.

And he moved that said licenses be approved and granted, and that he be authorized to sign same, for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Boys to hold and water horses on Central Park.

THE PRESIDENT reported that heretofore a number of boys had been allowed to attend at the fountain at the southwest of the Lake and at other places in Central Park, for the purpose of holding and watering horses. That they ought to be regularly licensed and kept under supervision.

He then recommended and moved, that ten (10) boys of good character be licensed to hold and water horses, &c., at the following places on Central Park, viz. :

Four (4) at the West Drive.

Two (2) at the East Drive.

Two (2) at the Terrace.

Two (2) at the Casino.

That they be obliged to procure and wear a uniform, to be prescribed by the President.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then moved, that the following eight named boys be licensed as aforesaid, viz. : James Reilly, John

McKenna, Thomas Brady, David Lahey, Philip McNally, Thomas F. Brady, Nicholas Keyes, and L. P. Cutting.

Adopted.

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposals (Nos. 3 and 5) of the New York Gas Light Company and the New York Mutual Gas Light Company, to light the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this Department, with gas, from May 1st to December 31st, 1877, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bids for the several portions of the city mentioned in their proposals; that the contracts for said portions of the city be awarded to said companies therefor, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 737).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company, to light the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this Department, with gas, from May 1st to December 31st, 1877, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bid for Park Avenue Parks, extending from the north side of East Thirty-fourth Street to the south side of East Fortieth Street; that the contract for said parks be awarded to said company therefor, and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 737).

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—

4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That the proposal (No. 4) of the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Company to light the public lamps in the parks, square, places and bridges under the control of this Department, with gas generated from naphtha of the best quality, from May 1st to December 31st, 1877, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bid for the following parks, squares, places, &c., viz. : Reservoir Square, Plaza at entrance to Central Park, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Circle at Eighth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, Transverse Road No. 1, Transverse Road No. 2 and Transverse Road No. 3 ; that the contract be awarded to said company therefor, for said parks, squares, places, &c. ; and that the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 737).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—

4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That the proposal (No. 6) of the Harlem Gas Light Company to light the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this Department, with gas, from May 1st to December 31st, 1877, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bid for the portion of the city mentioned in said proposal, except the north side of Transverse Road No 2, and also except Transverse Road No. 3 ; that the contract be awarded to said company therefor for said portion of the city, except as aforesaid ; and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 737).

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—
4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 18th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Investigation of Departments by Committees of Common Council.

From the Clerks of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, A thorough and practical knowledge of the affairs of the several Departments of this city government by the Committees and Members of the Common Council, would inevitably result in increased efficiency in administration; be the means of acquainting our people, particularly the taxpayers, in advance of any proposed action affecting their interests; would encourage wise measures of public polity, while assisting in the repression or prevention of proceedings of a contrary character, and in many other ways would be productive of beneficial results, by securing harmony and concert of action, and giving an opportunity for interchange of opinions between the legislative and executive branches of our local government; be it therefore

Resolved, That the several Standing Committees of this Board, named in connection with any department, and contained in the list of such Committees, be and they are hereby respectively empowered and directed to visit such departments, and inspect the operations thereof, and to confer with the Commissioners and heads of such departments, from time to time, and as often as may be deemed advisable or necessary, with a view of producing a concert of action at least in all measures affecting the public interests, requiring the action of the corporate authorities; and that the said Committees, respectively, in order, if possible, to

secure to objects mentioned in this preamble and resolution, are hereby fully invested with the power and authority prescribed in the first, second, and third sections of the act, Chapter 39, Laws of 1860.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 10th, 1877.

Approved by the Mayor, April 18th, 1877.

Filed.

