

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

Department of Public Parks

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1872

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STATE OF NEW YORK, }
City and County of New York. } ss.

We, the subscribers, one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York, appointed by the Hon. A. Oakey Hall, Mayor of said city, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled an "Act to re-organize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 5th, 1870, do solemnly swear that we severally will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that we severally will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of a Commissioner of Public Parks according to the best of each of our ability.

Signed,

HENRY HILTON,
PETER B. SWEENY.

Sworn and subscribed to this 13th day }
of April, A.D. 1870, before me, }

R. W. PECKHAM,

A Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

And filed in the Mayor's office, this 15th day of April, A.D. 1870, according to ordinance.

Signed,

CHARLES O. JOLINE,
Chief Clerk.

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the official oaths of Henry Hilton and Peter B. Sweeny as Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, this day filed in this office.

CHARLES O. JOLINE,
Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Office,
New York, April 15th, 1870.

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STATE OF NEW YORK, }
 City and County of Albany, } ss.

I, the subscriber, having been appointed a Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York, by the Hon. A. Oakey Hall, Mayor of the City of New York, under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 5th, 1870, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of a Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York.

Dated, Albany, April 14, 1870.

Signed,

THOMAS C. FIELDS.

Sworn to and subscribed this 14th day }
 of April, 1870, before me, }

R. W. PECKMAN.

And filed in the Mayor's office, this 15th day of April, A.D. 1870, according to ordinance.

Signed,

CHARLES O. JOLINE,

Chief Clerk.

I certify that the within is a true copy of the official oath of Thomas C. Fields as a Commissioner of Public Parks, this day filed in this office.

CHARLES O. JOLINE,

Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Office,

NEW YORK, April 15th, A.D. 1870.

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I, Andrew H. Green, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of Public Parks, and Member of the Board of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, according to the best of my ability.

Signed,

ANDREW H. GREEN.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 16th day of April, 1870. }

Signed,

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

And filed in the Mayor's office, this 16th day of April, A.D. 1870, according to ordinance.

Signed,

CHARLES O. JOLINE,

Chief Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, April 16, 1870.

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the official oath of Andrew H. Green as a Commissioner of Public Parks, this day filed in this office.

CHARLES O. JOLINE,

Chief Clerk.

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I, Robert James Dillon, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Department of Public Parks, to wit, as one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, according to the best of my ability.

Signed,

ROBERT JAMES DILLON.

Subscribed and sworn before me, {
 this 24th day of May, 1870. }

Signed,

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

And filed in the Mayor's office, this 24th day of May, A.D. 1870, according to ordinance.

Signed,

CHARLES O. JOLINE,

Chief Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, May 24th, 1870.

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the official oath of Robert J. Dillon, as Commissioner, &c., this day filed in this office.

CHARLES O. JOLINE,

Chief Clerk.

BOARD
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1870.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING.

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, appointed by his Honor the Mayor, pursuant to the provisions of "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 5, 1870, convened this day at twelve o'clock, M., at No. 31 Nassau street, room No. 2.

Present—Commissioners Sweeny, Green, Hilton, and Fields.

Commissioner FIELDS called the Board to order.

Commissioner HILTON nominated Commissioner Peter B. Sweeny, for President of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, George M. Van Nort, Esq., was appointed teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, whereupon—

The teller announced the result as follows:

For President—Peter B. Sweeny received . . .	3 votes.
Blank	1 vote.
Total	4

Commissioner Peter B. Sweeny, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected President of the Board, whereupon—

The PRESIDENT took the chair.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That George M. Van Nort be appointed Clerk of the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Andrew H. Green, Esq., be appointed Treasurer of the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of two members be appointed by the President to prepare By-Laws, Ordinances, and Regula-

tions for the government of this Board, and, also, for the government of the various parks and public places, and employes under its control; to report at the earliest convenient 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The President appointed Commissioners Hilton and Fields as such Committee.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That an Executive Committee of two members be appointed by the President (and to which he shall be added as a member and Chairman *ex-officio*), who shall be authorized and empowered to execute and carry into effect all the orders, directions, and regulations of the Board, and control and manage its affairs, except when otherwise ordered.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT appointed, as the additional members of said Committee, Commissioners Fields and Hilton.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all appointments of employés of this Board be made by the President, on the recommendation of the members of the Board.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, said resolution was referred to the Comitée on By-Laws.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee notify all parties owning or having placed any incumbrances, &c., on any of the public parks or places within the City of New York, to forthwith remove the same; and in default thereof said committee shall cause all such incumbrances to be immediately removed and disposed of, the expense thereof to be charged to and collected from such owners.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Hall park be forthwith put in good order and condition for public use, by preparing and graveling new walks, putting up chains and posts, replacing the grass, and generally fitting it for the uses for which it is intended. That the fence around the same be removed, and the carriage-way of the streets adjoining on the east and

west thereof be enlarged by including within it the present sidewalks. Also, that the persons charged with the construction of the New Post-office building be notified not to use the Park grounds for the travel of their horses and carts, or for any building purposes, and that all present encroachments by them, upon said Park, be forthwith removed. The Executive Committee is specially charged with the duty of carrying out and enforcing this resolution; with power to modify, as in their judgment may seem reasonable, and so as not to interfere unnecessarily with the construction of the Post-office building.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all persons having charge of any property belonging to the late Board of Central Park Commissioners, or of any property belonging to or under the control of the present Board, forthwith report to the Executive Committee a particular and detailed statement of all such property, its situation and present condition.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That each of the various clerks and employés, now acting in the employ of this Board, report in writing to the Executive Committee his present occupation, date of original employment, and salary. Heads of gangs of workmen to report to the General Foreman, and the General Foreman to the Executive Committee.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be charged with the duty of providing music in the various parks and places following: Battery, City Hall Park, Madison square, Tompkins square, Washington square, Mount Morris square, Central Park; the music to be on the afternoons of alternate days, so far as the same may be considered advisable.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the railtracks in Fifty-ninth street be forthwith removed therefrom, in accordance with the recent act of

the Legislature in that respect, and that the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company be requested to co-operate in such removal. The Executive Committee is charged with carrying out this resolution, with authority to so arrange with the company respecting such removal as shall be deemed expedient.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to furnish to the daily press an abstract of the proceedings of the Board of this day.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be directed to inquire and report whether other and more convenient offices for the business of the Board cannot be procured than those in present use. Also, that the Committee inquire and report whether any building in the Central Park can be adapted to the use of the administrative offices of the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to give notice to the various persons concerned or interested in the resolutions adopted this day, of the adoption of the resolutions, and that they will be required to conform therewith.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter all the printing be done under the direction of the President.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN presented a statement of moneys received and expended by him since April 20, 1870, for and on account of the Department of Public Parks.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS—

Resolved, That the action of Commissioner Green, since the appointment of the Board of the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to chapter 137, laws of 1870, be approved, and that said statement be placed on file.

Commissioner GREEN presented the bill of the National Bank of Commerce in New York for rent and janitor's services, amounting to one thousand and twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$1,022.50).

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay said bill to the amount of one thousand and twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$1,022.50).

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24, 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the National Bank of Commerce, in the City of New York, the following sums for the payment of work, services, and materials furnished or to be furnished for the prosecution of the following works :

Boulevard, Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.....	\$200,000 00
Seventh Avenue.....	100,000 00
Sixth Avenue.....	50,000 00
Avenue St. Nicholas.....	50,000 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks the sum of twenty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and eight cents (\$27,357.08), for deficiency of maintenance and government for the year 1869, and one thousand three hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$1,356.50) for the arrears of improvement of Mount Morris square; the further sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), for adapting the line of Eighth avenue to the Park, and the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000), for parks and places.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That there shall be appointed additional Park Keepers, with all the powers of the Central Park Police, to take charge of the various public parks or squares within the City of New York.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said resolution be referred to the President, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the various laws relating to the Board of Park Commissioners be collated and printed under the direction of the President and Treasurer.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of

Public Parks, in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), being the balance of Central Park Improvement Fund Stock, authorized to be issued by the Common Council of the City of New York, under date of May 13th, 1869.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields.—4.

On motion of Commissioner Fields, at two o'clock and five minutes, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1870.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

NEW YORK, May 6, 1870.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk, Board of Department of Public Parks:

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Department of Public Parks for this day, at one o'clock P. M., for the consideration of such business as may come before them.

Yours, &c.,

PETER B. SWEENEY,

President, Board of Department of Public Parks.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks hereby designate the National Bank of Commerce in New York as the depository of all moneys which, by law, are to be deposited to the credit of said Department, or which said Department

is authorized to receive, and that the Treasurer of this Department transmit a copy of this resolution to the Comptroller of the City.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be ordered paid by 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay, from time to time, the salaries and wages of persons

employed by this Department, estimates for work done and materials furnished, when due, according to any contracts which may hereafter be made by this Department, or heretofore made by the late Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, bills for freight on merchandise, or animals sent to this Department, and such bills and claims as may be, from time to time, ordered paid by 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of the Department of Public Parks deem the creation and issue of the further amount of four hundred and sixty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$466,666.66) of the public fund or stock denominated "The Central Park Improvement Fund," authorized by an act entitled "An Act for the improvement, maintenance, regulation, and government of the Central Park in the City of New York, and to provide additional means therefor," passed February 10, 1865, to be now requisite to carry out the object of said act, and that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty be and they are hereby requested to create and issue the said amount, in accordance with the provisions of said act.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

Commissioner Green presented certified copies of "An act in relation to regulating and grading the Eighth avenue, in the City of New York," passed May 3, 1870, also "An act to alter the map or plan of the City of New York," passed March 3, 1870, and moved that said acts be laid on the table and printed in document form.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

(See Documents Nos. 1 and 2.)

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, in conformity with a resolution adopted May 3, 1870, reported a detailed inventory of the property under the control of the Department of Public Parks, and in possession of its employés, on the Central Park, the Boulevard and Sixth avenue ; said report was agreed to.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be laid on the table, and printed in document form.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

(See Document No. 3.)

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the work on the Boulevard, west of Central Park, be promoted with such additional efficiency as to furnish a convenient roadway (in connection with the Bloomingdale road, from Eighty-seventh street to One Hundred and Sixth street,) from Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Eighth street, during the present season, and that the engineer in charge of the work report what measures are necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

A communication from F. E. Eldridge, asking for an appointment under the Department, was received, and

Referred to the President.

A communication from Charles C. Colgate, requesting that the iron railing around Reservoir square be painted.

Ordered on file.

On motion of the PRESIDENT—

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to attend the next meeting of the Board.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase gravel and such other material as may be necessary to put the roads and walks of the Central Park in a proper condition.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

A communication from Hon. E. Geo. Squier, Minister-Resident at Honduras, relative to introducing in the Park certain types of American aboriginal art in architecture, was received, and

Laid on the table.

A communication from William P. Furniss, relative to condition of Boulevard work at One Hundred and Third street, and requesting that said street be put in good traveling condition from Bloomingdale road to Eleventh avenue.

Referred to the Treasurer, to comply therewith so far as is practicable.

A communication from Timothy Daly, President, "O'Connell Monument Association," relative to erecting a monument to the

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memory of Daniel O'Connell in the Central Park, was received, and

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Referred to the Treasurer, to consider and report a suitable resolution in relation thereto.

A communication from Charles S. Medary, desiring to dispose of a collection of coral, was received and

Laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN reported verbally that the National Bank of Commerce in New York would relieve the Board from the rent of its present offices, if a suitable tenant could be secured to take them.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at two o'clock and fifteen minutes, the Board adjourned, to meet on Monday, 9th inst., at two o'clock, P. M.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1870.

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SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.
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The Board was called pursuant to the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
(Bank of Commerce Building,) }
31 Nassau Street. }

NEW YORK, May 13, 1870

GEORGE M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk, Board of Department of Public Parks:

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for Saturday, 14th inst., at two o'clock P. M., for the consideration of such business as may come before them.

Yours, &c.,

PETER B. SWEENY,

President, Board of Department of Public Parks.

Present—Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 16, 1870.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
(Bank of Commerce Building), }
31 Nassau street. }

NEW YORK, May 14, 1870.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk, Board of Department of Public Parks:

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Department of Public Parks for Monday, 16th inst., at twelve o'clock m., for the consideration of such business as may come before them.

Yours, &c.,

PETER B. SWEENEY,

President, Board of Department of Public Parks.

Present—Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, Commissioner HILTON was appointed President *pro tem*.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* presented the report of the Engineer in charge of the Boulevard, in answer to a resolution of the Board adopted May 6, 1870 (p. 19 of the minutes), "as to finishing a convenient roadway &c. during the present season."

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be referred to the Executive Committee.

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 Green, Hilton, and Fields—3.

A communication from J. H. Sullivan & Co., contractors on a portion of the Seventh avenue improvement, asking that the payment of fifty per cent. of the reserved percentage under their contract be continued.

Ordered on file.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Messrs. J. H. Sullivan & Co., fifty (50) per cent. of the percentage reserved under their contract for regulating and grading the Seventh avenue.

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 Green, Hilton, and Fields—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Thomas Crimmins fifty (50) per cent. of the percentage reserved under his contract for regulating and grading the Seventh avenue.

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 Green, Hilton, and Fields—3.

A communication from B. F. Crane, relative to aiding Mary Driscoll, whose husband died from injuries received on the Boulevard work, was received, and,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Referred to the Treasurer to report thereon.

A communication from the Corporation of the Trinity Church, with plan, and a paper of Olmsted, Vaux & Co., asking permission to build a bridge over the Boulevard, connecting the two parts of the Trinity cemetery, was received, and,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Laid over.

A communication from Vincent Collyer, desiring to dispose of a collection of Indian curiosities, was received, and,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report thereon.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase, from time to time, the necessary supplies and materials for the various works under the charge of this Department, until the further action of the Board at its next meeting.

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 Green, Hilton, and Fields—3.

On motion of Commissioner Fields, at one o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned, to meet on Thursday, 19th inst., at three o'clock.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1870.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 P. M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Committee on By-laws and Ordinances, to which was referred the subject of preparing by-laws for the government of the Board and its employés, reported thereon.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be accepted and adopted.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend said motion by striking out the word "adopted," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "that said report lay over until the next meeting for consideration."

Debate was had thereon, when

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner Green—2.

Noes—Commissioners Hilton and Fields—2.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That George M. Van Nort be and he is hereby appointed Comptroller in the Department of Public Parks.

That M. A. Kellogg be and he is hereby appointed Engineer-in-Chief in the Department of Public Parks.

That J. Wrey Mould be and he is hereby appointed Architect-in-Chief in the Department of Public Parks.

That Benjamin F. Crane be and he is hereby appointed Superintendent of Central Park in the Department of Public Parks.

That Ignaz A. Pilat be and he is hereby appointed Chief Landscape Gardener in the Department of Public Parks.

That Henry Koster be and he is hereby appointed Captain of Police in the Department of Public Parks.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller in this Department shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum, payable monthly.

That the Engineer-in-Chief in this Department shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum, payable monthly.

That the Architect-in-Chief in this Department shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum, payable monthly.

That the Superintendent of Central Park, in this Department, shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum, payable monthly.

That the Chief Landscape Gardener in this Department shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, payable monthly.

That the Captain of Police in this Department shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum, payable monthly.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board recognize Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux as Chief Landscape Architects, as such, advisers to the Board, and continue their employment under the resolution of the late Board, adopted in January, 1865.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief, in conjunction with the Chief Landscape Gardener, report to this Board at the earliest day plans for the improvement of the various city squares and places—excepting those places already directed to be improved.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words “the Engineer-in-Chief, in conjunction with the Chief Landscape Gardener,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects.”

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—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller report to this Board the cost of each structure or building now upon the Central Park, so far as the same can be ascertained from the books 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief and the Superintendent of the Central Park, and Chief Landscape Gardener separately report to this Board what work is now in progress under their direction, and subject to the control of this Board, specifying particularly the structures now in course of erection, and the probable cost or expense necessary to complete the same, according to present plans and intentions.

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 :

PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON presented a code of ordinances for the government and regulation of the Central Park, which were ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

ORDINANCES OF THE CENTRAL PARK.

The Board of the Department of Public Parks do ordain as follows :

All persons are forbidden

SECTION 1. To enter or leave the Park except by the gateways.

§ 2. To climb or walk upon the wall.

§ 3. To turn cattle, horses, goats, or swine into the Park.

§ 4. To carry firearms, or to throw stones or other missiles within it.

§ 5. To cut, break, or in any way injure or deface the trees, shrubs, plants, turf, or any of the buildings, fences, bridges, or other constructions upon the Park ;

§ 6. Or to converse with, or in any way hinder those engaged in its construction.

§ 7. Two pounds are hereby established within the Central Park, for the impounding of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, dogs, swine, and geese, and other animals found trespassing upon said Park. All such animals found at large upon the Park may be

taken by any person or persons, and driven or carried to one of the said pounds, and may be kept enclosed therein during five days, at the end of which time, if not previously claimed, they may be sold at public auction; provided that two days' previous notice of the sale thereof shall have been conspicuously posted at the pound.

The owner of any animal so impounded by virtue of the ordinances of the Central Park, may redeem the same before the day of sale, by the payment to the Treasurer of the Board as follows :

For each animal other than goats and geese, two dollars, and the expense of keeping.

For each goat, four dollars, and the expense of keeping.

For geese, twenty-five cents each, and the expense of keeping.

The expense of keeping shall be reckoned as follows :

For each horse, dog, or head of neat stock, fifty cents per day.

For each goat, swine, or sheep, twenty cents per day.

For each goose, five cents per day.

If, within one month after the sale of any impounded animals, their former owner shall appear and claim the same, the Treasurer shall, after deducting the full amount of the charges provided for, pay over to him the proceeds of their sale.

§ 8. No animal shall travel on any part of the Central Park, except upon the "ride," or equestrian road, at a rate exceeding seven miles per hour. Persons on horseback shall not travel on the "ride," or equestrian road, at a rate exceeding ten miles per hour.

§ 9. No vehicle shall be permitted on the "ride," or equestrian road, the same being devoted exclusively to equestrians; nor shall

any vehicle, horse, or animal of burden, go upon any part of the Central Park except upon the "drive" and other carriage and transverse roads, and upon such places as are appropriated for carriages at rest.

§ 10. No animal or vehicle shall be permitted to stand upon the "drive" or carriage roads of the Central Park, or any part thereof, to the obstruction of the way, or to the inconvenience of travel, nor shall any person upon the Central Park solicit or invite passengers.

§ 11. No hackney-coach, carriage, or other vehicle for hire, shall stand upon any part of the Central Park for the purpose of taking in any other passengers or persons than those carried to the Park by said coach, carriage, or vehicle.

§ 12. No person shall expose any article or thing for sale upon the Central Park, except previously licensed by the Board of the Department of Public Parks, nor shall any hawking or peddling be allowed on the Central Park.

§ 13. No omnibus or express wagon, with or without passengers, nor any cart, dray, wagon, truck or other vehicle carrying goods, merchandise, manure, soil, or other article, or solely used for the carriage of goods, merchandise, manure, or other articles, shall be allowed to enter any part of the Central Park except upon the transverse roads.

§ 14. No threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, shall be allowed on the Central Park, whereby a breach of the peace may be occasioned.

§ 15. No person shall be allowed to tell fortunes or play at any game of chance at or with any table or instrument of gaming, nor to do any obscene or indecent act whatever on the Central Park.

§ 16. In case of an emergency, where life or property are endangered, all persons, if required so to do by the Superintendent or any of his assistants, shall remove from the portion of the Central Park specified by the Superintendent or his assistants, and remain off the same till permission is given to return.

§ 17. The Central Park shall be open daily to the public during the months of December, January, and February, from seven o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening; during the months of March, April, May, October, and November, from six o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock in the evening; and during the months of June, July, August, and September, from five o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock in the evening.

§ 18. The Superintendent may direct that any of the entrances to the Park be closed at any time, and may, on special occasions, also direct that the Park, or any portion thereof, remain open at other times than those above specified.

§ 19. No person other than employes of the Board of the Department of Public Parks shall enter or remain in the Central Park, except when it is open as above provided.

§ 20. No dog shall be allowed upon any portion of the Central Park, unless led by a chain or proper dog string, not exceeding five feet in length, nor shall any person be allowed to lead any quadruped (except dogs) in the Central Park.

§ 21. No person, except in the employ of the Board of the Department of Public Parks, shall bring upon the Central Park any tree, shrub, plant, or flower, nor any newly-plucked branch, or portion of a tree, shrub, plant, or flower.

§ 22. No person shall bathe, or fish in, or go, or send any animal into any of the waters of the Park, nor disturb any of

the fish, water-fowl, or other birds in the Park, nor throw, or place any article or thing in said waters.

§ 23. No person shall fire, discharge, or set off in the Central Park, any rocket, cracker, torpedo, squib, balloon, snake, chaser, or double-header, nor any fireworks or thing under any other name, composed of the same or similar material, or of the same or similar character, as the fireworks above specified.

§ 24. No person shall place or propel any invalid-chairs or perambulators up any portion of the Central Park, except upon the walks.

§ 25. No person shall post or otherwise affix any bill, notice, or other paper, upon any structure or thing within the Central Park, nor upon any of the gates or enclosures thereof.

§ 26. No person shall, without the consent of the President of the Board of the Department of Public Parks, play upon any musical instrument within the Central Park, nor shall any person take into, or carry or display in the Central Park, any flag, banner, target or transparency.

§ 27. No military or target company, or civic or other procession shall be permitted to parade, drill, or perform upon the Central Park, any military or other evolutions or movements.

§ 28. No fire-engine, hook-and-ladder, cart, hose, truck or other machine on wheels, commonly used for the extinguishing of fire, shall be allowed on any part of the Central Park, except the transverse roads, without the previous consent of the President of the Board of the Department of Public Parks.

§ 29. No funeral procession, or hearse, or other vehicle or person carrying the body of a deceased person, shall be allowed on any part of the Central Park, except upon the transverse roads.

§ 30. No person, except in the employ of the Board of the Department of Public Parks, shall light, make, or use any fire upon the Central Park.

§ 31. No person on foot shall go upon the grass, lawn, or turf of the Central Park, except when and where the word "common" is posted, indicating that persons are at liberty at that time and place to go on the grass.

§ 32. No person arrested in the Central Park for violating any ordinance or any regulation of the Board of the Department of Public Parks shall be conveyed before any magistrate, nor shall any complaint be entered against any person until they shall have been brought before the Captain of the Central Park Police, or the chief officer in charge, and his approval of making such complaint first obtained by the officer making the arrest.

In connection therewith Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the ordinances for the government of the Central Park as presented this day, be and they are hereby adopted, and that the same be published for two weeks in the "Herald, World, Star, Staats Zeitung, and Times," daily newspapers published in the City of New York, and the said newspapers are hereby selected by this Board for that purpose.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON moved that two hundred and fifty copies of the By-laws of the Board, and a like number of copies of the ordinances for the government and regulation of the Central Park, be printed in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Clerk 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board, recognizing the necessity of a parade-ground for the use of the First Division, N. G. S. N. Y., and deeming it inadvisable to set apart any portion of the Central Park for such purpose, hereby authorize the Executive Committee, in pursuance of the power conferred on this department by the provisions of chapter 626, Laws of 1870, to consider the subject of the selection of a piece of ground suitable for parades, reviews and drills of all arms of the service of said First Division.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to procure a seal for the use of this Department, to be affixed to any documents and

writings as in the opinion of the President may need such authentication, and which he may be authorized to execute on behalf of this Board.

That the seal have contained in the outer circle, the words "Department of Public Parks," and within, the words "City of New York."

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Finance Committee—Commissioners Green and Hilton.

Executive Committee—Commissioners Hilton and Fields.

Auditing Committee—Commissioners Fields and Hilton.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board give notice to all the officers of the Department, that all orders of the Executive Committee shall be promptly obeyed and performed when communicated through any member or the clerk 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no work be proceeded with on the City Hall Park till a plan of the proposed alterations has been submitted to and approved by this Board.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no fitting-up or furnishing offices for this Board be had till the plan is submitted to and approved by the Board.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

A communication from Messrs. Olmsted, Vaux & Co., Landscape Architects, with plan for the rearrangement of the Sixth

and Seventh avenue approaches to the Park at Fifty-ninth street, was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

A report was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer in charge of the Boulevard work, in answer to a resolution of the Board as to furnishing a convenient roadway from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Eighth street, during the present season.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be laid on the table and printed in document form.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

(See Doc. No. 5.)