Balance in Bank.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 16th April, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-five cents be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation made in pursuance of Chapter 651, Laws of 1874, to pay the indebtedness existing and heretofore incurred by the Department of Public Parks in the matter of the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem river, under the authority of Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, said sum being in excess of the amount required for the former appropriation; and, further, that the balance of said appropriation, made in pursuance of Chapter 651, Laws of 1874, remaining unexpended with the Department of Public Parks, as stated in the said report of the Treasurer, amounting to the sum of \$166.71, with the interest thereon, if any, be and the same is hereby directed to be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(Minutes, March 14th, 1877, p. 683.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History Building.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 16th of April, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the provisions of Section 112 of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue from time to time as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as authorized by Chapter 351, Laws of 1875, and in pursuance of requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, of June 2, 1875, one hundred and forty thousand dollars.

(Minutes, June 2, 1875, p. 66.)

Filed.

Wilson Crosby.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in reply to a communication from the President requesting his opinion in relation to the position and pay of Mr. Wilson Crosby, second assistant-

engineer on Riverside Avenue construction work, in which he states:

“ If the Comptroller sees fit to pay the various members of the inspecting force, at rates approved by the Department of Parks not exceeding on the average \$1,620.66 per month during the continuance of the contract, I do not think that any injury can come to the city.

“ The only case in which valid objection could be made to a change in the rate of payment would be, if some member of the inspecting force should be paid less than the rate provided in the contract, such person might claim that his rights were fixed by the contract, and that he was entitled to the full amount therein specified.. I would advise that in every such case the person who is to receive less than the rate fixed in the contract, should be required to consent in writing to receive such reduced rate before he is appointed, and should also be required to give a release of all claims against the Department and the city when he is paid such reduced rate.

* * * * *

“ Under the terms of the contract the contractors virtually pay the expense of the engineering force, If the contractor does not object to paying more high priced men than the contract provides for, I do not see as anybody else can be hurt by it.”

(Minutes, February 28, 1877, p. 636)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that a copy thereof be sent to the Comptroller of the city.

Adopted.

Laborers employed on Riverside Avenue.

From the Comptroller of the city, as follows, viz. :

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }
April 19, 1877. }

Hon. WM. R. MARTIN,

President Department Public Parks :

Sir,—An examination as provided for in Sec. 29, Chap. 335, Laws 1873, of several of the engineer corps employed upon the work of Riverside Avenue, has disclosed the fact that the pay rolls for this work certified by the Commissioners of the Department of Parks are incorrect in regard to the employment of persons designated thereon.

It appears from such examination that the persons designated as “ Transit-man,” “ Leveller,” “ Rodman,” and “ Chainman,” only act as such “ at times,” and that

there have been detailed from the labor force of the parks, a number of men to take the place of and perform the duties of chainmen.

I have withheld the payment of the men so detailed, and who have been certified upon the labor roll of the parks, for the reason that by Chap. 477, Laws 1876, it is provided that the expense of this improvement shall be assessed on the property benefitted, while you have charged the services of these men to "City Parks Improvement Fund," which can only be applied to the construction and improvement of the parks, squares, &c., &c.

I will thank you to inform me to what extent this detailed labor has been employed, that such action may be taken as may seem to be necessary.

Respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

The PRESIDENT then read a letter which he had prepared in reply to the Comptroller's communication, stating that in November, 1876, two laborers had been detailed to work on Riverside Avenue and parks, and that others had also been detailed to the same work since, but at no time were more than six laborers so detailed.

(Minutes April 18, 1877, p. 759.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said letter prepared by the President be transmitted to the Comptroller.

Adopted.

Kings Bridge, Harlem River.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the dangerous condition of Kings Bridge over the Harlem River, on account of a portion of the railing being broken.

(Minutes April 11, 1877, p. 741.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to the Health Department that the repairs to the bridge had already been ordered, and moved that said communication be filed.

Adopted.

Boiler in the Museum.

From the Police Department, certifying to the inspection and good condition of the boiler in the Museum, Central Park.