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That H. B. Dodworth's services be engaged for furnishing music once a week on the Central Park.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the whole subject of renting the present offices of the Department be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, at five o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, Fields, and Dillon.

ROBERT J. DILLON, Esq., appointed a Commissioner in the Department of Public Parks by his Honor the Mayor, pursuant to the provisions of "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 5, 1870, appeared and took his seat.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The Comptroller, in compliance with a resolution of the Board, submitted a preliminary report of the cost of structures now in course of erection on the Central Park, and such as have been recently completed.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be laid on the table and printed in document form and referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, Fields, and Dillon.

(See Document No. 6.)

A communication was received from the stone cutters employed on the Central Park, relative to work under the eight-hour law passed by the Legislature at its recent session.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was referred to the PRESIDENT, to prepare a resolution thereon.

A report was received from Ignaz A. Pilat, Chief Landscape Gardener, in compliance with a resolution of the 19th inst., as to work now in progress under his direction on Mount Morris Park.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, said report was referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon to the Board.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend the resolution adopted May 3, having reference to the power of the Executive Committee, by adding at the end thereof the words, "and that this resolution be considered temporary."

Commissioner FIELDS raised the point of order, that the minutes of the previous meetings having been read and approved, said motion to amend could not be entertained.

The PRESIDENT decided the point of order well taken.

Commissioner GREEN moved to reconsider the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

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—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

A communication was received from Honorable William M.

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Tweed, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to regulating and grading that portion of 126th street between the 6th and 7th avenues.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee, to examine and report thereon to the Board.

A communication was received from W. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, relative to their collection of Natural History, and desiring to communicate with the Board in reference thereto.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said motion was amended by adding thereto, "and that the Clerk be directed to furnish the Executive Committee all the correspondence and action had by the Commissioners of the Central Park on this subject."

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

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of "An Act to provide a plan for the improvement of portions of the Counties of Westchester and New York, and to provide facilities of communication between said counties," passed May 19, 1870.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said act be laid on the table, and printed in document form.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—5.

(See Document No. 7.)

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That section Twenty-nine of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the word “two,” in line two, and insert in place thereof the word “three.”

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :—

Resolved, That William L. Wiley be, and he is hereby, appointed Superintendent of Public Squares and Places, at a salary of four thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Mr. GREEN moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

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).

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Mount Morris Square be attached to the Bureau of the Central Park, and be under the charge and supervision of the Superintendent of the Central Park.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—4.

A communication was received from B. F. Crane, Superintendent Central Park, relative to the old house at Mount Morris Square.

Mr. FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—5.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the By-laws be referred to a special committee for revision, and that they be directed to report to the Board such amendments thereto as said committee in their judgment may deem for the best interest of this Board.

Commissioner FIELDS moved to amend said motion by striking out all after the word "that," and insert in lieu thereof the words "the whole subject of the By-Laws of the Board be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to amend if found necessary."

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Clerk report to the Board what engagements, if any, express or implied, have been made by the late Commissioners of the Central Park with any persons, societies, or corporations, for the use of the lands or buildings of the Park, or any part thereof; and also report the outstanding arrangements or unfinished business of the late Commissioners, expedient for the action or concurrence of this Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—4.

A communication was received from B. F. Crane, Superin-

tendent of the Central Park, relative to plastering the interior of the dairy-house.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee, to examine and report.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest, and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for that portion of the Kingsbridge Road laid out, widened, and straightened by the late Commissioners of the Central Park, under and by virtue of "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, between the northerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and the Harlem River, near Kingsbridge; and that the President of the Board be authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks to acquire title to the land included in the lines of, and required for, such Kingsbridge Road, and to sign on behalf of the Department of Public Parks the necessary papers to acquire such title.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—5.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, sub-

mitted a report from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the construction during the present season of a portion of the enclosing walls around the Central Park.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be laid on the table and printed, as a document of the Board, and referred to the Executive Committee to examine.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—5.

(See Document No. 8.)

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Executive Committee having engaged lofts of building No. 265 Broadway, the President be authorized and directed to execute, deliver, and accept a lease, on behalf of this Board, of the second and fifth lofts of building No. 265 Broadway, in a form to be approved by the Executive Committee.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—5.

A communication from I. A. Pilat, Chief Landscape Gardener, relative to the rearrangement of the entrances to Mt. Morris Square, with plan for the same, was received, and

Referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from Jacob Weeks, requesting permission to construct a bay window on his premises, corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-eighth street, whereupon

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following:—

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby, given to Jacob Weeks to construct a bay window in Fifty-eighth street, on the northerly side of the house now erecting by him on the southwesterly corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-eighth street, and to enclose said house along Fifty-eighth street with an area railing, provided that said bay window and area railing shall not either of them extend a greater distance than four feet into Fifty-eighth street, and that this permission shall only be valid during the pleasure of this Board, or other lawful authority.

Debate was had thereon; when,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the whole subject was laid over.

Commissioner HILTON called up the communication received from the Corporation of Trinity Church, with plan, asking permission to build a bridge to connect the two parts of Trinity Cemetery; whereupon,

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby, given to the Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, to locate and construct a bridge, at an elevation not less than feet above the centre of the roadbed of the Boulevard, and over that portion of said Boulevard lying between One Hundred and Fifty-third street and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, for the purpose of connecting the easterly with the westerly side of the Trinity

Cemetery, as shown on a plan now before the Board, dated March 29, 1870; and that the rearrangement of the plan of the roadway and sidewalks of said Boulevard between said streets, as shown on said plan, is hereby approved.

Debate was had thereon; when,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication, plan, and resolution were referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon to the Board.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reference to him of the communication from the stone-cutters employed at the Central Park, relative to the eight-hour law, was reconsidered; whereupon,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee, to report a resolution thereon to the Board.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the moneys derived from checks signed by a majority of the Commissioners, payable to the order of the Treasurer, be deposited as heretofore, and be disbursed pursuant to Section 9 of the By-Laws.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, Fields, and Dillon—5.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, at five o'clock P.M. the Board adjourned.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, Fields, and Dillon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report was received from J. Wrey Mould, Architect-in-chief, in answer to a resolution of the Department, adopted on the 19th inst., as to the approximate cost of completing the structures at present commenced upon the Central Park, and now under his control.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be printed in document form and referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

(See Doc. No. 9.)

The PRESIDENT submitted copies of the oaths of office of the several Commissioners in the Department of Public Parks, and moved that the same be printed, as a preface to the minutes of the Department, and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

A communication was received from Olmsted & Vaux, chief landscape architects, advisory, relative to the works in progress at the Central Park on their designs.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be printed in document form and referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

(See Doc. No. 10.)

On motion of Commissioner HILTON,

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to transmit to Olmsted & Vaux, chief landscape architects, advisory, the resolution of the Department relative to the probable cost of completing the structures now in course of erection on the Central Park.

A communication was received from James Tobin, asking that the damage done to his house on the Boulevard, between Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, by blasting, be repaired, and

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS referred to the Engineer in Chief to ascertain and report the facts to the Board.

A communication from Charles J. Innes, sculptor, asking an increase of pay, was received ; whereupon Commissioner GREEN moved that the compensation of Charles J. Innes, sculptor, be fixed at six dollars 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields--5.

A communication from Charles E. Jenkins and Jonathan Taylor, with specifications for laying the Nicolson pavement on certain avenues under control of this department, was received ; whereupon,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication, and the subject of paving the Sixth and Seventh avenues north of the Central Park, also of the transverse roads, were referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

A communication was received from Alfred Edwards, asking permission to remove from the fountain basin in Union square fifteen gold-fish, to replace a like number taken from Gramercy Park.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

A communication was received from Alfred Edwards, relative to the care of the sparrows and other birds in the Central Park and in the several city parks.

Commissioner FIELDS moved the said communication be referred to Commissioner DILLON, with power.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

A communication was received from Alfred Edwards, asking that the grass in Madison, Washington, and Stuyvesant Parks be kept closely cut, and to allow the children to play upon it once a week.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The Treasurer reported the condition of the finances, which was accepted and ordered on file, as follows :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
 (Bank of Commerce Building),
 31 Nassau street,
 NEW YORK, May 31, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the Finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department..	\$101,603 86
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer....	1,167 42
Total.....	\$102,771 28

(Signed),

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

Commissioner FIELDS from the Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

BILL OF—

J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work.....	\$8,452 50
The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., stone.....	7,187 25
John P. Cumming, grading Avenue St. Nicholas..	904 00
Peck & Wandell, brick and cement.....	465 00
Pinckney & Moulton, feed.....	332 45

BILL OF—

Dennis Meers, stone.....	\$326 25
Henry Kelly, meat.....	188 84
Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	130 00
Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	129 03
J. Wrey Mould, architectural services.....	114 00
Colwell, Shaw & Willard Mfg. Co., pipe.....	101 60
The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	78 40
Owen McCabe, bread.....	78 06
Pennsylvania Coal Co., coal.....	71 50
Wm. H. Cory, brooms.....	60 00
Union Adams, gloves.....	54 00
Miller & Coates, tiles.....	49 87
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	43 88
The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	41 30
H. N. Swift, castings.....	39 00
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	35 15
Julius Munckwitz, architectural services.....	21 00
William Menzies, timber.....	20 41
Wetmore & Co., steel.....	14 76
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	12 13
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	9 08
Herring, Farrell & Sherman, castings.....	8 00
C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints.....	8 00
J. L. Jackson & Bro., bird-cage repairs.....	7 50
R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	5 88
Colgate & Co., soap.....	4 48
Benoit & Wood, drawing paper.....	3 50
McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	1 79

BILL OF

Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$650 00
J. H. Sullivan & Co., One Hundred and Forty-fifth street work.....	1,440 00
Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	104 30
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Total.....	\$21,192 91

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, May 31, 1870.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes;

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

BILL OF—

J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work.....	\$7,875 00
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work.....	2,205 00
John P. Cummings, Jr., ave. St. Nicholas work....	1,528 00

BILL OF—

Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$1,300 00
Ames Manufacturing Co., bronze enrichments....	789 76
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	545 00
P. Van Gieson, tin work, etc.....	520 89
Thomas C. Cornell, survey and map.....	500 00
Wm. C. Jardine, rock-filling.....	330 00
William Menzies, timber.....	206 88
R. H. Allen & Co., seeds, etc.,.....	238 90
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	153 03
C. T. Raynolds & Co., paints, oils, etc.,.....	144 15
J. W. Stevens & Bro., lumber.....	95 14
N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., hose.....	82 50
Metropolitan Gaslight Co., gas.....	61 25
William Menzies, timber.....	51 25
Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.....	39 25
Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., rosin, tar, etc.,.....	39 23
Simon Bache & Co., glass.....	30 00
Pugsley & Chapman, canal barrows.....	24 00
Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	21 63
John P. Jabe & Co., axles.....	20 63
James Sheil, repairing harness.....	19 56
Wm. O. Labagh, salt.....	16 94
F. S. Selover & Co., pails.....	15 00
James Prentice, metallic tapes.....	13 50
Worthespoon Bros., plaster.....	7 20
Lalance and Grosjean Manufacturing Co., cups....	6 75
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	5 80
Bradley & Smith, brushes and polish.....	5 00
N. Y. Evening Express, advertising.....	4 50
Hartford and N. Y. Steamboat Co., freight.....	4 40
Evening Post, advertising.....	4 35
N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	4 00

BILL OF—

Smith & Butler, clamps.....	\$3 00
McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	2 40
J. L. Mott Iron Works, grate.....	2 25
C. T. Raynolds & Co., brushes.....	1 78
J. W. C. Anderson, slating dairy.....	800 00
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	201 05
Pennsylvania Coal Co., coal.....	110 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	64 50
James Coleman & Co., coupling.....	43 60
A. See & Son, shovels.....	41 99
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	21 73
Ellwanger & Barry, plants.....	15 00
Windle & Co., washstand, etc.....	5 00
Total.....	<u>\$18,220 79</u>

Dated May 31, 1870.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

A communication from C. W. Lawrence, with plan of survey of premises or public place at the foot of Canal street, North River, was received, and referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, to whom the By-Laws were referred for revision, made a preliminary report thereon, which was accepted, as follows :

SECTION 6, alter as follows :

1. A President.
2. A Vice-President.
3. A Secretary.

And at end, add—

“The Vice-President in the absence of the President shall have, possess, perform, and exercise all the powers and perform the duties of the President.”

SEC. 8. As a substitute for the third paragraph, as follows :

“The PRESIDENT shall make all appointments of officials on the recommendation of members of the Board. All other employes or workmen in the pay or on the payrolls of the Department, shall be appointed by the heads of bureaus on the recommendation and approval of the Executive Committee.”

SEC. 23. On second line, change “two” to “four.”

SEC. 30. The Finance Committee shall be charged with the duty of providing moneys for the Department as the same shall be required, pursuant to the provisions of law on that subject, and of these By-laws, and of making and reporting annual estimates for the consideration of the Board.

The numbering of the remaining sections shall be altered to conform herewith.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, a division of the question was ordered on section eight, whereupon

Commissioner HILTON moved the adoption of said section eight.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Nay—Commissioner GREEN—1.

Commissioner HILTON moved the adoption of the remaining sections, and that said report be placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, to which was referred the question as to the course to be adopted by this Department in conformity with the provisions of the late act of the Legislature, and known as the eight hour law, reported thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Department will not hereafter require from any mechanic, workingman, or laborer in the employ of this Department a service of more than eight hours each day, that period of time constituting by law a legal day's work ; but agreement may be made with any such mechanic, workingman or laborer for extra compensation for overwork beyond such period.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, to which was referred the communication of W. A. Haines, chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, relative to their collection and desiring to communicate with the Board in relation thereto, together with the report of the Clerk as to the correspondence and action of the late Commissioners of the Central Park, reported thereon.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be adopted, printed in document form, and the whole subject referred to the Executive Committee with power and to report plans to the Board for approval.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

(See Doc. No. 11.)

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, to which was referred the report of the Engineer-in-chief, answering a resolution of May 6, 1870, page 19 of the Minutes, "as to furnishing a convenient roadway on the Boulevard during the present

season," reported thereon ; and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board approves of the general plan presented in the communication of the Engineer-in chief, dated May 13, 1870, respecting the construction of the Boulevard, and that his views and suggestions be approved, except that the roadway of the Boulevard shall be constructed on the Telford plan, and that the necessary engine and boiler be purchased to work the stone-breaking machine, and that requisitions be made in conformity with the plan presented in the Engineer's report.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Nay—Commissioner GREEN—1.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, submitted a report of its acts and proceedings, which was ordered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Department of Public Parks.

The Executive Committee respectfully presents the following report of its doings and proceedings under the resolution of the Department, adopted May 3, 1870 ; also as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your Committee, held May 11, C. S. Grafulla was engaged to furnish a band of forty pieces to perform on the Central Park on Saturdays, and thirty pieces on Madison Park on Thursdays, thirty on Washington Park on Wednesdays, and

thirty on Tompkins square on Tuesdays, at five dollars per man and ten dollars for the leader; no compensation for rainy days.

A communication from J. M. Varian, Brigadier-General, commanding Third Brigade N. G. S. N. Y., relative to drills on the Central Park, was considered, and it being deemed inadvisable to grant such request, the communication was laid on the table.

The Architect-in-chief was directed to prepare designs for temporary music pavilions for Madison, Washington, and Tompkins squares; a resolution was adopted, directing the Engineer-in-chief to immediately remove and take to the storage yard the fences, derricks, &c., in the City Hall Park; the President was authorized to advertise for proposals for sale of iron railing, base, &c., around the City Hall Park; the Engineer-in-chief, in conjunction with the Chief Landscape Gardener, was directed to carry out Mr. Kellogg's recommendations for temporarily improving the City Hall Park; Mr. A. D. Ewen was authorized to make topographical surveys of the several city parks; Messrs. Kellogg and Pilat were authorized to make requisitions on the Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks for the necessary tools and materials for improving the City Hall Park; Mr. Van Nort was directed to act as clerk of your Committee and to issue its orders in the name of the Committee; the leasing of the second and fifth floors of the building No. 265 Broadway, for offices of the Department for the term of three years, was approved, and the President authorized to execute a lease therefor; Commissioner Hilton was authorized to prepare and fit up the offices and floors in said building for the use of the Department and its employés.

At a meeting of your Committee held May 14, 1870, a resolution was adopted directing that all work on the parks and other

works under the control of this Department be suspended on Tuesday, May 17, 1870, that being election day.

At a meeting on the 19th inst., the Superintendent of the Central Park was directed to cause the grass in the various city parks and places to be cut and disposed of, rendering an account to the Comptroller of the Department; the public place located at foot of Canal street was directed to be put in order with grass and shrubbery, and the iron railing and base around the City Hall Park to be used to enclose the same, under the direction of the Engineer-in-chief and Chief Landscape Gardener; the parks on Fourth avenue were directed to be put in order forthwith, under the direction of the Chief Landscape Gardener.

At a meeting held on the 21st inst., the several heads of bureaus were directed to report in writing any suggestions which they considered essential in regard to the work under their charge respectively; also a plan of organization of their respective bureaus, the number and kind of assistants and clerks required, and the salaries suggested for each; E. P. Barker, assistant clerk, was authorized to make purchases on requisitions and the orders therefor signed by the Comptroller until further ordered by the Executive Committee; all disbursements on pay rolls of the Department were ordered made under the direction of the Superintendent of the Central Park; the said Superintendent was directed to execute and deliver to this Department a bond in the same amount and of the same general character as that heretofore given by him to the late Commissioners of the Central Park. The Superintendent of the Central Park was directed to assign all laborers employed or to be employed by the Department to the various classes of work under their control, and be by him placed upon the pay rolls, but no persons shall be here-

after assigned to work except upon the written request of one of the members of the Department.

At a meeting held on the 23d inst., the Superintendent of the Central Park was directed to employ the necessary mowers and workmen to remove forthwith the grass from all the city parks ; three several requisitions for tools, materials, &c., were received, approved, and ordered purchased ; several plans for temporary music pavilions were received from the Architect-in-chief ; plan D was approved for Madison Park, plan B for Washington Park, plan C for Tompkins Square, and the Architect-in-chief was directed to prepare working drawings and specifications, and the Clerk was authorized to invite proposals for constructing the same, in the name of the Executive Committee.

At a meeting held on the 25th inst., James O'Reilly was appointed foreman to take charge of the men on the improvement of the Fourth avenue and other parks and places as may be hereafter directed ; the chiefs of the several bureaus were authorized to transfer men from one gang to another on works under their respective control, notices therefor to be given on the same day to the Superintendent of the Central Park ; restorations on account of absence or sickness of not more than one week may be made by the Superintendent of the Central Park, on the recommendation of the chief of bureau to whom workmen may have been assigned, specially skilled artisans, experts, or men to be detailed for special duty, to be appointed, on recommendation of chief of bureau requiring such aid, by the Executive Committee or a member thereof, but no person thus appointed shall be entitled to pay until he shall have been placed upon the pay-roll by the Superintendent of the Central Park ; the Engineer-in-chief was authorized to employ an additional rodman to assist in setting stakes in the City Hall and other parks ; Mr. C. Ryan

was released from that portion of his agreement in relation to the refreshment business on the Central Park as requires him to perform any work or service on the said Central Park. The Superintendent of the Central Park was directed on Monday of each week, and at no other time, to appoint to duty workmen who may be hereafter employed in this department.

At a meeting held on 27th inst., Adolph S. Wydler was appointed a clerk in the bureau of the Comptroller, at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum.

The Captain of the Police was directed to report in person and submit a detail of keepers from the Central Park for duty on the various city parks, and a plan of police regulations therefor, as follows: The Battery, Bowling Green, City Hall Park, Madison Park, Washington Park, Tompkins Square, Union Square, Fourth avenue Parks, and Stuyvesant Parks.

The Engineer-in-chief was directed to recommend to your Committee the names of persons to fill the positions designated in his communication as to plan of organizing his bureau. The paths in City Hall Park were directed to be laid in Fisk concrete, similar to that in Central Park, and that blue stone curb be placed along the walks and the borders of the grass-plots. The Comptroller was authorized to dispose of the flagging and stone as cannot be used in rearranging said Park. A communication was received from the Engineer-in-chief, relative to arranging with the Eight Avenue Railroad Co. as to changing line of tracks in the circle and locating street lamps in said circle and along the Boulevard, which was referred to Commissioner Dillon.

The Comptroller was authorized to inquire respecting the unexpended appropriation heretofore made for improving the City

Hall Park, and to procure the transfer by the Comptroller of the city of the same to the credit of this Department. The Superintendent of the Central Park was directed to remove the wire railing or fence along the lower portion of the bridle-path.

The following appointments were made in the bureau of the Comptroller :

James Turnbull, Bookkeeper,	\$2,000	per annum.
Samuel T. Houghton, Ass't Bookkeeper, 1,500	"	"
W. A. Conklin, Property Clerk,	1,500	" "

The Engineer-in-chief and Landscape Gardner were directed to report a plan for improving Washington Square, with respect to the effect of the proposed widening and extension of Laurens street.

At a meeting held on the 28th instant, proposals for building and painting three music pavilions were received, and contracts awarded therefor, as follows :

James Corwith, carpenter work	4,375	00
William J. Douglas, painting	525	00

and the President authorized to execute contracts therefor. The location of said pavilions was referred to Commissioner Dillon with power.

A communication from William M. Tweed, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to regulating, grading, &c., One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, between the Sixth and Seventh avenues, was considered, and ordered reported to the Board, with resolution to authorize said work. A communication from Olmsted & Vaux relative to a plan of approaches to the Park gateways at the Sixth and Seventh avenues on Fifty-ninth street, was ordered on file.

At a meeting held on the 30th inst., Henry Kostar submitted a list of a detail of Parkkeepers from the Central Park to the city parks, which was ordered on file. Petitions for musical entertainments on Mount Morris Square were received, and directions given that music be had at said square each Monday, commencing June 6th, at from 5 to 7 o'clock P.M. The report of the Comptroller relative to the cost of structures in the course of erection at the Central Park was ordered on file. The Engineer-in-chief was authorized to employ a foreman of stone-cutters, required by him, at the usual rate of pay. The employment by the Engineer of G. Bechtel as rodman was approved. The Chief Landscape Gardener was authorized to employ a principal assistant, at one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, and a second assistant at one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum. The appointment of James Lynch, foreman, at the usual rate of pay, from and after 17th inst., was approved.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee under the resolution of the Department passed May 3, 1870, and as reported in this their report of this day, be, and they are hereby approved, entered on the minutes, and placed on file.

PETER B. SWEENY, HENRY HILTON, THOS. C. FIELDS,	}	<i>Executive Committee.</i>
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Dated New York, May 31, 1870.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, to which was referred the communication of Wm. M. Tweed, in relation to regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, reported thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the President of the Department of Public Parks be authorized, on behalf of this Board, to carry into execution, by contract or otherwise, as allowed by law, the regulating, grading, &c., of that portion of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street lying between the Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the National Bank of Commerce in the city of New York, the sum of five thousand dollars for payment for work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, &c., that portion of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street lying between the Sixth and Seventh avenues.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

A communication from Wm. J. Jessup, Corresponding Secretary of the New York Workingmen's Union, relative to the operation of the eight hour laws, was received, and

Ordered on file.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, submitted a communication from the Engineer-in-chief, asking the Department to assign him a horse, wagon, and harness for the proper performance of his duties, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a horse, wagon, and harness for the use of the Engineer-in-chief, at a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Nay—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, submitted an inventory of tools, materials, &c., in possession of the late keepers of the city parks, and in the office of the Architect-in-chief.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said inventory be laid on the table and printed in document form.

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

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

(See Doc. No. 12).

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, to which was referred the memorial of the Trinity corporation, together with a plan and paper from Olmsted, Vaux & Co. relative to constructing a bridge over the Boulevard, connecting the two parts of the Trinity Cemetery, and altering the plan of said Boulevard between One Hundred and Fifty-third street and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, reported thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen of Trinity church in the city of New York to locate and construct a bridge at an elevation of not less than twenty feet above the centre of the road-bed of the Boulevard, and over that portion of said Boulevard lying between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, for the purpose of connecting the easterly with the westerly side of Trinity Cemetery, as shown on a plan now before the Board, dated March 29th, 1870, and that the rearrangement of the roadway, sidewalks, and disposition of the trees of said Boulevard, between said streets, as shown on said plan, is hereby approved, except that the sidewalks shall conform to the width of the sidewalks of 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following appointments be made in the Bureau of Police, John Layng as lieutenant of police, at a salary of \$4 per day, and the following-named persons, M. R. Beam, F. H. von Dohlen, William Monahan, Thomas Beaty, be appointed as sergeants of police, respectively, at a salary to each of \$3.75 per day. In the absence of the Captain from duty for any cause, the charge of the Bureau and the various Park Keepers under its control, and also the duties of said Captain, shall devolve upon and be performed by the Lieutenant of Police, and in case of his absence, then upon one of the sergeants of police.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields.—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That E. P. Barker be appointed assistant clerk in the Department of Public Parks, at a salary of three thousand dollars, (\$3,000) per annum, payable monthly.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner HILTON, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk procure, and have bound in convenient form for the use of the Board twenty copies of the minutes of proceedings and annual reports of the late Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, together with such of their records as may be considered convenient and useful for future reference. Further, where the reports cannot be procured, that extracts therefrom may be collated and printed, and bound for the use of the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee with power, to take such action as will not interfere with the attractions of the Fourth avenue parks, by which additional light and ventilation will be provided to the tunnel of the Harlem Railroad Company under such parks, thereby promoting the comfort and health of the large number of persons constantly passing through such tunnel.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the *Evening Post*, *Commercial Advertiser*, *Sun*, and *Daily News*, be designated as four newspapers, in addition to those already designated, in which shall be published the ordinances of the Central Park as adopted May 19th, 1870.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller in the Department of Public Parks be authorized to request the Supervisor of the town of West Farms to issue to this Department certificates of indebtedness of the town of West Farms, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 797 of the Laws of 1870, for the sums of three thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety cents (\$3,575.90), and six thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars and ten cents (\$6,424.10), to pay the expenses incurred by the late Commissioners of

the Central Park, pursuant to chapter 826 of the Laws of 1869; and that the Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks pay to William Rumble the said certificate of three thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety cents (\$3,575.90), in full, and to George S. Green, Jr., the said certificate of six thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars and ten cents (\$6,424.10), on account of surveys made by them respectively in the town of West Farms.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, said resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That William Van Valkenburgh be appointed to make the disbursements of moneys on all payrolls, and to prepare and certify the same, and that his salary from and after this date be at the rate of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The PRESIDENT called up the communication of Jacob Weeks, and the resolution relative to granting permission to erect a bay-window on premises at southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and moved the adoption of said resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Jacob Weeks to construct a bay-window in Fifty-eighth street, on the northerly side of the house now erecting by him on the southwesterly corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-eighth street, and to enclose said house along Fifty-eighth street with an area railing, provided that said bay-window and area railing shall not either of them extend a greater distance than four feet into Fifty-eighth street, and that this permission shall only be valid during the pleasure of this Board, or other lawful authority.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Nays—Commissioners Green and Dillon—2.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1870, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the National Bank of Commerce in the city of New York, the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the maintenance of Museum and Observatory, fifteen thousand dollars for the improvement of Mount Morris square, and the further sum of ten thousand dollars for the improvement of the public place, circular in form, at the intersection of the Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON—

Resolved, That the buildings in the City Hall Park known as the Rotunda, fronting on Chambers street, and the engine-house on Centre street, be removed.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Board would now proceed to the election of a Vice-President.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioner Green teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for the office of Vice-President, whereupon—

The teller announced the result as follows :

Commissioner Hilton received	3 votes.
“ Dillon “	2 votes.

Total 5 votes.

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The PRESIDENT declared that Commissioner Hilton, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected Vice-President.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at four o'clock and fifty minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, Fields, and Dillon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Charles Place, and others, recommending Augustus Wilkins for the position of Keeper at Mount Morris Square.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee.

A report was received from B. F. Crane, Superintendent of Central Park, in answer to a resolution of the Department, adopted May 19, as to the structures now in course of erection at the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

A communication was received from B. F. Crane, Superintendent of Central Park, relative to the operation of the eight hour law.

Ordered filed.

A communication was received from B. F. Crane, Superintendent of Central Park, recommending the laying of concrete pavement on the Esplanade, between the Terrace and Lake, also at the south staircase, and that new floors be laid on several of the iron bridges.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

A report was received from Messrs. Olmsted Vaux & Co., in answer to a resolution of May 31, relative to the probable cost of completing the structures now in course of erection at the Central Park on their designs.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be printed (without the illustrations) in document form, and referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

(See Document No. 13.)

A communication was received from Robert Jaffray, relative to the fence around Reservoir square, whereupon

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the railings around Reservoir square and Tompkins square be repaired and painted forthwith by the Superintendent of Parks and Places, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

A communication was received from John Russell Young, relative to publishing the ordinances of the Park.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

The Clerk, in compliance with a resolution of the Department adopted May 24, submitted a report as to what engagements, ex-

pressed or implied, made by the late Commissioners of the Central Park, with any persons, societies, or corporations for the use of lands or buildings of the Central Park, and as to the outstanding engagements or unfinished business of the late Commissioners expedient for the action or concurrence of this Board.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be laid on the table and printed in document form.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

(See Document No. 14.)

A communication was received from Henry S. Mitchell, desiring permission to extend the front stoop of his house six feet from the line of his house on the Boulevard.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON said application was denied, and the communication ordered on file.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the vote had on the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting be reconsidered.

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

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

The PRESIDENT moved that the minutes of the previous meeting, page 68, be amended as follows :

Section 6, line six, strike out the words "have, possess, perform and," and after the word "perform," in the seventh line, insert the word "all."

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as amended, were then approved.

A communication was received from John Cavanagh, desiring permission to erect a fence in front of his premises on the Boulevard.

Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner HILTON—

Resolved, That the subject of areas, stoops, and projections on the line of the Boulevard be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

BILL OF—

The Hazard Powder Company, powder and fuse...	\$436 28
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	329 50
J. Wrey Mould, architectural services.....	260 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	232 77
William Spencer, gravel.....	222 50
Lindsay, Walton & Co., oil.....	185 25
Henry Kelly, meat.....	112 00
Owen McCabe, bread and cake.....	78 20
Julius Munckwitz, services.....	71 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	55 30
William A. Conklin, expenses.....	48 27
William Gibson, lumber.....	48 14
R. H. Allen & Co., seeds, &c.....	38 15
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose.....	27 50.
Cooper, Hewett & Co., galvanized wire.....	26 03
Nelson Tool Works, picks, &c.....	22 00
Annin & Co., flag.....	18 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	11 50
Miller Iron Works, hanging baskets.....	10 65
John J. Renner & Co., pails.....	9 00
Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	8 24
Benoit & Wood, paper.....	6 00

BILL OF—

McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	\$4 40
E. Treadwell's Son, bread.....	2 38
Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,550 00
Total.....	<u>\$4,813 06</u>

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much thereof as may be needed for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving of the City Hall Park in the City of New York.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Zoological Garden be laid out upon the Central Park, and the temporary buildings therefor be erected thereon. The Executive Committee is charged with the duty of locating and laying out such Garden, procuring the plans and specifications of the buildings and structures so to be erected, and constructing and erecting the same.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON moved a reconsideration of the vote taken on the adoption of a resolution passed at the previous meeting, page 48 of the minutes, appointing William Van Valkenburgh to make the disbursements of moneys on all payrolls.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the salary of William Van Valkenburg, in the Bureau of the Central Park, be at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per annum, from and after May 31, 1870.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

The subject of the law passed at the recent session of the Legislature establishing and fixing eight hours as a day's work for mechanics, workingmen, and laborers, was called up.

Debate was had thereon, when—

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, By the provisions of the act, passed at the late session of the Legislature, regulating the hours of labor, entitled "An act to regulate the hours of labor of mechanics, workingmen, and laborers in the employ of the State, or otherwise engaged on public works," eight hours have been fixed and established as a day's work for all mechanics, workingmen, and laborers employed on the public works of the State and Municipal Corporations, with the plain intention that such mechanics, workingmen, and laborers shall receive for such number of hours, thus constituted a "day's work," substantially the same compensation as that heretofore paid for the day's work of longer duration, and it is the duty of this Department to carry this provision of law into effect; therefore,

Resolved, That all mechanics, workingmen, and laborers employed by this Department shall hereafter be employed and paid by the day's work of eight hours' duration, according to law, and that the compensation shall be at the current rate paid for similar work, and that extra compensation be

made for overwork required from any such mechanic, workingman, or laborer.

Resolved, further, That the Executive Committee is hereby charged with the duty of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect, and of establishing the rates of wages to be paid in conformity therewith.

Commissioner GREEN moved that said preamble and resolutions be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

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).

Commissioner GREEN moved that said preamble and resolutions be referred to Commissioner Dillon to report proper resolutions 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 negative (a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof).

Commissioner GREEN moved a division of the question, and that a vote be taken on the first paragraph of the said first resolution.

Commissioner FIELDS raised the point of order that the resolutions were indivisible.

The PRESIDENT decided the point of order not well taken.

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

The question being on the adoption of said preamble and resolutions—

Ordered, That a vote be taken on the preamble and each resolution separately.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Dillon—1.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

The question being on the adoption of said second resolution—

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend said resolution by adding at the end thereof the words “and that they report thereon to this Board.”

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

tive (a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof).

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to subscribe for one copy of the *Albany Argus*, and that the same be kept on file in the office 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

A communication was received from John P. Cumming, Jr., contractor for regulating and grading a portion of Avenue St. Nicholas, relative to his monthly estimates for work.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Auditing Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

A communication was received from John P. Cumming, Jr., contractor for regulating and grading a portion of Avenue St. Nicholas, relative to a further contract on said avenue.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, said motion was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words "to report thereon to the Board."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the persons now in the employ of the Department of Public Parks shall receive the same rates of compensation now paid (except those whose rate of compensation has been fixed by the Board or Executive Committee), until otherwise ordered.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

A communication was received from John B. Whip, relative to the skeleton of the elephant Hannibal.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Treasurer, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioners Green and Dillon—2.

A communication was received from Messrs Schultz & Warker, relative to their Mineral Spring Building, on the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, said communication was referred to the Finance Committee, to examine and report to the Board thereon.

Commissioner GREEN, tendered his resignation of the office of Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said resignation was accepted.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following:

Whereas, Andrew H. Green, Esq., has this day resigned the office of Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks; therefore,

Resolved, That Henry Hilton, be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Department until the further order of the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all moneys on deposit in the name of the former Treasurer of this Board be, by the National Bank of Commerce in New York, transferred to the account of Henry Hilton, as Treasurer of this Department, and be paid upon his checks or drafts drawn and countersigned in accordance with the by-laws of this Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

Commissioner GREEN, from the Finance Committee, to whom was referred a resolution relative to procuring certificates of in-

debtedness for expenses incurred by the late Commissioners of the Central Park, on account of surveys in the town of West Farms, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller in the Department of Public Parks be authorized to request the Supervisor of the town of West Farms to issue to this department certificates of indebtedness of the town of West Farms, in such sums as the Treasurer of the Board may deem expedient, in pursuance of the provisions of chap. 797 of the Laws of 1870, for the total sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), to pay the expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Central Park, pursuant to chap. 826 of the Laws of 1869, and that the Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks pay to William Rumble in said certificate the sum of three thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety cents (\$3,575.90), in full, and to Geo. S. Greene, Jr., the said certificate in the sum of six thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars and ten cents (\$6,424.10), on account of surveys made by them respectively in the town of West Farms.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, at four o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P.M.

Present--HENRY HILTON, Esq., Vice-President, and Commissioners Dillon and Fields.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 383, Laws of 1870, an estimate of the amount of money required for carrying on the improvement of the several city parks, squares, and places under the control of this Department, not exceeding the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), be transmitted to the Comptroller of the city.

The VICE-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 Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller in the Department of Public Parks be authorized to transmit to the Board of Supervisors of the County of New York an amended estimate of the amount of money required for the maintenance and government of the Central Park for the year 1870, not to exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).

The VICE-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 Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the late Keepers of the City Parks the several sums due them respectively since April 8, 1870, the date of their last payment by the City Paymaster, at the rate of three dollars (\$3) per day for working days, as heretofore paid.

The VICE-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 Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized,

from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

The VICE-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 DILLON, HILTON, and FIELDS—3.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner DILLON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

Ass't Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners GREEN and FIELDS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners HILTON and FIELDS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner HILTON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—HENRY HILTON, Esq., Vice-President, and Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—HENRY HILTON, Esq., Vice-President, and Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners HILTON and FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meetings of June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and September 6 were read, and, on motion of Mr. HILTON, the minutes of June 7, p. 96, were amended, by striking from the resolution relative to laying out a Zoölogical Garden the words "the temporary," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "permanent," and, as amended, were approved.

The President laid before the Board a communication received by him, signed "Citizen," offering suggestions relative to the treatment of trees and as to the wire fences at the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, submitted a report of its acts and proceedings, which was ordered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of its doings and proceedings, under the resolution of the Department adopted May 31, 1870; also as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your Committee held June 1, the Superintendent of the Central Park was authorized to carry out the agreement with T. P. Rousseau for the erection of a Caroussel; a communication from the Superintendent of the Central Park, recommending the removal of the wire fence along the bridle-path, also as to grass having been cut in several city squares, was received and placed on file; a communication from the Adjutant of the Second Brigade, requesting permission for the use of Tompkins square for review, &c., by said brigade, on June 3, was received, and the request granted; a communication was received from the Superintendent of the Central Park, recommending salaries of clerks and messengers in his bureau, as follows:

J. O. Bertholf, clerk.....	\$2,000	per annum.
J. F. Belton, "	1,800	" "
Isaac Evans, "	1,500	" "
John Lynch, messenger.....	65	per month.
Geo. F. Davis, "	40	" "

A resolution was adopted, approving said recommendation, except that I. J. D. Dodge was appointed a clerk in said bureau in place of Isaac Evans, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, to take effect June 15, 1870; a communication from the Architect-in-chief, asking the appointment of J. Munckwitz as Architect-superintendent, was received, and the appointment made, at the salary heretofore paid; a communication from the Superin-

tendent of the Central Park, asking information as to the duties of Olmsted, Vaux & Co., also as to the employment of J. Munckwitz, was received; ordered, that the Superintendent be informed of the employment of Olmsted, Vaux & Co. as landscape architects, advisory, and of the appointment of J. Munckwitz as Superintending Architect; the resolution of the Board, adopted May 3, 1870; ordering the removal of the Rotunda and the engine-house on the City Hall Park, was ordered on the minutes; the Engineer-in-chief was instructed to report to this Committee the quality and kind of superstructure required for the completion of Sixth avenue, also as to the propriety of contracting for macadamizing the balance of Seventh avenue; the Architect-in-chief was requested to report a plan for the work on the Belvidere, in place of the one heretofore adopted, coupled with a plan for a walk from the platform of the Belvidere, along the sides of the lower reservoir, to the upper reservoir; the Engineer-in-chief was authorized to employ a draughtsman, or transfer Mr. Spangenberg to his bureau; the resolution of the Board, adopted May 31, referring to this Committee the subject of ventilation of the Fourth avenue tunnel, was referred to the Engineer-in-chief, to confer with the Engineer of the Harlem Railroad Company as to a plan for carrying out said object, and to report to this Committee; a communication from the Engineer-in-chief, advising of the appointment of Garrett O'Brien as foreman of stone cutters in City Hall Park, was received, and the appointment approved, at the usual rate of pay; the Engineer-in-chief was directed to put the entrance-way to the Park on Fifth avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, in good order; a communication from the Engineer-in-chief as to the condition of the railing around the Fourth avenue parks was received, and he was authorized to make the necessary arrangements to carry out his views and suggestions in relation thereto; a resolution was adopted directing that the time

for musical entertainments in the city parks be from 6 to 8 o'clock P.M., commencing on Monday, June 6, 1870; the Clerk was instructed to answer a communication of the Engineer-in-chief as to control of ground around the new Court-house, also as to the removal of the east and west sidewalks of City Hall Park, and directing the Engineer to proceed; Thomas Gaytee was appointed Superintendent of stone cutters in the Central Park, under the direction of the Engineer-in-chief; a resolution was adopted authorizing the President to inform the Secretary of the Treasury that this department have determined the removal of the sidewalks around the City Hall Park, and invite him to review the plans of the new Post-office in reference thereto; a resolution was adopted requesting the President to address the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives in Congress, urging the speedy appropriation of a sufficient sum for the erection and completion of the revenue offices at the Battery, the plans of this department for the improvement of the Battery not being perfected in consequence of the lack of these appropriations.

At a meeting on June 4, the arrangement of the late Central Park Commissioners with the American Museum of Natural History, and all matters pertaining thereto, were referred to Commissioner Hilton, with power to carry out the same, to procure the necessary cases, and prepare the second and third floors of the Arsenal Building for the exhibition; a requisition for laborers to improve several city parks was received from the Superintendent of Parks and Places, and the Superintendent of the Central Park directed to detail laborers therefor; a communication from J. H. Howard, as to locating the music in Washington Park at the west end of said park, was received, and the Superintendent of City Parks directed to change the location of the music as desired; a communication from the Engineer-in-chief, as to the

employment of Thomas Wingrove as axeman, and the transfer of G. Bechtel from rodman to plane-table surveyor, and G. Saltzman as axeman, was received and approved ; a resolution was adopted substituting the title of President for that of Comptroller of the Central Park in contracts of the late Central Park Commissioners with any person or parties, and now in force, and devolving upon the President the power and authority to carry out such contracts or agreements ; the Comptroller of the department was authorized to procure music-stands for three music-pavilions, on the requisition of the Architect-in-chief ; also to issue permits in the usual manner and form to enter the parks for all purposes ; the report of I. A. Pilat, Chief Landscape Gardener, relative to entrances to Mount Morris Square, referred to this Committee by the Board, was referred to Commissioner Dillon, with power ; musical entertainments were ordered to be given at the Battery from 6 to 8 o'clock P.M., commencing June 11, 1870.

At a meeting on June 7, the Clerk was directed to invite Commissioner Green to be present at the meeting of your Committee ; a communication from E. L. Viele, relative to the Battery improvement, was received, and the Clerk directed to request General Viele to submit plans and a report thereon ; a report of Captain Koster, submitting charges against Officer Philbin, was received, and referred to Commissioner Fields to try ; ordered, that hereafter gravel be purchased from the Hudson River Gravel Company, at prices not exceeding those now paid ; the Engineer-in-chief was directed to report what repairs are necessary to be made to the fence and coping on the Fourth Avenue Parks ; a communication from the Chief Landscape Gardener, advising of the appointment of Frank A. Pollard as principal assistant, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, was received and approved ; the Comptroller was authorized to purchase certain standard architectural works desired by the Architect-in-chief ;

the gravelled walks around the Terrace Fountain were ordered to be covered with a proper pavement, specifications to be submitted to the Fisk Pavement Company and the Scharff Pavement Company, and estimates procured by the Comptroller, the work to be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-chief and the Superintendent of the Central Park; the Fisk pavement on the Mall and other parts of the Central Park was ordered to be repaired, estimates therefor to be procured by the Comptroller, no pavement to be laid within two feet of any tree, and in lieu thereof a grating to be laid of a pattern to be approved by this Committee; the Architect-in-chief was instructed to report a plan for finishing the niches under the bridge leading to the Terrace.

At a meeting on June 10, the Treasurer was authorized to employ a temporary clerk, at a salary not exceeding \$100 per month; the application of the Harlem Railroad Company, as to openings in Park avenue, was referred to the President, with power; the Architect-in-chief was authorized to nominate a draughtsman, to be appointed by the President, at a salary not exceeding \$2.50 per day; a resolution was adopted, fixing the rate of wages of mechanics, workmen, and laborers employed by this department, as follows:

Blacksmiths	\$3 50	per day.
Carpenters	4 00	"
Masons	4 24	"
Stone Masons	4 24	"
Stone Cutters	4 24	"
Brown-stone Cutters	4 48	"
Laborers	2 00	"
Skilled Laborers	2 50	"
Rockmen	2 24	"

Painters.....	\$3 75	per day.
Team, wagon, and driver.....	5 44	"
Horse, cart, and driver.....	3 60	"
Plumbers.....	5 00	"
Rock Blasters.....	2 48	"
Female Attendants.....	1 00	"
Assistant Gardeners.....	2 40	"
Stone Breakers.....	6 cents	per cubic foot.
Breakers of Trap Rock....	9	" "

—eight hours to constitute a day's labor, to begin at 8 o'clock A.M., continue until 12 M., resume at 1 P.M., and end at 5 P.M.; absence from roll-call to be considered absence from work, and no pay to be allowed for the four hours previous or subsequent to such absence; overwork may be performed before 8 A.M. and after 5 P.M., at the rate of one eighth of the above prices for each hour of service, but no payment to be allowed for parts of an hour; Frederick H. Hamlin was appointed rodman in the Bureau of the Engineer-in-chief, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum; John Eagan was appointed chainman in the same bureau, at a salary of \$2.50 per day; a communication from the Engineer-in-chief, respecting an accountant, was received, and referred to the President, with power; also, a communication from the same, respecting materials for filling at Eighty-second and Ninetieth streets, purchase thereof being approved, if it can be had at a fair price and market rate, the Comptroller to ascertain; a communication from the Engineer-in-chief, respecting roadway on the Boulevard and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, was received and approved, and the Comptroller directed to fill requisitions accordingly; B. Waterhouse Hawkins was detailed to aid in developing plans for the Zoölogical Garden in connection with the Architect-in-chief.

At a meeting on June 13, Frank E. Nesmith was appointed a clerk in the Bureau of the Central Park, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum; the resolution, limiting the appointment of men to work to Monday of each week, was rescinded; the Central Park Ordinances were ordered to be published in the "New York Standard" and "At Home and Abroad," three insertions, and in the "Weekly Plain Dealer" two insertions; the following persons were appointed sweepers on the City Parks, at \$2 per day: Madison square, Thomas Rooney, Patrick McCahill, William Henderson, Patrick McMurray, Jacob Keefer, Philip O'Neil; on Washington square, Henry Miller, Theodore West, David Hade, Patrick Johnson, Daniel Higgins, Aaron Henriques; on Union square, Philip Smith, John Claffy, Michael Lynch; on Stuyvesant square, John Tucker, Andrew Cassidy, Francis Tims, Terence McGowan; on Tompkins square, John Flood, Anthon Salatin, Jacob Diehl, Owen Keenan, Thomas P. Ryan, Richard Mooney, James Tracy, George Murphy; the following uniformed Gatekeepers were promoted to Parkkeepers: Abraham Phillips, Thomas Frawley, Thomas McKown, George Wagner, James Quinn, Thomas Malone, Edward Fay, and Frank Reynolds; the following persons were appointed uniformed Gatekeepers: William White, Patrick Brown, Andrew Callahan, Charles Drew, Anthony Meyer, Michael Lynch, Barclay Clancy, John Breen, James McConvill, and Thomas McGuire; Edward Roach was appointed General Foreman in the Bureau of Public Squares and Places, at a salary of \$5 per day; Eugene O'Neil was appointed a clerk in the Bureau of the Comptroller, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, in place of V. R. Green, removed; Adolph Dumahaut was appointed a clerk in the Bureau of Central Park, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, in the place of Isaac Evans, heretofore removed; a resolution was adopted, that fireworks and music be furnished on the Fourth of July, at the following places: City Hall Park, Worth Monument Square, Tompkins

Square, foot of Mount Morris Square, Broadway and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street; the Comptroller was directed to request the attendance of Messrs. Edge and Liliendahl at the meeting of this Committee on June 16, with designs for fireworks, plans, estimates, &c; it was resolved that all Assistant Parkkeepers be uniformed, and that the Comptroller procure the necessary clothing and caps for the purpose, and also a shield; the designation of ununiformed Gatekeepers was abolished, and ununiformed Gatekeepers William Smythe and William Burke were ordered to report to the Superintendent of the Central Park for duty about the Arsenal Building; the communication of Professor Hawkins, relative to the cages in the Arsenal Building, was referred to Superintendent Crane and Professor Hawkins, with directions to put the same in a secure and proper condition; the Architect-in-chief and Professor Hawkins were directed to report a plan and suggest a location for a building for temporary use by the animals now in the Arsenal Building, said plan to be in general accordance with the views presented by Professor Hawkins; the compensation of Thomas Booth, for himself, horse, and cart, was fixed at \$4.25 per day; the Engineer-in-chief was authorized and directed to remove all buildings and encumbrances on the line of the Boulevard obstructing the progress of the work thereon; a resolution was adopted that the Department of Public Works be requested to regulate and pave the sidewalk adjoining the Central Park on Fifth avenue, from Sixtieth to Seventy-ninth street; the proposal of the Scharff Pavement Company for laying their concrete pavement on the Terrace Esplanade was accepted, at not exceeding ninety cents per square yard, the work to be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-chief, and paid for on his certificate only; the Comptroller was authorized to purchase stone filling from Daniel Tone, at sixty cents per cubic yard, as proposed by him; a communication from the

Engineer-in-chief, recommending that the pay of Thomas I. Gaytee be fixed at \$6 per day, was received and approved; a communication from the same, relative to suspending one or two gangs of stonebreakers on the Boulevard, was received and approved.