Filed.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the communication of Mr. W. A. Haines, on behalf of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, calling the attention of the Department to the position of the closets in the Exhibition room, and to the leaks in the roof of the building, in which he states :

“ If the Board desires * * * to remove those closets, and to furnish accommodations outside of the building, I would recommend to build a Ladies' Room, on the north end, outside of the building, on the ground floor, of frame work, and put the necessary accommodations for gentlemen in the north end of the basement story. All the present plumbing work can be reused, with some additional pipes, and a portion of the present wood work could also be introduced in the new work.”

With regard to the leaks in the roof of the building, he states :

“ The first cause arises then where the cast-iron sides of the dormer windows are set against the brick piers. The iron on account of its expansion and contraction draws away from the brick-work and leaves an open joint, which cannot be pointed up satisfactorily with any cement or putty, as either will crack when the iron expands or contracts. I therefore recommend to put up upper flashings well fastened to the cast-iron sides of the dormer windows, and turn the copper into the brick joints of the dormers which will cover up the open joint and prevent any further leakage on these points. This will be an additional work, as it is not specified and shown on plans, and will cost about \$250.

“ But the principal leakages on the dormer windows have been found to come through those portions of the brick piers which have been built up solid. The dampness strikes on these points through the brick, and is carried from there to the stucco blocks between the rafters, whence it is carried to the plastering of the inside of the dormers, etc.”

“ To remedy this evil, I propose and recommend to disconnect the inner brick work with the outer wall of dormer windows, removing all the stucco blocking on side of dormer windows, and such portions of it as connect with the solid wall, take down the spandril panels of dormer windows, which are now of plaster, and substitute wood work for all

“ this plastered work. Also cut a recess in brick work, on each side of the dormer windows, two inches deep, and two feet wide, so as to disconnect this work from the solid brick work, and replaster the same on iron lathing; restore all the plastering after the work has been done. The approximate estimate, on the masons’ and plasterers’ work, for those alterations and additional work, is about \$520, and to furnish and put up all the additional carpenter work will cost about \$480.”

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 744.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that a copy of the report of the Superintending Architect be sent to the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, and that when their approval of his recommendations is received, the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the alterations and additional works recommended, to prevent the leaks in the roof, and that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit plans and estimates of the cost, for the removal of the closets.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with a copy of the notice which he addressed to the owners of property in the districts of the 24th Ward lying west of Jerome Avenue and south of Van Courtland’s Lake and the Gun Hill Road, requesting them to examine the map of said district, and also enclosing a list of the persons to whom he sent said notice.

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 742.)

Filed.

Sewer in Third Avenue, 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer recommending that a sewer be constructed in Third Avenue, from One hundred and forty-third Street to One hundred and forty-fifth Street, and connecting with the existing sewer at or near One hundred and forty-third Street.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit plans, specifications, and estimate of the cost for the construction of the sewer he recommends to be built.

Adopted.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, presented and read a report upon the subject of the laying out of the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received and filed.

Adopted.

Music on Central Park.

From Mr. W. A. Switzer, Manager of the Fifth Avenue Band, making application to have said band employed to furnish music on Central Park during the Summer.

Referred to the President to report.

Oil pipe through the Transverse Roads.

From Mr. J. M. Toucey, stating that he had obtained permission from the Common Council to lay a five-inch wrought-iron pipe from the East River to the Hudson River, for the purpose of conveying oil, and requesting that he be allowed to lay the pipe through one of the Transverse Roads. Also, submitting a diagram showing the proposed position of the pipe under the sidewalk, and stating that Transverse Road No. 1 would be the most convenient.

Also, from the Landscape Architect stating as follows :

“ I find the proposition unobjectionable, provided the curb-stone will not be disturbed ; that the back filling shall be firmly packed, the surface of the walk restored to its original condition, and all waste, litter and rubbish removed from the road.”

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested by Mr. Toucey be granted, on the conditions recommended by the Landscape Architect, and that the President be requested to prepare and submit, at the next meeting, an agreement to be entered into with Mr. Toucey.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Old Fort or Block House, Central Park.