At a meeting on June 17, the return of time by Malcolm Forbes, as Clerk in the Bureau of the Central Park, for four days, was approved and ordered paid, at the rate of \$3 per day; on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-chief, the following appointments were made: Thomas A. Kane, as Rodman; Louis Quien, as Rodman; and Anton Eichler, as Chainman; also Nicholas Murphy as Foreman, at the usual rate of pay; John McCormick was appointed Foreman in the Bureau of the Engineer-in-chief; it was resolved, that the Police Commissioners be requested to confer police powers on the Park-keepers of the City Parks, when on duty; the dirt and sand on the Battery, not needed on the walks to be laid out thereon, was ordered to be removed and used on the extension of the Battery; a communication from Thomas S. Dick, relative to the boat service, was received, and the Superintendent of the Central Park directed to report the size and character of awnings required therefor, and, in conjunction with the Architect-in-chief, to report a plan for a boat-house; the Engineer-in-chief was directed to repair the floors of iron bridges in the Central Park, where necessary; the Superintendent of Public Squares and Places was directed to put in order the following City Parks: Madison square, Stuyvesant square, Washington square, Abingdon square, Union square, Parks on Sixth avenue, Thirty-second and Thirty-fourth streets, and Reservoir square, the work on Washington square on the line of the proposed connection of Fifth avenue with Laurens street to be of a temporary character; a plan and estimates for furnishing bases for the Tigress and Indian Hunter

were received and referred to Commissioner Dillon; a communication from John Cavanagh, as to a fence on Boulevard, was received, and his request denied.

At a meeting on June 20, a communication from John M. Jackson, as to stagnant water in the Ramble, was received and referred to the Superintendent of the Central Park to examine and report; permission was granted to the Fire Department to take four hundred pounds of grass three times each week for the use of the horses in their hospital stables, receipts to be taken therefor; it was ordered, that the base stone and railing of the triangle at Beach street and West Broadway be put in order, under the direction of the Engineer-in-chief; a resolution was adopted, that fireworks and music be furnished at Boulevard, near One Hundred and Fifth street, on the Fourth of July; a resolution was adopted, that music be furnished at the places designated for the display of fireworks on the Fourth of July, by C. S. Grafulla, as follows: at City Hall Park, twenty pieces; Madison square, twenty pieces; Tompkins square, twenty pieces; Mount Morris square, twenty pieces; Broadway and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, fifteen pieces; Boulevard and One Hundred and Fifth street, fifteen pieces; bands to play from eight to ten o'clock P.M., or until the exhibition be concluded; it was also resolved, that music be had in the Central Park, on the Fourth of July, from five to seven o'clock P.M.; the fireworks and music were ordered postponed to the next fine day, if the weather should prove inclement on the Fourth of July; the following persons were appointed Foremen: Lawrence McEntee, William Murray, James Moloney, Patrick I. Quirk, and Michael Brophy; a resolution was adopted, that drinking-fountains be placed in the City Hall Park and on the Battery, and drinking-troughs for horses and dogs be placed on State street and Battery place, forms therefor

to be submitted by the Architect-in-chief; also, that four large urinals be placed in the City Hall Park, all to be of iron, proposals to be invited and contracts therefor to be made by the President; the Comptroller was directed to order six urinals of the McFarland patent, of the form denoted by the President; the proposal of the Fisk Pavement Company for their pavement of Central Park at nine cents per square foot, also as to repairs, was accepted; Joseph G. and Isaac Edge, Jr., were authorized and employed to furnish fireworks on the Fourth of July, at the places above designated, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars.

At a meeting on June 24, it was ordered, that Gatekeepers hereafter shall not be required to perform any greater number of hours of duty than is required of Parkkeepers; William Boehm was appointed a clerk in the Bureau of Public Squares and Places, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum; the matter of paving the City Hall Park sidewalks and putting the same in the carriage-way was referred to Commissioner Hilton, with power; the matter of paving the Sixth and Seventh avenues was referred to Commissioner Fields and Engineer Kellogg, with power; the salaries in the Bureau of the Engineer were fixed at the following rates: Assistant Engineers \$2,500 per annum, rodmen \$1,500 per annum, axemen \$2.50 per day; the following appointments were made in the Bureau of the Engineer-in-chief: Assistant Engineers, C. O. Grady, William B. Swan, Emil Bleyer, and F. A. Calkins; as rodman, Edward Kenney; as axemen, James McCabe, George Mertz, G. Saussman, and Thomas Wingrove; as Plane-table Surveyor, G. Bechtle, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum; as draughtsman, Carl Spangenberg, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum; it was ordered, that the General Foreman be provided with a horse and wagon, to be purchased by the Comptroller, at a price not exceeding five hundred dollars, if one is

not already in the possession of the Department, sufficient for the purpose.

At a meeting on July 2, Adolph Dumahaut was appointed Property Clerk, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, in place of W. A. Conklin, removed ; George W. Oakley was appointed a clerk in the Bureau of the Central Park, at the same salary and in place of A. Dumahaut, transferred to the Bureau of the Comptroller ; the salary of Daniel Draper, in charge of the Meteorological Department, was fixed at \$3,000 per annum ; a resolution was adopted, that no person shall be assigned to duty except upon a permit, signed by the Superintendent of the Central Park, accompanied by a ticket or authorization of the Executive Committee or a member thereof, any name returned by a foreman as having performed work without such ticket or authority to be placed upon a paper or list attached to such pay-roll, and sent to the office of the Comptroller therewith ; it was resolved, that the time and pay-roll accounts, and the clerks employed in connection therewith, be transferred to the Bureau of the Comptroller ; the subject of the claim of J. H. Sullivan & Co., for sinkage on the Sixth avenue, was referred to the Engineer-in-chief and Surveyor Ewen, to report thereon to this Committee ; the plans for buildings for the Carnivora, suggested by the Architect-in-chief and Professor Hawkins, were approved, and the work ordered proceeded with, the Architect-in-chief to furnish working plans therefor ; the plan for benches, submitted by the Architect-in-chief, was approved, contracts therefor to be made by the President ; a resolution was adopted, that fourteen Park-keepers be added to the force in the Central Park, to be taken and promoted from the list of Gatekeepers, the Captain of Park-keepers to report the names of such as may be properly promoted ; the following persons were appointed Gatekeepers, in place of those promoted : Michael Tierney, James Connolly,

William Farrell, John Lappin, Francis Whittle, Joseph Miller, Michael Dunn, Barney Quigg, James Meehan, Peter Doyle, John Steinert, James Maher, Peter Connelly, and James McConnell; a report of the Engineer-in-chief, relative to the claim of James Tobin, for damages to his house by blast, was received and referred to the Comptroller, with power; it was ordered that four Parkkeepers, from the present force in the Central Park, be promoted to mounted Keepers, the Captain of Parkkeepers to report the names of such as may properly be promoted, having regard to their qualifications as horsemen; a communication from the Superintendent of the Central Park, relative to a sheep-house, was received and referred to the Architect-in-chief and Professor Hawkins to report plan and location; it was resolved that the Superintendent of the Central Park be notified to put on no more mechanics or laboring men at present; a communication from Edward Van Ness, as to urinals in Reservoir square, was received, and urinals were ordered to be purchased for all the city parks; the plan of modification of the Belvidere, submitted by the Architect-in-chief, was approved and ordered executed; a communication from Thomas S. Dick, as to a modified scale of fares on the lake in the Central Park, and the construction of a large barge, was received and approved; the report of Janes & Kirtland, relative to repairs on the iron railing around Bowling Green, Tompkins square, and Reservoir square, was referred to Commissioner Hilton, with power; it was ordered, that an additional steam-roller be purchased by the Comptroller, similar to the one now in use, and at not exceeding the price paid therefor; the plan of the Engineer-in-chief for the improvement of the Bowling Green was approved; the plan submitted by the Engineer-in-chief and the Chief Landscape Gardener, for the improvement of Washington square, was approved, and the work ordered proceeded with.

At a meeting on July 7, the Superintendent of the Central Park was directed to keep Fifty-ninth street free from stones and other obstructions to travel; the Engineer-in-chief was directed to report a plan for stairways to be constructed at the Battery for Whitehall boatmen and boats; it was ordered, that the Clerks in the several Bureaus shall be under the control and direction of the Chief thereof, all orders in respect thereto to be transmitted through the Heads of the Bureaus respectively; the following Gatekeepers were promoted to Parkkeepers: Anton Meyer, Michael Lynch, Thomas Floyd, Matthew Horan, Timothy O'Connor, George H. Smithers, Rudolph Butler, John W. England, R. E. Walker, Francis Whittle, William White, James Connolly, and Bartlett Clancy; the Vice-President was authorized to have surveys made to ascertain the proper route for the Eastern Boulevard, also for otherwise carrying out the provisions specified in section 1 of an act entitled "An Act to alter the map or plan of a portion of the city of New York, and for the improvement of the same," passed May 5, 1870; the plan submitted by the Engineer-in-chief, for the improvement of Reservoir square, was adopted, the railing ordered repaired, also a new plan ordered for laying out, draining, and perfecting said square, the sidewalks surrounding and walks therein to be laid in asphaltic concrete pavement, urinals to be set, and the square put in order generally, the whole matter being referred to the Vice-President, with power; a communication from the inhabitants about Beach street square, requesting that said square be improved, was received, and the work ordered done accordingly; the recommendation of the Engineer-in-chief, that the Central Park wall, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-fifth streets, be placed under contract, and that Malden stone be used in lieu of New Brunswick stone, was approved and adopted; on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-chief, the following persons were appointed Skilled Laborers: Patrick Morrissey, Patrick

Hart, John Markham, James Geer, Patrick Donnelly, Peter Sweeney, Thomas Russell, Patrick Waters, and John Moran.

At a meeting on July 8, it was ordered that men, detailed for duty under foremen from the Bureau of the Engineer-in-chief, shall, in the absence of the Engineer, be under the control of the head of the bureau to which detailed; contracts were authorized to be made with William Rumble and George S. Greene, Jr., for map and surveys, &c., to enable the Department to locate the Eastern Boulevard, price \$1,800 each, the map to be furnished about October 1, 1870.

At a meeting on July 18, Commissioner Fields, to whom was referred the subject of paving the Sixth and Seventh avenues, reported that, in conjunction with the Engineer-in-chief, he has come to the opinion that said avenues should be prepared with the Telford pavement, and considers it for the interest of the Department to have the work done by contract; the cost of doing it by the employés of this Department being estimated by the Engineer-in-chief to be over \$6.50 per cubic yard for Sixth avenue, and over \$5.50 per cubic yard for Seventh avenue, he has, with the advice and concurrence of the Engineer-in-chief contracted with J. H. Sullivan & Co. for doing the work at the prices named; the President was directed to execute the contract, the form thereof to be approved by the Engineer-in-chief; permission was granted Messrs. Mould and Pilat to proceed to Washington to examine the Conservatory, and other public buildings of that character, to aid them in preparing similar structures on the Central Park, their expenses to be audited, and paid by the Treasurer; the Engineer-in-chief was directed to prepare a topographical survey of the ground east of the reservoir, proposed as a location for the Museum Art Building; the President was authorized to contract with John S. Newlin for monumenting

the streets at the north end of the city; the President was authorized to appoint another corps of engineers, consisting of an Assistant-Engineer, Flagman, and Chainman; the pay of Foreman of Painters was fixed at \$4.50 per day; John Carr was appointed Foreman of Painters, and skilled laborers Fred. George, John Moran, and Patrick Shield, were promoted to Painters; the lease of premises No. 265 Broadway, as executed by the Acting President, was approved, also the contract with J. H. Sullivan, for paving Sixth and Seventh avenues; the Superintendent of the Central Park was directed to apply on steep places, on the walks in the Central Park, such pavement as would prevent injury to the walks; the floor of the basement of the Museum building was ordered to be paved as directed by the President; the pay of Foreman of Laborers and maintenance gang was fixed at \$4.50 per day, and that of male Cottage Attendants at \$2, per day; a topographical survey was ordered to be made of the Park at High Bridge; Charles Ludeman and Thomas Ryan were promoted from Gatekeepers to Parkkeepers, and Patrick Martin and William Kernan were appointed Gatekeepers; the claim of Dr. Seeger, for medical services, in attending to officer Henry, who was sun-struck while on duty, also the wages of Henry, while off duty, was allowed, and ordered paid; the Treasurer was authorized to hire such parts of the building No. 265 Broadway as, in his opinion, are desirable for use by the Department; three small fountains were ordered to be placed in the City Hall Park, similar to those on the mall, of such form and at such places as the President may direct.

At a meeting on July 23, the President was authorized to appoint a Janitor to act as Messenger, at the building No. 265 Broadway, at a salary of \$3 per day; also a person to clean and dust the Department offices, at \$35 per month, and \$3 a week for scrubbing.

At a meeting on the 9th of August, the President was directed to give notice to the contractors for the Battery extension, seawall, &c., of the termination of their contract, with power to carry the same into effect ; a resolution was adopted that a basin be constructed at the south end of the Battery for Whitehall boats and others, with necessary landings, under the direction of the President, by contract or otherwise ; the Treasurer was authorized to purchase a horse and wagon for the use of the Paymaster, and to have the same fitted for his security while engaged in paying laborers and workmen ; the plans for sheep-buildings, submitted by Professor Hawkins, were approved, the Architect-in-chief directed to prepare working-plans therefor, and the Superintendent of the Central Park, under the direction of the President, ordered to proceed in the construction of the buildings ; the appointment of James Crowe as Messenger to the Property Clerk, at two dollars (\$2) per day, to date from June 19, 1870, was approved ; an anonymous communication, requesting that the trunks and stumps of old trees in Tompkins Square be allowed to remain for the present, was received and the request granted ; a resolution was adopted authorizing the withdrawal from the Bank of Commerce of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), to be applied to the payment of persons employed by the Board, and to the payment of bills and claims against the Board ; it was resolved that a Clerk be appointed in the Bureau of the Comptroller to assist the Property Clerk, at a salary not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum ; the President was authorized to purchase the necessary stone for monumenting the upper part of the Island ; a resolution was adopted that the Department deem the creation and issue of a public fund or stock for the erection and maintenance of an observatory in the City of New York, authorized by an act passed May 5, 1869, to be now requisite to carry out the object of said act, and directing the Comptroller to

make application to the City government to create and issue said stock; a resolution was adopted that the Department deem it expedient to acquire title to the lands included in One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between the easterly line of the Boulevard and the centre line of the Bloomingdale road, as it existed on a map, made under the provisions of an act for the improvement, &c., of the city of New York, passed April 3, 1807, and directing the Vice-President to take the necessary measures and sign papers to acquire such title; a resolution was adopted that the Department deem it expedient to acquire title to the land included in Fifty-second, Fifty-third, and Fifty-fourth streets, between the Eleventh avenue and the North or Hudson river, and directing the Vice-President to take the necessary measures and sign papers to acquire such title, it was ordered that property belonging to the Department shall hereafter be sold only upon the order of the Treasurer, the proceeds thereof to be paid to him; the salaries of the following-named persons in the Bureau of the Comptroller were fixed, to date from June 1, 1870 as follows: E. P. Barker, Assistant Clerk to the Board, \$4,000 per annum; James Turnbull, Bookkeeper, \$2,500 per annum; Samuel T. Houghton, Assistant Bookkeeper, \$1,800 per annum; Adolph S. Wydler, clerk, \$1,500 per annum; Isaac J. D. Dodge, clerk, to date from his appointment, June 15, 1870, \$1,500 per annum; the compensation of the messengers in the Bureau of the Comptroller was fixed at \$60 per month each, and that of F. C. Hecker at \$75 per month; V. R. Green was appointed a Clerk in the Bureau of the Comptroller, at \$3 per day.

At a meeting on August 10, the Comptroller was directed to file all requisitions for curb and broken stone required for the Sixth avenue work; the report of the Engineer-in-chief and Surveyor Ewen, stating the loss by sinkage sustained by J. H. Sulli-

van & Co., in performance of their contract for filling on Sixth avenue, to be 33,200 cubic yards, was approved, and the Treasurer requested to pay to J. H. Sullivan & Co. the contract price for said amount of filling; Parkkeeper Henry Hammond was allowed for loss of time caused by illness from poison by plantations in the Park, and his bill for medical attendance was referred to the Treasurer with power; the President was authorized to contract for paving the sidewalk on Fifth avenue along the Central Park, also the walks around Beach street, Five Points, Duane street, and Canal street Parks; the President was authorized to contract with J. H. Sullivan & Co., for removing surplus earth on Sixth avenue at the rate of sixty cents per cubic yard, the work to be done to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-chief.

At a meeting September 5, it was ordered that no property of the Department be carried off the Park without the written order of the Comptroller or Property Clerk; resolutions were adopted, ordering the improvement of the following parks and places: the square at Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue to be planted with trees, and a fountain to be placed in same; the Circle at Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue to be put in order by removing the rails of the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company to the west end of the same, a candelabra lamp to be placed in the centre and similar lamps on each segment of the Circle; Tompkins square to be improved by planting trees, making a walk twenty-five feet around the interior, paving the exterior sidewalks similar to those in City Hall Park, and planting grass, trees, and shrubbery on the portion not covered with cement, all to be done under the direction of the President; the Fourth avenue Parks to be put in order under the direction of the Treasurer, an account being kept of the expense in restoring earth, &c., removed by the Harlem Railroad Company, and removing surplus

earth and rubbish, so that the same may be collected of the railroad company; the Parks at Sixth avenue, Thirty-second street, and Thirty-fifth streets to be completed by removing the flagging on the sidewalks and substituting asphalt and concrete pavement, with trees planted at intervals, the work to be done under the direction of the Treasurer; the proposed basin at the Battery was annulled, and three granite stairways, with floats attached, for landing with boats, were substituted, the unfinished portion of the Battery to be completed by filling in the same and continuing the sea-wall as at present constructed; the plan proposed by the Engineer-in-chief for the roadway of St. Nicholas avenue, in his communication of August 16, 1870, was approved and the work ordered to be proceeded with; a resolution was adopted, that no laborers be put at work in the Department except upon the written order of the President, and that all so ordered be put at work forthwith.

At a meeting on September 7, the ground plan for the Conservatory Building, submitted by the Architect-in-chief, was approved, and the Engineer-in-chief directed to prepare for the foundation walls in accordance with the design; it was ordered, that the Parkkeepers and Gatekeepers not already supplied with winter uniform be so supplied, under the direction of the Treasurer, bids therefor to be procured by the Comptroller; the bills for traveling expenses in the service of the Department presented by the Chief Landscape Gardener and Mr. Munckwitz were ordered audited and allowed by the Treasurer; the plans for the sheepfold submitted by the Architect-in-chief were approved and the building ordered erected accordingly, the materials to be calabar brick, set in black cement, with blue stone trimming; the Engineer-in-chief was directed to proceed with the work; the pay of Patrick Doherty while in hospital, eleven days, from injuries received in the discharge of his duty, was allowed, and

ordered paid by the Treasurer, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Central Park.

At a meeting on September 8, the subject of preparing cages, buildings, &c., for the animals and birds at the Central Park and the arrangement of the same for public exhibition, was referred to the Vice-President with power; the Architect-in-chief was directed to prepare a rough plan for a building adapted to the foundation already laid for the Paleozoic Museum, the building to be used for aquaria and paleontological specimens.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of this Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

Dated NEW YORK, September 13, 1870.

HENRY HILTON,	} <i>Executive</i>
PETER B. SWEENEY,	
THOS. C. FIELDS,	

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 :

Ays.—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of The Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse...	\$2,938 95
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work.....	1,176 00
Peck & Wandell, brick and cement.....	804 09
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	685 00
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	495 00
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	307 50
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	289 73
Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	241 59
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	189 98
J. W. Stevens & Brother, lumber.....	176 30
Richard Dudgeon, services.....	115 36
James Slattery, filling.....	102 44
R. H. Allen & Co., seeds.....	78 00
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	69 71
E. McWhood, binding.....	45 25
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	44 46
J. L. Mott Iron Works, caldron.....	35 50
Douglas Taylor, printing.....	30 00
J. Zeigler & Co., chairs.....	27 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	22 21
James Prentice, levelling rod.....	17 00
F. S. Selover & Co., baskets.....	16 00
J. M. Thorburn & Co., poles.....	10 12
J. J. Remier & Co., brooms.....	6 50
Wortherspoon Brothers, plaster.....	5 05
Annin & Co., bunting.....	5 00

N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	3 35
Journal of Commerce, subscription.....	15 00
Evening Post, advertising	252 00
Total.....	<u>\$8,204 09</u>

Dated NEW YORK, June 17, 1870.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee be approved.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, grading One Hundred and

Forty-fifth street.....	\$2,409 11
The Sun, advertising.....	888 00
The World, advertising.....	827 40
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	233 81
John Kingsley, manure.....	207 00
Sanders, Frary & Clark, mowing-machines..	120 00
Isaiah Woodbury, lead, paints, &c.....	70 71

Weekly Plaindealer, advertising.....	53 40
Julius Rahn, water-pots.....	42 00
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	33 33
Blunt & Co., repairing instruments.....	32 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	25 80
Argus Co., back numbers.....	10 00
R. H. Allen & Co., seeds.....	6 62
W. O. Labagh, salt.....	6 00
Journal of Commerce, advertising.....	4 95
James Coleman & Co., couplings.....	4 00
Total.....	<u>4,973 53</u>

Dated NEW YORK, June 21, 1870.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS move that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone....	\$10,000	00
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work..	7,775	25
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curbing.....	4,000	00
Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,550	00
John Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work	2,272	00
John H. Midmer, stone.....	1,396	25
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,010	00
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	723	24
James Slattery, manure.....	464	75
Sprague & Co., hats.....	204	16
Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	178	97
Coleman, Fairchild & Co., stone.....	125	00
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	103	30
Thomas P. Cornell, maps.....	2,380	00
Sanders, Frary & Clark, lawn mowers.....	100	00
Isaac B. Guest, coal.....	100	00
William Menzies, timber.....	88	10
Coleman, Fairchild & Co., stone.....	70	08
James Slattery, sand.....	70	00
Isaiah Woodbury, paints, &c.....	70	00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	69	30
James & Kirtland, dowels.....	25	35
Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	18	60
Owen White, stone.....	16	13
George C. Marshall, subscription Evening Post	15	00
Bradley & Smith, brooms, &c.....	14	13
Tomes, McGrain & Co., insignia and whistles.	6	50
W. O. Labagh, salt.....	5	00
Total.....	\$33,851	11

Dated NEW YORK, July 2, 1870.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of C. S. Grafulla, music.....	\$2,025 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	503 07
New York Standard, advertising.....	324 00
Pinckney & Moulton, feed.....	304 26
Lindsay, Walton & Co, hardware.....	271 07
J. J. Flynn, wagon.....	175 00
William Shute & Co., pipe.....	151 65
James Slattery, stone.....	121 66
W. A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Co., mowing-machine.....	115 00
William Gibson, lumber.....	86 08
Owen McCabe, bread.....	80 95
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	68 13
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	54 25
James Gribble, tools.....	51 80
Reuben Smith, oilcloth.....	49 95

John P. Jube & Co., wheels.....	\$49 56
W. R. Conklin, expenses.....	46 69
Ogden & Co., lumber.....	46 54
William J. Powell, repairing flag.....	34 10
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	25 99
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	20 99
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	11 16
Lalance & Grosjean Manufacturing Co., cups,	8 10
Allison & Glover, twine.....	7 50
J. J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	7 00
W. O. Labagh, salt.....	5 00
Henry Kelly, meat.....	3 28
F. W. Christern, books.....	2 99
J. G. & J. Edge, fireworks.....	15,000 00
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work....	1,785 00
Patrick Bannon, stone.....	1,004 58
Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	1,020 00
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	283 75
Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	678 30
Seward & Boswell, feed.....	235 60
D. Van Nostrand, books.....	184 85
Hazard Powder Co., powder fuse.....	152 25
Benoit & Wood, tracing paper, &c.....	86 50
Sanders, Frary & Clark, mowing-machines..	80 00
John J. Sperry, coal.....	63 50
J. Della Torre, rope.....	49 83
R. H. Allen & Co., seeds, &c.....	43 92
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	38 92
William Cartwright, vegetables.....	32 68
C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints.....	32 08
New York Lead Co., pipe.....	30 96
E. & H. T. Anthony & Co., chemicals.....	17 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick.....	11 50

Bradley & Smith, brushes	\$11 40
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, acid.....	11 25
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Total.....	<u>\$25,504 64</u>

Dated New York, July 12, 1870.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of C. S. Grafulla, music.....	\$2,085 00
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.....	1,600 00
John H. Midmer, stone.....	1,464 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	326 29
Thomas Crimmins & Son, mould.....	198 37
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	112 50

Isaiah Woodbury, powder and fuse.....	\$99 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	65 23
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	55 00
Moses Swett, ladders.....	49 75
F. W. Devoe & Co., oil.....	42 93
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	39 50
W. L. Fisher, plants.....	35 50
J. Della Torre, rope.....	30 36
George J. Hardy, disinfectant.....	23 72
James M. Thorburn & Co., poles.....	22 00
A. T. Briggs, casks.....	20 00
C. B. Van Dyke, chairs.....	16 00
Louis Waefelaer & Co., large jet ..	9 14
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	84 92
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	84 72
Sprague & Co., hats.....	67 08
W. H. Gray, repairing wagon.....	67 35
J. W. Fisk, repairing vane	30 00
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	25 36
J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	24 56
J. J. Reimer & Co., mats and brooms.....	18 50
Nelson Tool Works, tools and iron.....	13 50
Total.....	<u>\$6,710 28</u>

Dated New York, July 19, 1870.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Major & Knapp Engraving and Lithographing Company, maps.....	\$1,765 00
Jno. P. Cumming, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	1,380 00
W. H. Wallace & Co., iron beams.....	1,354 91
New York Printing Company, printing.....	1,343 50
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	920 00
James Slattery, stone.....	575 74
John McGee, horse.....	275 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	204 60
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	188 80
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	164 21
Henderson Brothers, freight.....	160 10
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	147 25
Frank Hockeran, meat.....	92 00
Willard, Felt & Co., paper.....	53 00
C. T. Reynolds & Co., paint, &c.....	46 78
Harlem Gas-light Company, gas.....	34 75
Maxfield & Co., nuts.....	18 50
James Prentice, instruments.....	9 00

Wetmore & Co., iron.....	\$8 74
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	6 01
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	198 00
William H. Gray, harness.....	125 25
Miller & Coates, plumbers' materials.....	85 80
William L. Ferris, plants.....	37 50
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick.....	62 50
John Hays, repairing flagstaff.....	60 00
J. J. Reimer & Co., pails.....	4 50
Evening Post, printing.....	976 00
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,020 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	267 23
A. Kimbel and J. Cabus, mantles.....	200 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	4 50
J. Della Torre, block.....	2 35
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Total.....	\$11,791 52
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Dated NEW YORK, July 27, 1870.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of John H. Sherwood and W. H. Lee, filling..	\$6,062 70
Marvin & Co., safe and rent.....	3,733 97
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel.....	2,400 00
Locke & Munroe, plumbing.....	1,904 37
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	1,080 61
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,025 00
Bank of Commerce, rent.....	1,022 50
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	1,055 65
Thomas J. Crombie, lumber.....	505 20
Henry P. Campbell, duties.....	378 25
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	371 77
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	239 62
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	222 83
Conover & Woolsey, grates.....	192 00
J. O. Seymour, Kennard & Hay, stationery,	165 55
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, &c.....	155 43
J. Della Torre, ensign.....	130 00
Theodore F. Towe, coal.....	95 00
William C. Jardine, filling.....	91 48
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	54 95
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	54 00
George Van Nort, expenses.....	48 70
L. M. Horton & Co., storage &c., urinals....	48 49
Miller & Coates, tiles.....	44 00
John Boyle, repairing awning.....	32 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	30 25

A. T. Stewart & Co., towels.....	\$20 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	18 48
J. J. Reimer & Co., blacking and dusters ...	18 15
D. Van Nostrand, subscription	15 00
F. Seeger, M.D., services.....	15 00
W. O. Labagh, salt.....	14 49
John P. Jabe & Co., enameled cloth.....	11 20
Sidley & Campbell, medicines for animals..	8 41
Nelson Tool Works.....	5 50
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Total	\$21,270 55
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Dated New York, August 26, 1870.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of James Corwith, music pavilions	\$4,375 00
John H. Midner, stone	2,742 43
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work....	945 00
C. S. Grafulla, music	860 00
James L. Jackson & Brother, music stands..	554 95
B. L. Solomon & Sons, chairs	409 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware	168 30
Frank Hockeran, meat	96 72
Owen McCabe, bread	89 14
John Matthews, tank	60 00
John W. Tyler, awning	60 00
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware	50 52
A. Dumahaut, expenses	33 55
Bell Brothers, lumber	30 68
William Cartwright, vegetables	7 70
William V. Crissey & Co., paint	3 50
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone	360 60
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Sixth avenue, work...	39,685 86
G. DeWitt, Brother & Co., wirework	24 00
Philip Ketterer, wagon	214 00
Salamander Works, pipe	82 50
John Dunn, posts	1,600 00
James M. Thorburn & Co.	5 00
Reuben Smith	9 00
Lindsay, Walton & Co.	13 97
Philip Ketterer	214 00
G. DeWitt, Brother & Co.	24 00
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Total	\$52,719 44
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Dated New York, August 11, 1870.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work..	\$5,040 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, curbing.....	4,900 00
Fisk Pavement Company, repairing walks...	3,329 50
Thomas C. Cornell, surveys and maps.....	2,997 00
Treadwell & Jarman, uniforms.....	2,096 00
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,020 09
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.....	1,000 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, blue stone....	920 18
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	850 00
Babcock Brainerd, granite.....	584 75
Dennis Meers, stone.....	523 34
Coleman, Fairchild & Co., stone.....	380 32
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	379 34

Seward & Boswell, feed.....	263 10
New York Printing Company, printing.....	243 25
William Wellington, plastering.....	240 00
James Slattery, sand and mould.....	232 31
John D. Voorhis, wagon.....	227 40
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	168 90
Daniel Tone, stone.....	164 45
John Dunn, posts.....	154 00
Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice.....	133 98
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	122 75
John J. Sperry, coal.....	99 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	91 25
Sprague & Co., hats.....	87 00
Wm. V. Crissey & Co., brushes.....	69 45
W. H. Gray, harness.....	47 50
John C. Winch & Co., ice.....	38 25
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	34 75
Joseph W. Duryee, ash lumber.....	34 40
William Menzies, lumber.....	33 68
James Prentice, scales.....	20 00
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.....	18 00
Moses Swett, ladders.....	17 63
Benoit & Wood, drawing paper.....	13 00
New York Gas-light Company, gas.....	11 20
J. J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	9 50
M. Abbott, botanical boxes.....	8 00
J. Della Torre, bag for ensign.....	3 50
John P. Jube & Co., material for repairing carriage.....	3 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The President offered the following:

Resolved, That the communication of Mr. Roosevelt be printed in the minutes and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

COMMUNICATION FROM ROBERT B. ROOSEVELT, ESQ.

The Hon. PETER B. SWEENEY, President of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York:

DEAR SIR—On behalf of the Fishery Commissioners of the State of New York, I desire to communicate with your Board on a matter in which you can be of very great assistance to them in the performance of their duties, while you will at the same time gratify the public, add much to the beauties and attractions of the great pleasure-ground under your charge, the Central Park, and help in the development of an important national source of wealth.

The Central Park contains within its limits two large lakes, several small ponds, and a number of springs and streams, to-

gether with an almost unlimited supply of water from the Croton Aqueduct and other sources.

Hitherto these ponds and lakes have been valueless for the instruction or benefit of the citizens, except by the beauty they lend to the landscape and their use as skating-ponds during the few cold days of winter when they are frozen over. The purpose of the Fish Commission is to utilize these waters, make them productive if possible, and, through them, interest the public in that new, practical, and valuable science, fish culture; to convert them at once into schools of instruction, as well as sources of much additional enjoyment, and perhaps even of some actual profit.

I desire to suggest to you the propriety of establishing aquaria and fish-breeding troughs and works in connection with the ponds and springs in the Park. Not having examined the waters critically, an operation which will come in more regularly after your approval of the general scheme, I cannot state positively to what extent fish culture could be carried, but I am well aware that for ordinary purposes nothing more is required than what the Park offers. The breeding of trout, salmon, salmon-trout, whitefish, and similar varieties, would be mainly a matter of public amusement, and to familiarize the people with a process which is now looked upon as rather theoretical than practical, and which is appreciated and comprehended by but very few. The operation, however, could not fail to be exceedingly interesting, more so than most features of a zoological garden; for by a simple arrangement the process could be made visible to all in its every stage, from the laying of the eggs to its conversion into the mature fish. The eggs here fecundated and the young thus produced could, if they should become superabundant, be distributed throughout the State to those anxious to stock depopulated waters, as is done in the large French national establishment at Huningue.

In the ponds where the water is still and grows warm in Summer, and which are consequently not adapted to trout and perch, black bass and other coarser species of fish could be raised in an abundance that would doubtless fully stock them, so as to make them in several ways more attractive than at present. Through their use some important ichthyological questions could be settled, and the attempt of importing foreign fish made. Acclimatization as applied to fish culture is yet almost an unexplored field of scientific research. We import plants, vegetables, trees, and domestic animals from all parts of the world, and find great profit in so doing. Some of our most valuable cereals have come from the East; sorghum is one of the latest additions to our vegetable wealth, and many of our most beautiful flowers have been obtained from Japan and China within a few years. The crossing of our horses and cattle with foreign breeds has been found to improve them greatly, and the leading European strains are as well known here as there; while the improvement of plants under the change of climate and domestication has been in certain cases remarkable.

By analogy of reasoning there seems no impediment to our having in the rivers and lakes of America the best varieties of fish that exist anywhere throughout the known world. Certain kinds of creatures seem to attain fuller development in certain districts, but having attained it, they keep their distinguishing attributes under all circumstances afterward. The trout of Maine often grow to a weight of ten or twelve pounds, whereas those of most of our streams will not number as many ounces.

The carp of Europe is famous as an epicurean luxury, whereas our carp is scarcely worth eating, both from deficiency in size and flavor. No place is so admirably adapted to settling ques-

tions such as are raised by these suggestions, as would be a proper fish-breeding establishment in the Central Park, while it would at the same time gratify the public curiosity at a merely trifling expense.

I will not go into any extended consideration of the subject, or follow it up in detail, but merely present the most prominent point, that, as a matter of increased attractiveness, in connection with the zoölogical garden which is being slowly formed, it would be well worth a trial. As one of the Commissioners of Fisheries, and living in the city of New York, I will be happy to give the establishment and its operations personal supervision, so far as your Board shall think desirable, and I shall be most happy to lend all the assistance in my power.

Yours, very respectfully,

ROBERT B. ROOSEVELT,

Commissioner of Fisheries of the State of New York.

The Treasurer presented several reports as to the condition of the finances.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said reports be accepted and approved, ordered on file, and printed in the 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
 (Bank of Commerce Building),
 No. 31 Nassau street,
 NEW YORK, June 14, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department...	\$11,740 98
Balance in bank to the credit of the Treasurer.....	98,084 93
Total.....	<u>\$109,825 91</u>

(Signed),

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
 265 Broadway, August 25, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department...	\$136,739 45
Balance in bank to the credit of the Treasurer....	2,137 88
Total.....	<u>\$138,877 33</u>

(Signed),

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
265 Broadway, August 30, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department..	\$126,739 45
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer...	3,613 89
Total.....	<u>\$130,353 34</u>

(Signed),

HENRY HILTON,

Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
265 BROADWAY, September 13, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department..	\$19,583 81
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer....	11,114 42
Total.....	<u>\$30,698 23</u>

(Signed),

HENRY HILTON,

Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the portion of the Boulevard roadway between the Circle and Seventy-first street be forthwith opened for public use, and those portions of the said roadway between Seventy-first street and Eighty-eighth street and between One Hundred and Third street and One Hundred and Eighth street are hereby ordered opened on November 1st next, and the Engineer in charge is hereby directed to vigorously press forward all other portions of said work with the view of opening said Boulevard in its entire length from Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, at the earliest practicable 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer dispose of such of the sheep at Central Park as may not be considered desirable to keep during the coming winter, and that he add such sheep to those kept as may be considered advisable.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following :

Whereas, No compensation attaches to the office of Treasurer, and that officer requires clerical assistance ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ clerical assistance in aid of his official duties, not to exceed \$2,000 per annum.

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—Peter B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 383, Laws of 1870, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the improvement of the several city parks, squares, and places under the control 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 elected voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of the State of New York passed April 24, 1867, be requested to deposit, to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the following sums for the payment of work, services, and materials furnished or to be furnished for the prosecution of the following works :

Boulevard, Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.	\$100,000 00
Seventh avenue	100,000 00 ✓
Sixth avenue.	100,000 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chiefs of the several Bureaus be authorized to transfer men from one gang to another, or from one work to another, under their respective control. Notice of such transfer shall, however, be given on the same day to the Disbursing Office, until otherwise ordered. Restorations of men to duty who have been absent, from sickness or other reasonable cause, not more than one week, may be made by the Heads of Bureaus to whom the workmen may have been assigned, but no promotions shall be made without the written order of the President 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks hereby designate the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York as the depository of the moneys raised by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of said city for the use of this Department, and of all moneys which may be received by this Department, provided the Treasurer can make arrangements with

said Bank to receive the like interest on the deposits as proposed by other institutions, to take effect October 1, next.

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--PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields--3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That Joseph Murphy be employed, until the further order of the Board, and assigned to duty, as an assistant to the Chief Landscape Gardener, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

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--PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields--3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the employes at Central Park in charge of the animals, while on duty, shall wear a uniform consisting of a dark blue flannel shirt and a cap ; the cap to be similar to the Parkkeepers', except that it shall be made of blue cloth, with a black band. The Treasurer is directed to purchase and supply the same.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

A communication was received from C. A. Shepard, United States Consul at Yeddo, Japan, relative to landscape gardening, and various arts of ornamentation of Japan.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Fisk Pavement Company, pavement.	\$4,860 00
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.	2,051 40
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, blue stone.	1,649 25
Bell Brothers, lumber.	1,312 06
C. S. Grafulla, music.	1,005 00
Daily Star, advertising.	878 70
Thomas J. Hinch, stone.	862 89
Samuel Webb, plumbing.	570 00
Janes & Kirtland, repairing fence.	488 79
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.	372 32
Lindsay, Walton & Co., hardware.	239 16
Striffel & Son, glass cases.	226 80
James Slattery, stone.	223 95

Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	212 41
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	204 61
Mulligan Brothers, painting railings.....	200 00
Janes & Kirtland, settee legs.....	147 50
A. Kimbel & J. Cabus, desk.....	125 00
William V. Crissey & Co., drugs.....	104 30
New York Lead Company, pipe.....	80 62
H. Seymour, Arab costume.....	60 00
Isaiah Woodbury, paint.....	60 00
William Donaldson, trucking.....	50 00
James M. Alling, paint.....	42 98
S. Beeching, papers.....	42 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	37 00
Daniel Cunningham, caulking.....	35 00
Miller & Coates, tile.....	24 56
J. Della Torre, rope.....	22 56
Salamander Works, pipe.....	20 69
R. T. Briggs, casks.....	20 00
J. J. Reimer & Co., mop sticks and brooms..	16 00
N. Schainwald, towelling.....	9 25
Carl Spangenberg, examining maps.....	30 00
Walton & Co., hardware.....	87 80
A. Damahant, expenses.....	35 52
Douglas Taylor, printing.....	26 00
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$17,434 12</u>

Dated New York, September 7, 1870.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENY (*ex officio*), } *Auditing*
Committee.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report of the Auditing Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The President offered the following:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-chief forthwith prepare a topographical survey of the public place known as Morning Side Park, to the end that the plans for the improvement thereof may be adopted and carried out.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-chief also prepare a like survey of the public place or park at High Bridge and submit the same, so that measures may be taken for its early improvement.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following:

Resolved, That it is expedient to prosecute the completion of St. Nicholas avenue at the earliest day; therefore the Engineer-in-chief will forthwith report to this Board the manner in which the work shall be done, and whether it is expedient to have the same performed by contract or by workmen under the direction of the Engineer-in-chief.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at four o'clock, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1870.

SPECIAL MEETING, 2 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

CITY OF NEW YORK: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
No. 265 Broadway, }
NEW YORK, September 19, 1870. }

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk Board of Department of Public Parks :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board of the Department of Public Parks for this day, at 2 o'clock P.M., to take action regarding the death of Mr. Ignaz A. Pilat, late Chief Landscape Gardener in the Department.

Yours truly,

PETER B. SWEENEY,

President, Board of the Department of Public Parks.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners HILTON and FIELDS.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, In the death of Ignaz A. Pilat, Chief Landscape Gardener of this Department, we recognize a great loss to the works under our charge ; his long connection with the Central Park and its adornment, and the care, taste, and judgment he manifested in all matters intrusted to him, endeared him to us, and make us feel that his place cannot easily be filled ; his gentle manners and devotion to the service of the Department will long be remembered by this Board ; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board testify its respect to his memory by tendering to his afflicted family its sympathy in their bereavement, and by entering upon the minutes its acknowledgment of his long and valuable services.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at two o'clock and fifteen minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk ex officio.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—HENRY HILTON, Esq., Vice-President, and Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk ex officio.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners HILTON, FIELDS, and GREEN.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 13th, 19th, and 20th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Col. Figyelmesy, United States Consul at Demerara, presenting a Boa-Constrictor.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the donation was accepted and the President was requested to suitably acknowledge the same.

From the laborers employed at City Hall Park, desiring an increase of pay.

Laid on the table.

From William Everett, requesting the return of the application made by Albino Abbiati to form a civic band for the city.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the request was granted.

From William R. Stewart, desiring permission to erect a stoop, porch, and court-yard in front of his premises on Fifth avenue, between Sixty-second and Sixty-third streets ; whereupon,

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of property on the streets and avenues surrounding Central Park be permitted to inclose for court-yard purposes, and not otherwise, fifteen feet of the sidewalk adjacent and in front of their respective lots ; and that the stoops of buildings erected on such streets and avenues may project to the extent of such court-yard, provided, however, that such stoops shall in every instance be open above the railings or balusters thereof, and the form, size, and character thereof, together with the form, size, and character of the area railing, shall be subject to the approval of this Board or the President thereof ; and provided further that no stoop or area railing shall be constructed or put upon any of the streets or avenues surrounding said Park until the plan thereof has been submitted to this Department and the assent of this Board or its President obtained thereto.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, and Fields—3.

Nay—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board approve of the plan for stoops on buildings now being erected by William R. Stewart on Fifth avenue, between Sixty-second and Sixty-third streets, and also the plan for area railings thereto, and hereby allows the same, as shown in the plans to which the President of this Board has affixed his signature.

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*—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

A communication was received from property-owners on the line of the Fourth avenue, between Eightieth and Eighty-ninth streets, relative to the grade of said avenue.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Fisk Pavement Company, pavement.....	\$6,597 32
Rockwood & Co., photographing	3,150 00
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	1,892 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, curbing.....	1,508 95
Thomas C. Cornell, maps.....	1,044 00
C. S. Grafulla, music	1,010 00
John S. Newlin, monumenting.....	641 46
New York Daily News, advertising.....	528 00
W. C. Jardine, stone.....	500 14
Thomas Crimmins & Son, mould.....	375 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	309 75
Roosevelt & Son, glass.....	222 60

Bill of Isaiah Woodbury, powder and fuse.....	216 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	190 00
Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice.....	161 05
Lewis P. Tibbals, swings.....	108 00
Walton & Co., hardware.....	107 28
Francis Dugan, gutters and leaders.....	90 00
Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	78 00
J. Della Torre, bunting and bagging.....	73 65
Willard, Felt & Co., drawing-paper.....	69 00
Tredwell & Jarman, gloves.....	64 00
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	64 00
William E. Crissey & Co., glass and paint....	62 13
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	55 63
Pierson & Co., iron.....	54 06
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	48 03
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	33 41
McClees & Co., wire.....	29 60
Moses Swett, ladders.....	17 50
The Sun, advertising.....	16 80
E. H. Anderson, dumping privilege.....	15 00
The World Company, advertising.....	12 60
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	12 18
Skandinavisk Post, advertising.....	9 00
John P. Jube & Co., leather.....	6 21
D. Van Nostrand, subscription.....	5 40
G. H. Allison, twine.....	2 86
J. J. Remier & Co., pail, brooms, &c.....	2 60
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	1,547 62
Patrick Bannon, stone.....	300 00

Bill of James Slattery, sand.....	300 00
Walton & Co., hardware.....	359 35
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	209 93
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, stone.....	203 75
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	174 84
Daniel Howell, trucking.....	110 00
Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	98 00
John S. Young, caulking.....	50 00
J. B. Suffern & Co., sharpening chisels.....	32 50
Andrew Smith, screws.....	11 98
Pierson & Co., iron.....	9 02
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Total.....	\$22,716 68
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THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, September 27, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report of the Auditing Committee be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan & Co., pavement for Sixth ave-

nue	\$17,325 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	3,427 16
Scharf Pavement Company, pavement.....	2,830 39
William Rumble, map.....	1,800 00
Peck & Wandell, brick and cement.....	1,369 98
A. T. Stewart & Co., carpets, &c.....	1,187 53
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,015 00
New York Herald, advertising.....	946 40
Slote & James, stationery.....	578 82
Isaiah Woodbury, powder and fuse.....	525 00
New York Times, advertising:.....	451 20
New York Lead Company, pipe.....	286 11
Talcott & Scallon, feed.....	282 55
J. D. Minor, stone.....	152 00
Frank & Hockeran, meat.....	116 73
John J. Sperry, coal.....	88 00
Thomas Crimmins & Son, mould.....	84 37
Owen McCabe, bread.....	82 46
Wm. V. Crissey & Co, drugs and paint.....	81 35
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	79 23
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas.....	54 60
Hobbs, Bligh & Heberd, oil, &c.....	51 69
Benoit & Wood, tracing cloth, &c.....	31 25
Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	30 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	14 88

Bill of P. Mulhall, harness.....	\$11 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	9 83
J. J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	9 00
American Clock Company, clocks.....	5 50
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.....	5,980 00
Williams & Guion, steam roller.....	3,152 51
Thomas Crinmins & Son, Seventh avenue work.....	735 00
Walton & Co., hardware.....	104 07
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Total.....	<u>\$42,898 61</u>

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated, NEW YORK, September 13, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report of the Auditing Committee be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of J. T. and J. B. Smith, work on stable and sheds.....	\$9,000 00
J. J. Riceman, carpenter work, offices.....	6,279 08
John H. Midmer, stone.....	4,307 11
Fisk Pavement Company, concrete pavement.....	2,551 06
John S. Masterson, stone.....	1,571 32
Hill & Treharne, painting at offices.....	1,232 39
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, curb.....	1,183 64
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	800 00
Walton & Co., hardware.....	664 91
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	397 03
Evening Telegram, advertising.....	324 00
At Home and Abroad, advertising.....	322 50
William V. Crissey & Co., oils and glass...	165 26
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	148 55
Isaiah Woodbury, white lead.....	115 00
Conover & Woolley, grate and mantel....	77 00
Harlem Gas-light Company, gas.....	72 45
Nelson Tool Works, iron and picks.....	70 60
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, blue stone..	38 50
Andrew Smith, screws and locks.....	28 56
A. T. Briggs, casks.....	20 00
J. J. Reimer & Co., pails and brooms.....	14 25
J. Della Torre, rope.....	12 39
Phelps, Dodge & Co., tin.....	10 75
William Cartwright, vegetables.....	8 50
Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	7 40
Tomes, Melvain & Co., whistles.....	3 12

Bill of N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	2 80
New York Lead Company, pipe.....	2 73
Total.....	\$29,430 90

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated, NEW YORK, September 20, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report of the Auditing Committee be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., late Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks, from April 20, 1870, up to and including June 7, 1870, and the vouchers and payments charged in said accounts; that they find the said vouchers and accounts correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of the Department on the 8th day of June, 1870, was \$117,357.43.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated, NEW YORK, September 26, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved, entered on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Henry Hilton, Esq., Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks, from June 8, 1870, up to the first day of September, 1870, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts ; that they find said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of the said Department on the first day of September, 1870, is \$116,100.74.