From a committee of the Veterans of the War of 1812, requesting that a new liberty pole be erected on the Old Fort or Block House, in Central Park.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have a suitable liberty pole erected, as requested.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Pavilion on the Battery.

From Messrs. Bo. Chr. Roos & Co. and others, approving of the erection of the refreshment pavilion on the Battery.

From Mr. John H. Cusack and others, protesting against the erection of the pavilion or the granting of a license to any one to sell refreshments on the Battery.

From Mr. W. B. Stone, approving of the erection of the pavilion, but protesting against the licensee, on the ground that he keeps a liquor saloon, opposite the Battery.

(Minutes, February 14th, 1877, p. 6 11.)

Filed.

Zoological Garden.

From Mr. L. R. Mestaniz on the subject of establishing a Zoological Garden on one of the parks of the city.

(Minutes, January 10, 1877, p. 526.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Brass Goods Manufacturing Co., stencil plates	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$1 80
Berrian, H. M., oil	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	2 00
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	14 94
Coleman, Jas. & Co., repairs to pump	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	11 25
Colgate & Company, soap for harness	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	5 76
Fischer, W. L., petty expenses	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$7 24
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	8 00
		<hr/> 15 24

Gildersleeve, Wm. H., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....		\$48 82
Hazard Powder Co., shot and fuse.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	\$2 31	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	7 50	9 81
Hoogan, Cornelius, meat, March.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....		242 82
Hoyt, I. B. & Co., belting.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. & M.		3 50
Hunter, Keller & Co., steam pipes.....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and M....	\$2 32	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	6 17	8 49
Jube, John P. & Co., wagon materials...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		26 43
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		12 45
Mullane, John, corn, oats and hay.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		681 89
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co. plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$3 44	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & M.....	7 10	10 54
Reeves, Robt. C., mower parts.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		14 70
Rogers, H. A., nails.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....		13 00
Seligman, Henry & Co., disinfectant....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....		3 75
Walsh, Coulter & Flagler, nails and chain.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$6 50	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	1 95	8 45
			<u>\$1,135 64</u>

Wm. Cushing.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. William Cushing be, and he hereby is, appointed as a chainman to act as inspector on the work of the construction of Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$70 per month.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

Adopted.

John Johnson.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. John Johnson be, and he hereby is, appointed as an Inspector on the work of the construction of pipe sewers in Central Park, and that his pay be fixed at \$3 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Sale of house on Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that on the 21st March last the Board authorized the removal of two houses on Riverside Avenue, one of which is situate at or near One hundred and twenty-fourth street. That on further examination it was found that this house would not be worth to the Department the cost of removal, and he, therefore, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the order of the Board directing the house on Riverside Avenue to be removed be, and hereby is, rescinded, and that said house be sold at public auction.

(Minutes, March 21st, 1877, p. 696.)

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes — Commissioners **Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore**—4.

Boys to hold and water horses on Central Park.

The **PRESIDENT** moved that the number of boys to be licensed to hold and water horses on the Central Park be fixed at twelve (12) instead of ten (10) as directed by the Board on the 18th inst., and that the following four boys be licensed in addition to the eight heretofore authorized, viz., William Galvin, Charles Riendeau, Thomas Foyle, and Peter McGovern.

(Minutes, April 18th, 1877, p. 767.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners **Martin, Wenman, Wetmore**—3.

No—Commissioner **Stebbins**—1.

Bonds of Town of Kingsbridge.

Commissioner **WETMORE** presented a communication which he had received from Mr. Fordham Morris on the subject of the bonds issued by the various townships in Westchester county, which now constitute the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, prior to their annexation to the city on the 1st January, 1874, the proceeds of which were to be applied to the expenses of laying out the roads, streets and avenues in said townships by this Department; and he moved that it be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion whether this Department now has the right to expend the proceeds of the bonds issued by the late town of Kingsbridge

under authority of Chapter 89 Laws of 1873 upon the purposes mentioned in said act.

(Minutes, July 24th, 1874, p. 156.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 2d day of May, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.