PETER B. SWEENEY, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated, NEW YORK, September 26, 1870.

Commissioner GREEN moved that said report be approved, entered on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, presented a report of its acts and proceedings, which was ordered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings under the resolution of the Department adopted May 3, 1870 ; also, as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your Committee, held September 13, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the salary of Charles Spangenberg be fixed at eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum, to commence September 1, 1870.

Resolved, That the salary of Julius Munckwitz be fixed at three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per annum, in consideration of his giving his whole services to the Department.

Resolved, That the pay of the two late ununiformed Gatekeepers, William Burke and William Smythe, be fixed at two dollars (\$2) per day, commencing September 1, 1870.

Resolved, That the pay of Thomas J. Lannon, messenger in the Bureau of Construction and Repairs, be fixed at forty dollars (\$40) per month, commencing September 1, 1870.

Resolved, That Matthew Pain be appointed Axeman in the Bureau of Construction and Repairs.

Resolved, That the salary of Frank S. Kelly, Clerk in the Pay Department, be fixed at twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, to date from September 1, 1870.

At a meeting on September 16th, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That there be a bureau in this Department, known as the Bureau of Civil and Topographical Engineering, which shall have charge of the surveying for and the designing of all streets, avenues, roads, public squares, and places, and the grades for and the plans for the sewerage and drainage thereof, and for all bridges, tunnels, or other means of communication between the counties of New York and Westchester, and the improvement of the Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek, which by law now are or may be directed to be laid out and established by the Department of Public Parks.

The chief officer of such bureau shall be known as the Civil and Topographical Engineer. He shall prepare and report to the Board of the Department of Public Parks, or to the Executive Committee thereof, as he may be directed, all plans for the before-mentioned works.

There shall also be four Division Engineers in such bureau, with such necessary Assistants as may be appointed, all of whom shall be assigned to duty by the Chief Officer.

The Bureau shall contain four subdivisions, as follows :

1. The West-side Division shall include all that part of the Island of New York, extending from Fifty-ninth street, west of Eighth avenue, to the Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek.

2. The Harlem river Division shall include that river and Spuyten Duyvil creek, and so far upon both sides thereof as may be necessary in carrying out any improvements in connection therewith.

3. The Westchester Division shall include all of the County of Westchester within or under the control of the Department located north of Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek.

4. The East-side Division shall include all that part of the Island of New York extending from Fifty-seventh street east of Fifth and Eighth avenues to Harlem river.

The President or chief officer of the Bureau shall have power to detail any Division Engineer or other officer in the Bureau to duty on any work therein, or on any special duty in the Department, but the officer so detailed or assigned shall not be entitled to any extra compensation by reason thereof.

The salary of the various officers in the Bureau shall be such as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It is very desirable that the sidewalk on the Eighth avenue boundary of the Central Park should be put in travelling condition at the earliest day, to enable residents in that part of the city to avail themselves of its convenience; therefore,

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-chief forthwith prepare plans and specifications for excavating, laying, and constructing the Eighth avenue wall of the Central Park where not already constructed and also for constructing the sidewalk and planting trees thereon, on a plan similar to that already adopted on the Fifth avenue side of the Park.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to procure such furnaces or other heating apparatus as may be by him consid-

ered expedient for heating the Museum building, and have the same applied and put up.

At a meeting on September 19, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Ignaz Wills be promoted from Gatekeeper to Parkkeeper, and that John Halpin be and he is hereby appointed a Gatekeeper on the Central Park.

Resolved, That the pay of the eight-horse team now on the payroll be fixed at \$22 per day, to date from September 1, 1870.

Resolved, That the Comptroller in the Department be authorized to purchase a horse, wagon, and harness for the use of the Superintendent of Parks and Places, at a price not exceeding five hundred dollars.

At a meeting on September 26, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That Frank A. Pollard, Assistant Landscape Gardener, be assigned temporarily to duty as acting Chief Landscape Gardener.

He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Resolved, That Emil T. Lagrave, Assistant Landscape Gardener, shall hereafter receive a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

Resolved, That the salary of Frank A. Pollard, while acting as Chief Landscape Gardener, be at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, commencing September 21, 1870.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to procure a horse, wagon, and harness for the use of General Foreman Russell, at a price not exceeding \$500.

Resolved, That there be appointed an Assistant Landscape Gardener at the wages of \$4 per day. He shall be assigned to duty in the Bureau of Landscape Gardening, and be under the control of the head thereof.

Resolved, That William H. Grant be appointed Division Engineer in the Bureau of Civil and Topographical Engineering, at a salary of \$3,500 per annum, and be assigned to duty by the President.

Resolved, That gravel be purchased from such parties as will furnish the same at market prices and of quality satisfactory to the Treasurer or Engineer-in-chief.

Resolved, That an additional draughtsman be appointed in the Bureau of the Engineer-in chief at a salary of not exceeding \$1,800 per annum.

Resolved, That the President appoint the necessary clerks and assistants in the Bureau of Civil and Topographical Engineering, and fix the salaries thereof not exceeding for any clerk \$1,500 per annum.

Resolved, That the work of completing the Avenue St. Nicholas in accordance with the plan heretofore adopted, be proceeded with forthwith under the direction of the Engineer-in-chief. That the necessary surveys be made and materials secured for the commencement of the road at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved, That the application of William P. Dixon, respecting removal of rock on the Boulevard, be referred to the Treasurer with power.

Resolved, That J. O. Bertholf, Clerk in the Bureau of the Central Park, be and he is hereby removed.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of the Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Executive*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Dated NEW YORK, September 27, 1870.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, and Fields—3.

Nay—Commissioner Green—1.

The Treasurer presented the following report:

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway, September 27, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks:

In accordance with section nine of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department	\$24,726 49
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer..	1,996 29
Total.....	<u>\$26,722 78</u>

(Signed),

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be approved, printed in the minutes, and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

A petition was received from the Rockmen on the Boulevard relative to their pay.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said petition was referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for the public squares or places laid out by the late Commissioners of the Central Park, under and by virtue of "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York," passed April 24, 1865, bounded easterly by the "Boulevard;" northerly, by the division line between land now or late of John A. Haven and land now or late of Charles M. Connolly; southerly, by the street laid out and including the road now known as "Fort Washington Depot Road;" and westerly, by a line drawn parallel to the centre line of the Hudson River Railroad, and twenty feet easterly therefrom; and also, the public square or place bounded easterly by a line drawn parallel to the centre line of the Hudson River

Railroad, and twenty feet westerly therefrom; southerly by the street above mentioned; and westerly and northerly by the North or Hudson river, as said public squares or places were laid out by resolution of the late Commissioners of the Central Park, adopted November 1, 1867; and that the President of the Board be authorized to take the necessary measures, for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to the lands included in the lines of and required for said public squares or places, and to sign, on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, the necessary papers to acquire such title.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the widow of Ignaz A. Pilat, deceased, for many years Chief Landscape Gardener of Central Park, the balance which would have been coming to him for his year's service in this department had he lived to perform the same; that the payment be made in such manner and to such party or person as the Treasurer shall consider most expedient and most beneficial for the widow and children of Mr. Pilat.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of the bronze castings for the central fountain at the Terrace on the Central Park, their insurance and transportation to this country, and the payment of the same, be referred to the Treasurer with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The following communications were received :

From William H. Lee, relative to earth excavated from his property.

Ordered filed.

From W. H. Hitchman and others, desiring the appointment of Timothy F. Quinn as Parkkeeper.

Ordered filed.

From R. Dudgeon, relative to the pay of the engineer employed on the steam road-roller.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Treasurer 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From Charles Crary, President of the East Side Association, relative to the "Eastern Boulevard."

Ordered filed.

From J. B. Murray, relative to the Grizzly Bear at Central Park.

Ordered filed.

From J. M. Jackson, offering patent umbrella stands for sale.

Ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at 4 o'clock the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk ex officio.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners GREEN, HILTON, DILLON, and FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From H. S. Olcott, President of the Portland Stone Company, offering to present a fountain.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, the same was accepted and the communication ordered on file.

From Thomas Crimmins & Son, claiming sinkage on their contract for regulating and grading the Sixth avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee for examination.

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

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—5.

From H. N. Trask, submitting plan of buildings now in course of erection corner of Eighty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, and requesting permission to erect the buildings in accordance with said plan.

Referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

From John A. Godfrey, Assistant Adjutant-General Second Brigade N. G. S. N. Y., desiring the use of Tompkins Square for the inspection of regiments of said brigade.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the President was authorized to give the permission asked for.

The following communications from James D. Reid, Chairman Morse Testimonial Fund, were received, and, on motion of Commissioner GREEN, ordered printed at length on the Minutes:

No. 145 Broadway, }
NEW YORK, July 22, 1870. }

*President of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park,
City of New York:*

SIR—The telegraph operators of the American continent having determined to erect a marble statue in honor of Professor S. F. B. Morse, and which shall also in the excellence of its execution faithfully represent the advanced condition of American art, I have the honor, in their behalf, to ask you to grant a place in Central Park for that purpose.

Professor Morse's fame rests on a basis so permanent, so cosmopolitan and beneficent, that it leads us to the assurance that you will assign to our use some distinguished spot on the beautiful grounds under your control.

It is our desire to lay the foundations and pedestal without delay, and have the statue unveiled by the President of the United States on Professor Morse's eightieth birthday, April 27, 1871.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

JAMES D. REID,
Chairman Morse Testimonial Fund.

P. B. SWEENEY, Esq.,

*President of the Board of Commissioners
of the Public Parks of the City of New York :*

SIR—I had the honor to address you in July, stating that a movement had been commenced throughout the country, having for its design the erection of a marble statue of Professor Morse, commemorative of his great invention, and its vast influence on the history of the world. This design has been met with such enthusiasm from all sections of the country that I have already had placed within my hands sufficient funds for its accomplishment. The artist's model is also about ready for the chisel, and the city of Charlestown, Mass., has just voted an appropriation for a suitable place, that city having been the place of Prof. Morse's birth.

From all quarters a desire has come that the statue be erected in the New York Central Park. It will be a work of the high-

est art. It is to honor a man whose work is accomplished, and whose life is nearly closed. In the name of thousands who have sent me their funds, and of millions whom his invention has blessed, I respectfully ask that this statue of Professor Morse be permitted to be erected in the Central Park, and that an honorable place be assigned for that purpose.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

JAMES D. REID,

Chairman Morse Testimonial Fund.

NEW YORK, September 20, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the application for the erection of a statue to Professor Morse in Central Park be accepted and approved, and the request granted. That it be referred to a Special Committee of two to select a place for locating the same, with power to impose such conditions in respect thereto as may be deemed advisable.

Debate was had thereon, when Commissioner GREEN moved that the whole subject lie over until 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 negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following as a substitute for said resolution :

Resolved, That, in conformity with the established practice of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, it is inexpedient to permit the erection in the Central Park of statues to living persons.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would accept 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 Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Dillon, and Hilton—4.

No—Commissioner Fields—1.

The President appointed Commissioners Hilton and Dillon as the Special Committee on the Morse Testimonial Fund.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length on the minutes and placed on file :

The Treasurer reports :

That, pursuant to the direction of the Board, he has transferred the bank account of the Department to the Tenth National Bank, having previously arranged with its President for receiving interest upon the deposits of the Department at the

rate of three per cent. per annum for all balances over ten thousand dollars.

HENRY HILTON,

October 4, 1870.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented a statement of the interest account of the Department with the National Bank of Commerce in New York, showing the sum of \$1,173.60 placed to the credit of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and coping..	\$12,361 20
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work.	7,245 00
J. B. & W. W. Cornell, iron work.....	6,000 00
George S. Greene, Jr., map.....	1,800 00
James Cummings, castings.....	1,578 81
C. S. Grafulla.....	850 00
Eagleson & De Veau, monuments.....	752 45
J. W. Stevens & Bro., lumber.....	729 16
Thomas J. Crombie, lumber.....	713 41
William J. Douglass, painting.....	525 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement.	467 00
Commercial Advertiser Association, advertising.....	439 20
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	215 26
George M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	100 00

Bill of Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite.....	\$89 52
Browne, Spaulding & Co., clock.....	75 00
New York Lead Company, pipe.....	60 64
James Prentice, instruments.....	60 00
Thomas G. Voorhis, repairing chairs.....	56 05
D. V. Wagenen, beaver.....	50 00
F. W. Devoe & Co., paints, oils, &c.....	46 37
Salamander Works, pipe.....	45 83
J. Della Torre, bagging.....	44 00
Andrew Smith, screws.....	11 42
William V. Crissey & Co., putty, paints, &c.	6 36
Lalance & Grosjean Manufacturing Com- pany, cups.....	5 40
Henderson & Fleming, labels.....	4 00
Janes & Kirtland, chimney tops.....	170 00
A. T. Briggs, casks.....	20 00
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	15 75
John P. Jube & Co., spokes, rims, &c.....	12 25
Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	7 95
Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	7 50
 Total.....	 <u>\$34,564 53</u>

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, October 4, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report of the Auditing Committee be approved and placed on file.

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

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

The Treasurer presented a report on the condition of the finances, which was ordered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
No. 265 Broadway, October 4, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department...	\$1,317 05
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer.....	11,513 37

Total.....	\$12,830 42

(Signed),

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to select a proper site in the Central Park for the location of the Bust of William Cullen Bryant, now in possession of the Department, and that said Bust be placed at such site.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, said resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the By-laws be so amended that no bills or accounts shall be paid until the same have been duly audited by the Auditing Committee, nor until the same have been presented to and ordered paid by the Department.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at three o'clock and twenty minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners DILLON and GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners DILLON and GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners DILLON and GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT.

Clerk.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M. .

Present — PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners HILTON and DILLON.

The minutes of the previous meetings of October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From S. Knapp and others, property owners at Washington Heights, petitioning for the laying out of an avenue between the Kingsbridge road and West Boulevard, north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

From William H. Grant, Engineer in charge of Bureau of Civil and Topographical Engineering, relative to the organization of said Bureau and the work in progress.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be laid on the table, and printed in document form.

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

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

Ayes — PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners DILLON and HILTON—3.

(See Document No. 16.)

The Treasurer presented an estimate of the amount of moneys required for the completion of surveys in the towns of Yonkers and West Farms, Westchester County, under the act of 1869, chapter 826.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said estimate be laid on the table and printed in document form.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners DILLON and HILTON—3.

(See Document No. 17.)

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the County of Westchester be and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of twenty thousand dollars, such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of Yonkers in said county of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 826 of the Laws of 1869 and chapter 797 of the Laws of 1870.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the County of Westchester be and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of \$20,000, such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of West Farms, in said county of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 826 of the Laws of 1869, and chapter 797 of the Laws of 1870.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

A communication was received from John McKeon, relative to Ninety-sixth street and Eastern Boulevard.

Laid over for consideration.

From J. H. Welsh, relative to the same subject.

Same reference.

From John Smith, relative to the purchase of a collection of Indian curiosities.

Referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

From Samuel W. Frances, proposing the establishment of a reading-room and public library at Central Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

From the Comptroller, submitting a list of donations received at the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

From William. P. Mellen, presenting a pair of antelopes.

The same, having been acknowledged, was ordered filed.

The Treasurer reported that Mr. Robert L. Stuart has presented the Department a fine specimen of the *Arcancaria Excelsior*, which has been in his possession for the past ten years.

Its receipt has been suitably acknowledged.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be entered at length on the 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

From Henry Koster, Captain of Park-keepers, relative to an increase of compensation.

Referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

From B. F. Crane, Superintendent of Central Park, relative to the water pipes in Central Park.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be entered at length on the 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Communication of B. F. Crane, Superintendent of Central Park :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
CENTRAL PARK, October 13, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

GENTLEMEN—I feel it to be my duty to call attention to Croton water pipes in Central Park. They are proving to be of a very inferior character, especially so on the upper or northern division. Leaks are constantly occurring. It becomes necessary to keep men employed much of the time digging to find leaks that are indicated by the water coming to the surface, and often running in considerable streams. During the last month we have repaired three or four large leaks on the upper end, and one on the lower end of the Park. In one of the cases the water was discovered coming out under the Park wall on Fifth avenue, and was supposed to be a leak from the reservoir, but was traced to the pipes by shutting of the water from them, when the flow stopped. In this case, our men were engaged digging for near two weeks before finding the leak, which, when found and partially repaired, other parts of the pipe near by were found so far gone that the hand could be thrust through it. In

the most recent case, the water was found running down one of the walks near Harlem lake, and would have done serious damage had it not been discovered early. I give these details to show you how imperfect the pipes are, and what we have to contend with. Next, as to remedy. Sooner or later iron pipes will have to be substituted for those now in use, which are made of sheet iron, coated inside and out with cement; the results prove them to be a poor article and imperfectly made. The substitution of iron pipes would involve a large outlay of money which could have been saved if iron pipes had been originally laid in place of those now in use.

If your body should decide to lay iron pipes, it could be done a portion at a time, as might be thought best.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. F. CRANE,
Superintendent Central Park.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-chief report whether in his opinion any, and if so what, plan can be adopted to render the Croton pipes of plaster and cement heretofore laid in Central Park available for a time, and until new Croton-water pipes of iron can be substituted.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON submitted for the consideration of the Board the following ordinances and resolution relative to projections, obstructions, and incumbrances on the streets and avenues surrounding the Central Park, and moved that the same be entered at length on the minutes and 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Ordinances, rules, and regulations respecting the uses of the streets, avenues, and public squares or places within the distance of three hundred and fifty feet from the outer boundaries of Central Park.

Under and by virtue of chapter 697 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24, 1867, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby make and ordain the following rules and regulations in respect to the uses of, and the erections or projections upon, and obstructions of every kind on all parts of every street, avenue, and public square or place within the distance of three hundred and fifty feet from the outer boundaries of the Central Park, and especially on all parts of the Fifth avenue, and of the Eighth avenue between Fifty-eighth street and One Hundred and Eleventh street, and all parts of Fifty-ninth street and One Hundred and Tenth street between the Fifth avenue and the Eighth avenue.

I. No building, shed, erection, or construction whatever shall be put upon or permitted to remain on any part of the avenues

or streets or public places above mentioned, except the platforms, stoops, steps, areas, or court-yards of buildings now erected or in course of erection, and permitted by this Department or the President thereof.

II. No vehicle for the conveyance of passengers shall stop or stand in any part of the avenues, public places, or streets above mentioned, except for the purpose of allowing passengers to get in or out of such vehicles, and no such stops shall be made by any vehicle opposite the line of any cross-street or entrance into the Central Park.

III. No cart, truck, or other vehicle for the conveyance of merchandise or material shall stop in any part of the avenues, public places, or streets above mentioned except for the purpose of receiving or discharging merchandise or material, and such stoppage shall in such cases be limited to the actual and necessary time required for so doing.

IV. No parts of the avenues, public places, or streets above mentioned shall at any time hereafter be incumbered by any material whatever for a longer period than shall be actually necessary for the deposit and removal of the same, unless specially permitted in writing by this Department or its President, and no platform, stoop, step, porch, portico, balcony, balustrade, or projections whatever shall hereafter be erected or permitted within the limits aforesaid of such parts of said avenues, public places, and streets, except by special permission first had and obtained from this Department.

V. Provided, however, that owners of property on the easterly side of said Fifth avenue, between Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, are permitted to inclose, for courtyard purposes, and not otherwise, fifteen feet of the sidewalks adjacent to and in front of their respective lots; and the stoops of

buildings erected on said avenue may, in such cases, project to the extent of such court-yards, provided further, that such stoops shall in every instance be open above the railing or balustrade thereof, and the form, size, and character thereof, together with the form, size, and character of the area railings, shall be subject to the approval of this Board or the President thereof; and, provided further, that no stoop or area railing shall be constructed or put upon said Fifth avenue, or upon any of the streets or avenues surrounding said Park within the boundaries first above mentioned until the plan thereof has been submitted to this Department, and the assent of this Board or its President obtained thereto.

VI. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of this Department to cause to be affixed a printed copy of this ordinance to any permanent or other structure or obstruction, placed or existing at any time upon either of said streets or avenues within the boundaries first above mentioned in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, and which affixing shall be deemed and considered a notice to remove said structure or obstruction, within twenty-four hours thereafter. In default of such removal it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to forthwith take down, carry away, and remove the same to such place as he shall consider most desirable for the purpose of making a public sale thereof; such sale to be made under his direction at such time and place as he shall appoint, and the proceeds thereof applied to the payment of expenses incurred in respect thereto.

The owner of such structure or obstruction neglecting to so remove the same shall be liable for and shall incur a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) for each day such structure or obstruction shall be or remain upon either of said streets or avenues within the boundaries first above mentioned in violation of this ordinance, to be recovered in any court by the Treasurer, in the

name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and for and on behalf of this Department.

VII. If in the opinion of the Treasurer of this Board it shall be considered expedient to forthwith remove any permanent structure or other obstruction, placed or existing at any time upon either of said streets or avenues within the boundaries first above mentioned in violation of the provisions of this ordinance he may direct and cause the same to be removed without delay, by writing under his hand, directed to any Park-keeper or other person, commanding such structure or obstruction to be forthwith removed, and thereupon the same shall be removed and disposed of as hereinbefore provided.

VIII. No animal shall be driven upon said streets or avenues within the limits or boundaries aforesaid at a greater rate of speed than seven miles an hour, under the penalty of ten dollars for each offence, to be recovered from the driver or owner thereof respectively.

Resolved, That all ordinances, rules, and regulations heretofore passed or adopted by the late Board of Commissioners of the Central Park or by the present Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks respecting projections, obstructions, and incumbrances upon any public street, avenue, or public square or place within the distance of three hundred and fifty feet from the outer boundaries of the Central Park, shall, so far as the same conflict with the rules and regulations respecting projections, obstructions, and incumbrances within the boundaries aforesaid passed and adopted this day by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be and the same are hereby annulled and repealed.

So that hereafter the only rules and regulations upon the subject shall be those this day passed and adopted.

Commissioner HILTON presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of—

J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue pavement	\$2,5245 00
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel	2,964 00
F. K. Field, granite	2,500 00
Fisk Concrete Pavement Co., pavement	2,160 00
New York Printing Co., printing	1,798 16
C. S. Grafulla, music	980 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware	612 25
Smith & Butler, badges	174 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice	119 75
Morgan Jones, plumbers' materials	117 13
William Gibson, hard lumber	85 39
Tomes, Melvain & Co., carbines	83 00
Charles R. Ellis, repairing boiler	78 00
Christie & Quinn, tubs	72 25
James Slattery, sod	61 28
R. Dumahaut, expenses	58 63
J. S. Young, caulking bridge	50 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas	49 70
Piersons & Co., iron	43 66
C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints	42 00
Andrew Smith, nails	33 25
Wetmore & Co., iron	31 22
William V. Crissey & Co., paint	28 97
Pacific Mail Steamship Company, freight	23 94
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials	19 35
Louis Waefelaer & Co., fountain balls	12 75

Bill of—

James Scheil, harness repairs.....	\$12 50
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	11 00
Evening Post, advertising.....	10 20
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	10 00
J. Becker, frame.....	6 00
Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	4 80
John J. Reimer & Co., mats.....	3 00
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.....	5,384 60
Isaiah Woodbury, white lead.....	57 50
Total.....	<u>\$42,943 28</u>

Dated New York, October 11, 1870.

PETER B. SWEENEY, }
 President, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of J. W. Van Dewater, office furniture.....	\$6,676 10
W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	2,198 55
Thomas J. Hinch, mould.....	1,034 58
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,010 00
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	777 51
John Dunn, locust posts.....	660 00
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work....	630 00
William Gibson, lumber.....	324 90
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	215 32
James Slattery, sod.....	194 00
W. H. Radford, horse.....	175 00
Dennis Meers, stone.....	154 39
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	152 48
Henry Parsons, indexing laws.....	150 00
Newman & Capron, speaking-tubes.....	139 90
Walton & Co., hardware.....	139 79
John J. Sperry, coal.....	139 00
Frank Hocrein, meat.....	117 81
R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	98 95
William V. Crissey & Co., drugs.....	94 76
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	91 50
Owen McCabe, bread.....	77 70
Janes & Kirtland, settee legs.....	73 75
H. A. Rogers, hardware.....	65 89
James Prentice, instruments.....	50 50
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	44 36
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	34 14
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	26 50
J. Della Torre, rope.....	26 24
John J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	24 60
Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	18 40
Benoit & Wood, tracing cloth.....	17 50
Murray, Ferris & Co., agents, freight.....	14 25

Bill of Evening Post, advertising	\$11 88
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	4 71
Journal of Commerce, advertising	9 00
William Cartwright, vegetables.....	7 50
Baker, Voorhis & Co., Session Laws 1870	7 00
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Total.....	\$15,688 46
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Dated NEW YORK, October 18, 1870.

HENRY HILTON,	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
PETER B. SWEENY, President,	

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report of the Auditing Committee be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Fisk Pavement Co., pavement.....	\$2,894 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	2,224 00
J. Mc B., Davidson & Co., safe.....	2,000 00

Bill of Bell Brothers, lumber.....	\$1,202 07
George H. Kitchen & Co., gas fixtures.....	990 88
Daniel Tone, rock filling.....	870 17
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	717 63
Thomas J. Crombie, lumber.....	484 67
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb.....	443 24
B. L. Solomon & Sons, furniture.....	538 50
James Slattery, sand.....	300 00
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	298 09
N. Y. Lith., Eng., and Printing Co., cuts for report.....	245 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	175 57
James Flynn, wagon.....	175 00
William V. Crissey & Co., drugs, etc.....	170 39
Townsend & Co., coal.....	150 00
Sprague & Co., caps.....	145 00
James O. Morse, plumbing.....	128 95
H. A. Rogers, hardware.....	105 08
Grinnell, Minturn & Co., freight.....	103 19
E. & H. T. Anthony & Co., chemicals.....	100 00
James Green, instruments.....	100 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	73 62
New York Lead Company, pipe.....	72 00
W. H. Gray, harness.....	57 50
Isaiah Woodbury, white lead.....	57 50
R. A. Williams, repairs.....	54 14
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.....	52 00
George M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	50 00
J. Della Torre, bagging.....	45 60
Cooper & Lauferswiler, flower pots.....	37 50
The Sun, advertising.....	32 40
New York Standard, advertising.....	23 40
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	21 35

Bill of Nelson Tool Works, tools.....	\$16 00
Andrew Smith, nails.....	14 46
Conover & Woolley, grate, etc.....	13 00
Benoit & Wood, water colors.....	11 90
Skandinavisk Post, advertising.....	10 20
Miss Soperfoster, repairing.....	7 40
John J. Budd, putty.....	6 50
George H. Allison, twine.....	2 10
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	835 00
Harlem Gas-light Company, gas.....	80 85
Willard, Felt & Co., drawing paper.....	73 50
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	18 00
Heroy & Marrener, glass.....	16 60
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	9 68
D. E. Culver, stone.....	3,236 48
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	3,088 00
James Slattery, stone.....	1,432 11
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, fountain base.....	144 46
Lent & Robb, dumping.....	60 00
Spencer West, repairing.....	9 75
J. H. Lullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work..	4,830 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	1,120 00
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.....	260 00
H. A. Rogers, hardware.....	120 88
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	102 15
R. H. Allen & Co., garden tools.....	85 00
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	343 00
Skandinavisk Post, advertising.....	10 20

Bill of Fisk Pavement Company, pavement.....	\$6,441 31
Thomas Kinsley, stone.....	670 55
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Total.....	\$38,027 52
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Dated NEW YORK, October 27, 1870.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 PETER B. SWEENY, President, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Charles Guidet, Broadway pavement.....	\$16,660 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging..	6,120 00
Fisk Pavement Company, pavement.....	4,059 68
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.....	1,300 00
Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	904 80
James M. Thorburn & Co., seeds and plants.	869 55
Janes & Kirtland, refitting urinals.....	369 58

Bill of Isaiah Woodbury, white lead.....	\$247 50
Rockwood & Co., photographs.....	210 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	198 75
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	145 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	138 12
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	135 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	107 58
Charles Ammann, plants.....	100 00
J. Della Torre, canvas and bagging.....	95 20
W. V. Crissey & Co., oils, paints, etc.....	95 16
Townsend & Co., coal.....	80 00
James Gribble, peen hammers.....	69 60
New York Lead Company, pipe.....	45 00
Talcott & Scallon, feed.....	45 00
W. H. Gray, horse blankets, etc.....	39 50
Charles McRae, use of dock.....	25 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	24 00
W. Kelly, collar.....	20 00
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	19 00
C. B. Vandyke, chairs.....	14 00
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	12 25
Piersons & Co., iron.....	9 01
Moses Swett, ladder.....	9 00
Isaac B. Guest, coal.....	7 00
N. Schwainwald, haberdashery.....	6 68
Lent & Robb, dumping.....	60 00
Marvin & Co., safe.....	285 00
George Stephenson, drinking-hydrants.....	1,600 00
Marvin & Co., rent.....	1,517 12

Bill of Hussey's Special Post, carrying reports.....	\$22 79
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	850 00
Total.....	<u>\$36,515 87</u>

Dated NEW YORK, November 1, 1870.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz:

Bill of John S. Newlin, monumenting.....	1,660 37
Thomas C. Cornell, surveys and maps.....	1,121 40
Bank of Commerce, rent.....	962 50
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	800 00
John W. Ritch, architecture.....	629 12
McMurray & Co., wire and wire work.....	568 84
James Slattery, mould and sand.....	375 00
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	367 75
Duke & More, sashes, etc.....	293 02

Bill of D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	\$237 38
New Yorker Staats Zeitung, advertising.....	223 80
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	196 95
James C. Hoe & Co., carpentry.....	190 15
R. Dumahaut, expenses.....	95 51
J. H. Sullivan, manure.....	70 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	61 22
R. M. Selleck, bird houses.....	50 00
William C. Crissey & Co., drugs and paints..	46 26
James M. Alliny, paints.....	27 56
Sanders, Franz & Clark, repairing mowing machines.....	26 75
The World Company, advertising.....	25 20
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	22 75
New York Abend Zeitung, advertising.....	21 60
Murphy, Nesbitt & Irvin, brick and cement..	20 30
Salamander Works, pipe.....	18 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	15 25
James Duffy, milk.....	14 60
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	11 38
D. P. Ingraham, wharfage.....	10 00
Charles Scharback, leather.....	6 88
Andrew Smith, nails and screws.....	4 64
John P. Jube & Co., rims for wheels.....	3 25
Total.....	<u>\$8,177 43</u>

Dated NEW YORK, November 8, 1870.

PETER B. SWEENEY, President,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
HENRY HILTON.		

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz:

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, Sixth Avenue pavement	\$52,420 50
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel.	8,760 00
J. T. and J. B. Smith, stone and mason work,	8,000 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging	2,756 50
Scharf Pavement Company, pavement.	1,129 29
Salamander Works, pipe.	931 93
James Slattery, garden mould.	916 57
Bell Brothers, lumber.	518 75
Talcott & Scallon, feed	284 60
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.	258 56
William V. Crissey & Co., paints.	253 93
Slote & Janes, stationery.	198 40
C. S. Grafulla, music and camp stools.	188 42
J. Della Torre, blocks and bagging	79 57
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.	71 10
Janes & Kirtland, castings.	36 75
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.	21 00
P. Mulhall, harness repairs.	20 25

Bill of Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	\$18 55
Nelson Tool Works, horse-shoe iron.....	16 50
Andrew Smith, screws.....	15 70
George H. Kitchen & Co., gas pipe.....	9 43
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging..	4,700 00
George H. Allison, twine.....	8 40
James M. Thorburn & Co., flower sticks.....	8 25
Brown & Tompkins, lumber.....	4 40
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	4 42
Charles McRae, wharfage.....	10 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb.....	916 69
Total.....	<u>\$82,558 46</u>

Dated NEW YORK, November 15, 1870.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENEY, } *Auditing*
 President, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Wyllys H. Warner, heating apparatus.....	\$3,590 00
Carhart, Whitford & Co., uniforms.....	2,762 00
Scharf Pavement Co., pavement.....	1,565 73
Thomas C. Cornell, maps.....	1,361 79
William C. Bryant & Co., report for 1869....	1,051 27
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., fountain base, etc....	981 20
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	774 77
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	550 66
Thomas Crimmins & Son, mould.....	526 50
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel.....	520 00
New York Lead Co., pipe.....	362 55
Henry G. Sharp & Son, glass.....	330 00
Isaiah Woodbury, white lead.....	275 00
James L. Jackson & Brother, iron work.....	219 88
Salamander Works, pipe.....	193 08
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	116 10
J. R. Onderdonk, damage.....	87 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	64 58
Owen McCabe, bread.....	72 21
James M. Alling, paint.....	70 87
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	70 35
William S. Whitlock & Co., canvass.....	68 25
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	60 28
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	54 60
George M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	50 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	48 62
New York Herald, advertising.....	44 40
James Prentice, instruments.....	32 50
New York Times, advertising.....	25 80
John Banks, damages.....	20 00
Connecticut Clock Co., clocks.....	20 00

Bill of J. Becker, frames	\$18 00
William V. Crissey & Co., oil.....	14 32
Mrs. Liengk, damages	12 00
Sprague & Co., caps.....	10 00
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	9 50
William Cartwright, vegetables	9 50
McMurray & Co., sand screen.....	6 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., voussoirs.....	553 80
Union Adams & Co., gloves	40 00
Total.....	<u>\$16,663 11</u>

Dated New York, November 22, 1870.

PETER B. SWEENEY,	} <i>Auditing</i>
President,	
HENRY HILTON,	<i>Committee.</i>

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

The President offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons

employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving of the Sixth avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem river.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

A report was received from the Executive Committee, relative to changing the grade of Fourth avenue, between Eightieth and One Hundred and Eighty-ninth streets.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be laid on the table and printed in document form.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

(See Document No. 18.)

The Treasurer presented several reports as to the condition of the finances.

Commissioner DILLON moved that said reports be approved printed in the minutes, and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
No. 265 Broadway, October 23, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks:

In accordance with section nine of the By-laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

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Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department...	\$82,612 72
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer.....	5,527 10
Total.....	<u>\$88,139 82</u>

(Signed)

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
No. 265 Broadway, November 22, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department..	\$24,037 30
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer....	5,854 47
Total.....	<u>\$29,891 77</u>

(Signed)

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, submitted a report of its acts and proceedings, which was ordered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of its doings and proceedings, under the resolution of the

Department adopted May 3, 1870; also as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your Committee on September 28, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Robert Weetman, Gate-keeper, be removed, and that Peter McCusker be appointed as Gate-keeper.

Resolved, That the publication of the Ordinances of the Central Park in the *Evening Telegram* and in the *Daily News*, twelve insertions, is hereby approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay the bills therefor.

Resolved, That the President advertise for proposals for removing the Rotunda Building in the Park and the purchase of the materials composing the same; the building to be removed within thirty days, and the ground to be left in a level condition.

Resolved, That John J. Serrell be and he is hereby appointed Consulting Engineer in this Department, and that the Treasurer be authorized to arrange with him for compensation, services, etc.

Resolved, That the pay of Michael Buckley, skilled blacksmith, be fixed at the rate of four dollars (\$4) per day, commencing September 29, 1870.

A communication from William Van Valkenburgh, Clerk in the Disbursing Office in the Bureau of the Comptroller, relative to an increase of compensation, was received and referred to the Treasurer with power.

At a meeting on October 3 the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Robert Weetman be assigned to duty under the Captain of Police, taking care of police uniforms and such other duty as may be required of him, at the same pay as gate-keeper.

At a meeting on October 4 the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The present grade established by law for the Eighth avenue involves the reconstruction in a great degree of that portion of the Central Park lying adjacent to that avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street, including the various transverse roads and drives connected therewith, all which, in general outline, appears from the report of the Engineer-in-chief to this Department, dated September 27, 1870, and

Whereas, The changes required being so great, it is desirable that the reconstruction and alterations, when entered upon by this Department, should not be misunderstood or misapprehended by the public ; therefore,

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Engineer-in-chief's report upon the subject be printed for general distribution.

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That the communication of the Engineer-in-chief, dated October 1, 1870, requesting that a temporary brick vault be constructed in Central Park, for keeping maps, drawings, etc., safely, and also a safe for keeping field-notes and valuable papers in his Bureau, be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That a steam or force pump be procured for use in excavating for the conservatory, etc., the Engineer-in-chief to approve the same.

Resolved, That this Committee select and designate for the site of the Zoological Gardens the meadow or green on the Central Park, located immediately north of the upper reservoir, and direct the Architect-in-chief to forthwith prepare and submit plans for necessary and suitable buildings and structures therefor.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-chief and Professor B. Waterhouse Hawkins cooperate with and be consulted by the Architect-in-chief in locating the various structures and buildings to be erected on the Zoological Gardens, and in devising their general plan and character.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make such arrangements as may be considered expedient respecting the character of refreshments to be served on the Park during the fall and coming winter [months; also, that he prepare some general plan for furnishing refreshments at the various places upon the Park adapted to such purposes.

Resolved, That the building adjoining Mount St. Vincent's Restaurant be removed, and the ground be put in order.

Resolved, That Fifty-ninth street, adjoining the Central Park, where not already paved, be paved with Belgian pavement, and put in order forthwith.

Resolved, That hereafter no men will be employed or restored to labor on the Park or other works under the control of the Department of Public Parks, after Wednesday of the week on which the pay-roll closes.

Resolved, That the President execute, on behalf of the Department, a lease, from Messrs. Marvin to the Department, of the third floor of building No. 265 Broadway, at a rent of \$4,000 per annum, and a proportion of the cost of fuel. The

term to be for three years, with option of renewal for three years, the form to be approved by the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the form of the lease executed by the President for the third floor of No. 265 Broadway, be approved.

At a meeting on October 11, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Bureau of Landscape Gardening shall consist of a Chief or Head thereof and three principal assistants ; also of such foremen of gardeners, skilled gardeners, as may be considered necessary.

The various foremen shall be assigned to duty by the Chief Landscape Gardener. They shall keep the time of the men under their charge and report the same daily.

There shall be appointed a Clerk to the Chief Landscape Gardener, whose duty shall consist in keeping a Daily Garden Journal of the various operations of the Bureau, and the work performed therein ; the temperature of the Green house, Propagating Houses, etc., and such other statistical information as shall be directed to be ascertained and recorded. Also an account of the various plants and seeds received, or sold, or exchanged, or transplanted, and shall generally be under the direction of the Chief Landscape Gardener.

All laborers and teams assigned to duty temporarily, upon the requisition of the Chief Landscape Gardener, shall, while so employed, be under his control, and he shall be responsible for their service, and for rendering an accurate account of their time employed.

Resolved, That the pay of the employés in the Bureau of Landscape Gardening shall be as follows :

Principal Assistant Gardeners, \$1,500 per annum.

Foremen of Gardeners, \$4.50 per day.

Skilled Gardeners, \$3 per day.

Gardeners, \$2.40 per day.

Clerk to Chief Landscape Gardener, not exceeding \$1,500 per annum.

Resolved, That the subjects following be referred to Vice-President with power, viz.:

1. Completing the walks and roads on the City Hall Park and paving the same.

2. Widening State and Whitehall streets and laying pavements thereon, and also completing and laying pavements on the roads and walks of the Battery, as laid down on the plan thereof in the hands of the Engineer-in-chief, and heretofore approved and adopted.

3. Completing Washington square, and making and laying pavements and curbs on the walks and roads thereof, as shown on the map thereof, heretofore approved and adopted, and now in the hands of the Engineer-in-chief.

Resolved, That Joseph O. Bertholf be appointed a Clerk in the Bureau of the Central Park to assist the Superintendent in his office business, salary \$1,500 per annum.

At a meeting on October 25, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the Tenth National Bank the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading, paving,

sewering, and improving the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the Tenth National Bank the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank in New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

Resolved, That a urinal be placed in the Park opposite Cooper Institute and that the necessary drains be laid therefor, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That houses for the sparrows be erected on the various parks and places under the charge of the Department, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That a foot-walk be laid out connecting the main drive on Central Park with the Museum building; that the Engineer-in-chief submit a plan thereof to the President, to whom the subject is referred with power.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-chief report a plan for paving and lighting with gas the various transverse roads across the Central Park, together with an estimate of the expense thereof.

At a meeting on October 27, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the park-keepers shall take notice of all improper conduct or inattention to work or duty by any person or workman employed upon the Central Park or in any of the parks under the charge of this Department.

He will specify such improper conduct or inattention to work or duty in his daily report.

Every person driving or controlling any horse, truck, or cart in the employ of the Department shall be required to drive the same without unnecessary stoppage, or so as to interfere with the public travel.

The park-keepers will enforce this regulation and report any violation coming within their knowledge.

Resolved, That the park-keepers and gate-keepers, at Central Park, shall take notice of all obstructions and encroachments upon the public streets and avenues within 350 feet around the Park, and if the obstruction can be relieved by immediate attention and direction, they will at once relieve the same. No animals or vehicles will be allowed to stand within the limits referred to, and especially must they be forthwith removed when they interfere in any degree with the public travel.

All such encroachments and obstructions will be duly reported, and such as require immediate removal, and aid is necessary for the purpose, the park and gate-keepers must co-operate.

It will be understood, however, that this regulation does not apply to the public hacks standing on Fifty-ninth street, except

so far as to regulate the same, and requiring them to stand in such manner as will least impede the public travel.

Also, this regulation is not intended to apply to horses and carriages in waiting a reasonable time upon visitors at the Museum building or elsewhere in the Park.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to enter into such contracts as he shall consider expedient for the surveys and maps required to be made by chapter 826 of the Laws of 1869, and chapter 797 of the Laws of 1870; that he may employ such engineers and surveyors as may be necessary to perform the work contemplated by the laws referred to, and at such compensation as to him shall seem reasonable, having regard to the character of the work to be done, and the necessity for having it performed with great care and accuracy.

Resolved, That the President be authorized and directed to enter into the necessary contract for completing the Battery wall, with stairways and basin, as shall be deemed by him expedient, with full power in respect thereto.

Resolved, That all iron railing and stone on the Battery, not considered useful to keep for the purposes of the Department, be sold. The whole subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

At a meeting on November 1, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That houses for the keeping of tools, clothing, etc. shall be erected upon the Battery and Tompkins square, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the railing around Tompkins square shall be fitted with an inner railing, to be inserted therein, according to

the plan submitted by Janes & Kirtland, and that the Treasurer be authorized to contract therefor and direct the same.

Resolved, That all railing and stone upon the City Hall Park and Battery, and all stone upon the Parks not needed by the department, be sold by the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the subject of paving and laying the paths upon the City Hall Park and Battery and the carriage ways laid out therein be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

At a meeting of November 2 a communication from William M. Tweed, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the regulating, grading, etc., of One Hundred and Thirty-second street, between the Sixth and Seventh avenues, was received.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Vice-President of the Department of Public Parks be authorized on behalf of this Board to carry into execution, by contract or otherwise, as allowed by law, the regulating, grading, and setting curb and gutter stones in that portion of One Hundred and Thirty-second street lying between the Sixth and Seventh avenues.

At a meeting on November 14 the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to purchase and put up tree-boxes or guards to protect the trees on the sidewalks of the various City Parks and in the Parks where necessary.

At a meeting on November 21 the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That cottages] for the special uses and convenience of ladies and children be erected at various places in Central

Park, to be selected by the Treasurer, and constructed under his direction.

Resolved, That the marble panels upon the Terrace at Central Park be carefully removed under the direction of the Treasurer, and that others of a more durable character be put up in the places thereof, the whole subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That all requisitions from the various heads of bureaus shall, before being executed, be approved by the President or Treasurer, and no contract shall be made in pursuance thereof, unless the same shall be approved in like manner. The Treasurer is authorized, however, to establish such regulations in respect to requisitions requiring immediate attention as shall be deemed by him expedient.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to take all necessary measures for carrying out and completing the various works and structures now in progress or which may be authorized by the department. He is also authorized to direct the various employés of the Department in the performance of the duties assigned to each, and generally to manage its affairs, except as otherwise ordered by the Board or the Executive Committee thereof.

Resolved, That the plan for the stables and sheds now being constructed in Transverse Road No. 3, including the keeper's house, be proceeded with, so that the same may be ready for use at the earliest day. The Treasurer is authorized to carry out and complete the same, with such alterations and additions as he shall deem essential or necessary, the whole subject being committed to him, with power.

Resolved, That workshop buildings for carpenters, painters, wheelwrights, etc., be constructed forthwith on Transverse Road

No. 3, the whole subject being hereby referred to the Treasurer with, power.

Resolved, That the Treasurer cause to be put up and completed the usual and necessary buildings upon the various skating ponds for the use of skating, etc. Also for furnishing refreshments to persons using the skating ponds.

Resolved, That additional urinals be placed upon Central Park, and also upon the various City parks, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the subject of the Goat Carriages and Carousel be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the passage-way under the bridge at end of the Mall be inclosed for the winter months.

Resolved, That the subject of widening the roads or drives upon the Central Park be referred to the Engineer-in-Chief and Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the Treasurer procure the necessary horses, wagons, and derricks for the use of the Bureau of Landscape Gardening, to be used in removing and planting trees, etc., on the various parks under the charge and care of the Department.

Resolved, That the various stuffed animals, specimens, etc., now in Museum Building, not desired to be used in connection with the Museum of Natural History, be removed or disposed of under the direction of the Treasurer, the whole subject being referred to him with power.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee as reported in this their report of this day be and they

are hereby approved and adopted as the action of this Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

Dated NEW YORK, November 22, 1870.

PETER B. SWEENY,	} <i>Executive</i>
President,	
HENRY HILTON,	} <i>Committee.</i>

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That an inclosure be erected around the Statue of Abraham Lincoln, on Union square, similar to that around the Equestrian Statue of Washington.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the subject of the nomenclature of the Central Park gateways, and the various streets, roads, avenues, public parks, squares, and places, laid out by the late Commissioners of the Central Park, or under the care, manage-

ment, or control of the Department of Public Parks, be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the existing arrangement for the services of Messrs. Olmstead & Vaux shall terminate on the first of December next, and that it be referred to the Executive Committee to make such new and other engagement with them as may seem desirable.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon and Hilton—3.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, at five o'clock, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner DILLON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P.M.

Present — PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners DILLON, HILTON, and FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 22 and 29 were read and approved.

The following communications were received.

From William A. Hammond, M.D., James R. Wood, M.D., and William B. Bibbins, M.D., a Committee of the Medical Society of the County of New York, relative to a site in the Central Park for the erection of a bronze statue of Harvey, whereupon

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the application for permission to place a statue of Harvey upon the Central Park be accepted and granted; the whole subject of the application, location, etc., to be referred to a Special Committee of two, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Hilton and Dillon as such Committee.

From Sergeants of Police, asking an increase of compensation.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, laid over.

From Richard Power, William Cunningham, and Joseph Barry, Committee of Stone Cutters' Association, relative to work being awarded to parties outside of New York.

Ordered filed.

From property-owners between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-eighth streets, for locating and constructing a tunnel under the Boulevard.

Commissioner HILTON moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From Olmsted, Vaux & Co., relative to locating Zoölogical Garden buildings.

Laid on the table.

From Scharf Pavement Company, relating to work done on Central Park during the year 1869.

Laid on the table for consideration.

From Robert A. Chesebrough, desiring to erect an elevated railway in the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON—

Resolved, That the Central Park not having been established for such purpose, this Board deem it inexpedient to grant the permission asked for, and the request is denied.

The Treasurer presented a report as to the condition of the finances.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be approved, printed in the minutes, and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
No. 265 Broadway, December 6, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department...	\$94,113 10
Balance in bank to the credit of the Treasurer.....	13,394 03
Total.....	<u>\$107,507 13</u>

(Signed)

HENRY HILTON,

Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a certified copy of an ordinance passed by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor November 18, 1870, for the creation of a public fund or stock, in accordance with an act entitled "An act to authorize the erection and maintenance of an observatory in the City of New York," passed May 5, 1869.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said ordinance be laid on the table and printed in document form.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

(See Document No. 20.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 595 Laws of 1869, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York the moneys raised or to be raised upon the fund or stock known as the Central Park Improvement Fund, created and issued for the purpose of erecting and equipping a Meteorological and Astronomical Observatory, a Museum of Natural History, and a Gallery of Art.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That all further proceedings be and are hereby discontinued in the matter of acquiring title for the use of the

public to all the lands required for the public squares or places laid out by the late Commissioners of the Central Park, under and by virtue of "An act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24, 1865, bounded easterly by the "Boulevard;" northerly, by the division line between land now or late of John A. Haven, and land now or late of Charles M. Connolly; southerly, by the street laid out and including the road now known as "Fort Washington Depot Road;" and westerly, by a line drawn parallel to the centre line of the Hudson River Railroad, and twenty feet easterly therefrom; and, also, the public square or place bounded easterly by a line drawn parallel to the centre line of the Hudson River Railroad, and twenty feet westerly therefrom; southerly, by the street above mentioned, and westerly and northerly, by the North or Hudson river, as said public squares or places were laid out by resolution of the late Commissioners of the Central Park, adopted November 1, 1867.

Resolved, That the President of the Department of Public Parks, on behalf of the Department, in its name, and by its authority, do sign and cause to be presented to the Supreme Court a petition praying for the entry therein of an order discontinuing all further proceedings in the proceedings heretofore instituted in said court by this Department, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, under the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 24, 1865, entitled "An act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," for the taking of the lands required for the public squares or places laid out by resolution of the late Commissioners of the

Central Park, adopted November 1, 1867, and bounded as described in the foregoing resolution.

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 — PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz :

Bill of William Baird, pavement	\$13,883 98
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work	3,400 00
Composite Iron Works Co., fountain figures..	1,750 00
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel.....	1,560 00
Townsend & Co., coal.....	1,074 40
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	835 72
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	198 10
Albert Levy, books.....	160 00
A. T. Stewart & Co., gloves.....	155 45
William H. Gray, horse blankets.....	122 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	92 39
Walton's Lantern and Manuf'g Works, leather,	75 69
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, glass, etc..	53 29
Salamander Works, pipe.....	46 14

Bill of Moses Swett, ladders.....	\$41 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	27 60
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	24 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	19 97
Evening Telegram, advertising.....	12 00
James Tobin, damages.....	10 00
James M. Thorburn & Co., garden syringe ..	8 80
John P. Jube & Co., carriage materials.....	4 71
Scientific American, subscription.....	3 50
Janes & Kirtland, iron posts.....	176 00
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel.....	2,870 40
James Slattery, manure.....	975 00
J. Della Torre, rope.....	62 11
Maxfield & Co., nuts.....	24 00
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Total	\$27,666 25
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HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENEY, } *Auditing*
 President, } *Committee.*

Dated NEW YORK, November 29, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Cook & Chesebrough, Fifth avenue wall.....	\$8,000 00
Fisk Pavement Co., pavement.....	7,551 24
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	1,759 73
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	1,616 36
F. K. Field, Conservatory steps.....	1,561 41
John J. Shillinger, pavement.....	1,321 80
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	533 63
John S. Masterson, stone.....	500 00
James G. Dimond, iron railing.....	435 00
Coleman, Fairchild & Co., stone.....	370 67
L. J. Keeper, Agent, derrick.....	325 00
Thomas J. Crombie, lumber.....	305 50
Metropolitan Record, advertising.....	286 50
New York Printing Co., printing.....	270 75
W. V. Crissey & Co., drugs, oils, etc.....	237 86
Talcott & Scallon, feed.....	232 50
Isaiah Woodbury, white-lead.....	220 00
Rockwood & Co., photographs.....	188 00
J. Della Torre, rope.....	126 27
Daniel Howell, trucking.....	108 00
John P. Jube & Co., wheels, etc.....	104 44
Peter Masterson, carriage hire.....	72 00
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	58 76

Bill of Piersons & Co., iron.....	\$57 58
Salamander Works, pipe.....	52 86
W. L. Ferris, plants.....	50 00
John C. Winch & Co., ice.....	39 50
William H. Gray, blankets, etc.....	37 00
Carhart, Whitford & Co., uniforms.....	35 00
T. G. Sellew, furniture.....	31 00
Hobbs, Bligh & Heberd, tin and gold leaf..	23 70
Wotherspoon Bros., marble-dust.....	19 80
J. Becker, frames.....	18 00
Norris & Williams, plumbers' materials.....	15 84
Andrew Smith, screws.....	14 00
James M. Thorburn & Co., rye.....	12 75
New York Gas-light Company, gas.....	11 55
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	8 67
W. H. Grant, expenses.....	7 71
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	5 25
J. M. Long, unloading stone.....	430 12
Orange Judd & Co., subscription.....	1 50
J. H. Midmer, stone.....	3,706 62
New York Lead Company, pipe.....	17 33
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Total.....	\$30,781 20
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HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS. } *Committee.*

Dated, NEW YORK, December 6, 1870.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving of the Sixth avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem River.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, submitted a report of its acts and proceedings, which was ordered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings under the resolution of

the Department adopted May 3, 1870; also as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your committee on November 23, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the sidewalks around Union square be repaired or relaid, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the railings and lamps around the Fourth avenue parks be put in order; also, that the openings be copied and railed; the subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

At a meeting on December 2, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the salaries of A. S. Wydler, Frank E. Nesmith, and W. A. Conklin be fixed by the Treasurer at not exceeding \$2,000 to each.

Resolved, That there shall be appointed in this Department two Surgeons, who shall be attached to the Bureau of Police. Their duties and compensation shall be the same as in the Department of Police in this city.

At a meeting on December 5 it was ordered:

I. No park-keeper or gate-keeper shall absent himself from duty without leave, unless for sickness or other good cause, under penalty of dismissal.

II. Any park keeper who shall be unable to perform duty by reason of sickness shall forthwith report the fact to the captain of police.

III. The captain of police shall on the same day communicate to the police surgeon on duty the fact of such sickness, and thereupon the surgeon shall attend upon the park-keeper at his residence, and shall continue such attendance as often as the case may in his opinion require, and prescribe the proper remedies.

The certificate of the police surgeon shall be conclusive upon the question as to whether any park-keeper is able to perform duty.

IV. Each police surgeon shall keep a daily record of all cases under his care, and at the end of every month shall report the substance thereof to the Treasurer.

V. The Captain of Police shall communicate this order to all the park-keepers and gate-keepers in the employ of the Department.

At a meeting on December 6, it was ordered :

That any persons found upon the Central Park, or in any buildings thereon, in a filthy condition, shall be forthwith removed from any such buildings, and from the Park, by any park-keeper or gate-keeper, or other officer or person in charge.

It shall be the duty of the Captain of Police to direct the enforcement of this order.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of the

Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes, and placed on file.

HENRY HILTON,
THOS. C. FIELDS,
PETER B. SWEENY, } *Executive*
President, } *Committee.*

Dated NEW YORK, December 6, 1870.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the several public squares and places under the control 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON presented a communication from Moses Lazarus, relative to the impurity of the waters of the Central Park lakes, and moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON presented a communication which he had received from F. A. Conkling, relative to the planting,

bridle-paths, and various subjects connected with the Central Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections relative to the building in the City Hall Park, in use by them as a hospital.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner DILLON presented for the consideration of the Board the following resolutions:

1. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare and present to the Board a plan for the extension of the Drive to the entrances of the Park on Fifty-ninth street, at Sixth and Seventh avenues.
2. That the Engineer-in-chief and the Landscape Gardener prepare and present to the Board a plan for a walk from the entrance on the Sixth avenue, more or less direct, through the Meadow on the east to the Play-ground and the Mall.
3. That the Engineer-in-chief report to the Board a plan for three separate walks, running more or less direct, through the Ramble, one from the easterly side of the Lake, the other from the end of the Iron Bridge, and the third from the end of the Rustic Bridge, and each extending to the Belvidere, and to be about fifteen feet in width.
4. That the President of this Board confer with the Commissioner of Public Works, and urge that the sides of the Lower Reservoir, on the westerly side thereof, be prepared by the Department of Public Works for a walk, like that surrounding the Upper Reservoir, to be connected with the same by a bridge—

thus giving a continuous and direct walk from the lower end of the Park to the upper.

5. That Manhattan square, being inconvenient of access and exterior to the Park, and entailing enormous expense for converting it to Park purposes, is an unnecessary dedication of the land to public use, and should be discontinued. The President of this Board is requested to present to the Legislature, at its next session, a memorial that said square be closed pursuant to law.

6. That the establishment of a Palæozoic Museum for the exhibition of the plastic anatomies and figures of pre-Adamite and extinct animals be abandoned; that its erection on the Eighth avenue be discontinued; that the present foundation be covered over; and that the site, as far as possible, be converted to the growth of grass and trees.

7. That the Landscape Gardener prepare and report to the Board a new plan of planting, by which ample shade at proper places may be obtained for the rides, drives, and walks, especially for the walks leading from the Sixth and Seventh avenue entrances to the Mall; and that he specify in detail the mode and time and places, as well as the species of trees best adapted to accomplish this object.

8. That the Landscape Gardener be requested to reform the present planting of the Park upon the principle that distance, expanse, and extent of vision should be constantly aimed at; that in all cases where the soil will permit an undergrowth of grass the trees should be thinned out for their better development; and that shrubbery which obstructs the view and impedes the circulation of the air, and is not necessary to conceal imperfections, should be especially avoided.

9. That the Executive Committee order to be made, in readi-

ness for the spring, one thousand benches of the Park pattern, for the use of the smaller parks.

10. That a platform with steps, for ladies to mount and dismount, be placed at or near the entrance of the ride on the Fifth avenue; plan to be made by the Architect-in-chief.

11. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare a plan for truncating the north-east angle of the Park, for the purpose of facilitating the communication of the Sixth and St. Nicholas avenues with the Fifth avenue.

12. That the President of this Board confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and urge the speedy regulation of the Fifth avenue above Ninety-second street.

13. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare for the consideration of the Board a plan for a drive north of the New Reservoir; and also an extension of the drives to the entrances on Fifty-ninth street, at the Sixth and Seventh avenues.

14. That the open spaces of land at the Five Points, at the junction of Worth and Baxter streets, and also at the junction of Houston and First streets, be planted all round with trees and covered with asphalt, and not inclosed with iron railing.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolutions be referred to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The Treasurer presented a report relative to the bill of Henry Sharp & Son, for work done on glass panel in the ceiling of Terrace, and moved that it be entered at length on the minutes, and referred to the Executive Committee 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON TERRACE SKYLIGHT.

The Treasurer reports that the accompanying bill has been presented to him from Henry Sharp & Son for nine hundred and forty dollars (\$940), for staining the glass panel in ceiling of the Terrace at Central Park. The skylight frame bill amounted to two hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$276). That and the bill for glass plate have been paid for by the Department. The size of the glass is eight feet square, costing two hundred and twenty-two dollars and sixty cents (\$222.60), and apart from it being comparatively useless, in any aspect its extravagance seems wholly unjustifiable.

It was ordered to be stained in May last by the late Central Park Commissioners, without any limit as to price, and, as Mr. Sharp states, after he had informed the late Treasurer that it would cost over one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to stain it as directed.

The charge appearing to me excessive, I requested Messrs. R. Hamilton & Son, glass stainers of well-known repute and ability, to examine the work and furnish me an estimate of its value.

They have done so, and sent me the annexed offer to do the same work at six dollars (\$6) per square foot, or three hundred and eighty-four dollars (\$384) for the whole.

I have stated these facts to Mr. Sharp, but he insists that his charge is a proper one, and that, under the circumstances, after having informed the late Treasurer of the price of the work before he commenced it, he should be paid the amount of his bill as rendered. I may add that the Department has already paid for the skylight above this stained glass, and for repairs thereto, four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and sixty cents (\$498.60), making the total cost thus far, for this useless ornamentation of eight feet square, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two dollars and ninety-six cents (\$1,092.96).

The Treasurer asks the instruction of the Board on the subject of Mr. Sharp's bill.

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer.

November 26, 1870.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That a clock-tower be erected at the lower end of the Mall, and a suitable clock be placed therein.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON called up the ordinances presented by

him at the meeting held November 22, 1870. The same being read by sections, were amended so as to read as follows :

Ordinances, rules, and regulations respecting the uses of the streets, avenues, and public squares or places within the distance of three hundred and fifty feet from the outer boundaries of Central Park.

Under and by virtue of chapter 697 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24, 1867, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby make and ordain the following rules and regulations in respect to the uses of, and the erections or projections upon, and obstructions of every kind on all parts of every street, avenue, and public square or place within the distance of three hundred and fifty feet from the outer boundaries of the Central Park, and especially on all parts of the Fifth avenue and of the Eighth avenue between Fifty-eighth street and One Hundred and Eleventh street, and all parts of Fifty-ninth street and One Hundred and Tenth street between the Fifth avenue and the Eighth avenue.

I. No building, shed, erection, or construction whatever shall be put upon or permitted to remain on any part of the avenues or streets or public places above mentioned, except the platforms, stoops, steps, areas, or court-yards of buildings now erected or in course of erection, and permitted by this Department or the President thereof.

II. No vehicle for the conveyance of passengers shall stop or stand in any part of the avenues, public places, or streets above mentioned, except for the purpose of allowing passengers to get in or out of such vehicles, and no such stops shall be made by any vehicle opposite the line of any cross-street or entrance into

the Central Park, except as permitted by this Department or the President thereof.

III. No cart, truck, or other vehicle for the conveyance of merchandise or material shall stop in any part of the avenues, public places, or streets above mentioned except for the purpose of receiving or discharging merchandise or material, and such stoppage shall in such cases be limited to the actual and necessary time required for so doing.

IV. No parts of the avenues, public places, or streets above mentioned shall at any time hereafter be incumbered by any material whatever for a longer period than shall be actually necessary for the deposit and removal of the same, unless specially permitted in writing by this Department or its President, and no platform, stoop, step, porch, portico, balcony, balustrade, or projections whatever shall hereafter be erected or permitted within the limits aforesaid of such parts of said avenues, public places, and streets, except by special permission first had and obtained from this Department.

Provided, however, that owners of property on the easterly side of said Fifth avenue, between Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, are permitted to inclose, for courtyard purposes, and not otherwise, fifteen feet of the sidewalks adjacent to and in front of their respective lots; and the stoops of buildings erected on said avenue may, in such cases, project to the extent of such court-yards, provided further, that such stoops shall in every instance be open above the railing or balustrade thereof, and the form, size, and character thereof, together with the form, size, and character of the area railings, shall be subject to the approval of this Board or the President thereof; and, provided further, that no stoop or area railing shall be constructed

or put upon said Fifth avenue, or upon any of the streets or avenues surrounding said Park within the boundaries first above mentioned until the plan thereof has been submitted to this Department, and the assent of this Board or its President obtained thereto.

V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of this Department to cause to be affixed a printed copy of this ordinance to any permanent or other structure or obstruction, placed or existing at any time upon either of said streets or avenues within the boundaries first above mentioned in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, and which affixing shall be deemed and considered a notice to remove said structure or obstruction, within twenty-four hours thereafter. In default of such removal, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to forthwith take down, carry away, and remove the same to such place as he shall consider most desirable for the purpose of making a public sale thereof, such sale to be made under his direction at such time and place as he shall appoint, and the proceeds thereof applied to the payment of expenses incurred in respect thereto.

The owner of such structure or obstruction neglecting to so remove the same shall be liable for and shall incur a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) for each day such structure or obstruction shall be or remain upon either of said streets or avenues within the boundaries first above mentioned in violation of this ordinance, to be recovered in any court by the Treasurer, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and for and on behalf of this Department.

VI. If in the opinion of the Treasurer of this Board it shall be considered expedient to forthwith remove any permanent structure or other obstruction, placed or existing at any time upon either of said streets or avenues within the boundaries first

above mentioned in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, he may direct and cause the same to be removed without delay, by writing under his hand, directed to any park-keeper or other person, commanding such structure or obstruction to be forthwith removed, and thereupon the same shall be removed and disposed of as hereinbefore provided.

VII. Driving upon said streets or avenues within the limits or boundaries aforesaid shall not be at a greater rate of speed than seven miles an hour, under the penalty of ten dollars for each offence, to be recovered from the driver or owner thereof respectively.

VIII. No placard, hand-bill, poster, or other advertisement of any kind or nature, shall be put upon or affixed to any wall, fence, sidewalk, or curb-stone within the limits or boundaries above mentioned without the previous permission of this Board or the President thereof, under the penalty of ten dollars (\$10) for each offence. Any person so offending may be arrested by any park-keeper and taken before the nearest magistrate, and, upon conviction, shall suffer imprisonment until said fine be paid.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON called up a resolution offered at the last meeting, as follows:

Resolved, That all ordinances, rules, and regulations heretofore passed or adopted by the late Board of Commissioners of

the Central Park, or by the present Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, respecting projections, obstructions, and incumbrances upon any public street, avenue, or public square or place within the distance of three hundred and fifty feet from the outer boundaries of the Central Park, shall, so far as the same conflict with the rules and regulations respecting projections, obstructions, and incumbrances within the boundaries aforesaid, passed and adopted this day by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be and the same are hereby annulled and repealed; so that hereafter the only rules and regulations upon the subject shall be those this day passed and adopted.

That five hundred copies of these rules and regulations be printed in document form.

(See Document No. 21).

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following:

Resolved, That the single trees in the drive at the entrance on the Fifth avenue be removed, and the round plot be thrown into the carriage-way.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

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

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at five o'clock and thirty minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From J. H. Chamberlain, presenting a package of amber hawthorn berries. The same having been suitably acknowledged by the President,

Ordered filed.

From W. F. Wheeler, relative to an accident on Central Park.

Ordered filed.

From G. M. Ogden, Clerk of Vestry of Trinity Church corporation, submitting modified plan of bridge proposed to be erected over Boulevard.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From James T. King, President Brennan Society, relative to the opening of Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer presented a report as to the condition of the finances.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said report was approved, ordered printed in the minutes, and placed on file.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
No. 265 Broadway, December 13, 1870. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with section nine of the By-laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department . .	\$89,565 46
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer	12,214 00
Total	\$101,779 46

(Signed)

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

The following communication was received from Hon. Richard B. Connolly, City Comptroller :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, October 6, 1870. }

[Circular.]

To the Heads of the several Departments and Branches of the City Government :

The Comptroller respectfully solicits, from the heads of departments and others, statements, in detail, of the probable

expense of conducting the branches of the public business with which they are severally charged, for and during the next fiscal year, commencing January 1, 1871, which expenses are payable from the City Treasury, and require to be provided for in the annual appropriations by the Common Council for 1871; such statements to be rendered on or before the 1st of December next.

It is requested that complete lists be furnished of the officers and clerks in each department, whose salaries are fixed by law.

Expenditures other than for salaries should be detailed under the titles of bureaus in which they are to be made, and include every thing required in carrying on the affairs of the City Government. The disbursements on trust and special accounts are not to be included in the statements now called for.

You are also respectfully requested to furnish statements of the probable income from the various sources of the city revenue under your charge with the same minuteness of detail as required in the statements of expenditures.

Your attention is particularly called to the provisions of law affecting estimates, contained in chapters 137 and 382 of the Laws of 1870.

The Comptroller earnestly recommends that every estimate be limited to the lowest possible amount consistent with a proper administration of the business of each department, and feels confident that by a wise and rigid economy the burden of tax may be materially reduced whilst the efficiency of service is still maintained.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY,
Comptroller.

In connection therewith the Treasurer submitted the following estimate :

Estimates of the amount of moneys required for the year ending December 31, 1871, for carrying on the maintenance and government of the several works under the control of the Department of Public Parks :

Central Park, maintenance and government of—*Three hundred thousand dollars.*

City Parks and Places, maintenance and government of—*One hundred thousand dollars.*

Roads and Avenues, maintenance and government of—*Twenty-five thousand dollars.*

Observatory, Museum, and Gallery of Art, maintenance and government of—*Thirty thousand dollars.*

For services and materials, in making surveys and maps, under Chapter 797, of Laws of 1870—*Ten thousand dollars.*

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Comptroller, Department of Public Parks.

Debate was had thereon, when Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the estimates, this day submitted, of the amount of moneys required for the year 1871, in carrying on the maintenance and government of the Central Park, the several City parks and places, roads, and avenues, under the control of this Department, and for the work of laying out the east side of the city north of Fifty-seventh street, be and are hereby approved, and that the President and

Treasurer transmit said estimates to the Comptroller of the City.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the matter of widening Fifty-ninth street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues, and also of the widening of the roadway of Eighth avenue, be referred to the Executive Committee, to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Laid over.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue pavement. . . .	\$46,624 50
Scharf Pavement Co., pavement.	8,521 77
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work	5,029 50
Fisk Pavement Co., pavement.	5,000 00
Francis Dugan, roofing.	3,536 00
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel.	3,077 90

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb.....	\$2,635 46
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work.	1,260 00
Thomas J. Hinch, mould.....	1,200 00
James Slattery, stone, mould, sand.....	1,198 73
Henry E. Sharp & Son, glass.....	940 00
Janes & Kirtland, Terrace work.....	554 36
Peter B. Masterson, horse and wagon.....	450 00
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	383 52
James L. Jackson & Bro., castings.....	313 50
J. G. Whitson & Sons, horse.....	300 00
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, chain.....	275 42
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	275 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	235 80
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	228 68
Isaiah Woodbury, white lead.....	220 22
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	214 61
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	164 56
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	162 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	129 35
McMurray & Co., wire work.....	120 00
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	117 00
—— McGinn, stone.....	101 00
William Crozier, rams.....	80 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas.....	79 10
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	72 04
Owen McCabe, bread and cakes.....	65 81
Harlem Gas-light Company, gas.....	62 30

Bill of William V. Crissey & Co., glass, oils, etc...	\$44 65
A. Cooper & Lauferswiler, flower-pots.....	42 50
James Duffy, milk.....	40 60
William Cartwright, vegetables and fish...	38 04
Major & Knapp Engraving, Manufacturing, and Lithographic Company, maps.....	38 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	32 64
John P. Jube & Co., carriage materials....	21 25
Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice.....	16 00
N. Schainwald, flannel.....	5 40
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	3 13
Miller & Coates, tile.....	2 20
Hudson River Gravel Company, gravel....	780 00
J. A. Bogardus, plant tubs.....	750 00
Talcott & Scallon, feed.....	296 00
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, chain.....	276 58
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	105 21
James R. Royce, salt hay.....	22 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	21 00
W. V. Crissey & Co., putty.....	14 13
Tomes, Melvain & Co., revolver.....	9 75
J. W. Stevens & Bro., lumber.....	953 46
Total.....	<u>\$87,140 67</u>

Dated New York, December 13, 1870.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, submitted a report of its acts and proceedings, which was ordered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings, under the resolution of the Department adopted May 3, 1870 ; also, as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your Committee on December 9, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the applications of Plane Table Surveyor and of axemen be referred to the Treasurer with power.

Resolved, That Nathaniel R. Mills be and he is hereby appointed Captain of Police in this Department, in the place and stead of Henry Koster, removed.

Resolved, That Robert P. Schofield be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant of Police, in the place and stead of John Layng, removed.

Resolved, That the salary of Captain of Police shall be at the rate of \$3,000 per annum; that of Lieutenant of Police, \$1,700 per annum.

Resolved, That the President shall make such rules and regulations for the control and government of the Park-keepers and Gate-keepers in this Department as shall be deemed by him expedient.

Resolved, That the Treasurer shall purchase such horses and equipments for mounted Park-keepers as may be required; also, a horse, wagon, and harness, for the use of the Captain of Police.

Resolved, That the Treasurer purchase from time to time the uniforms of the Park-keepers and Gate-keepers, as may be required.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint Sergeants of Police in the place and stead of the present Sergeants; appointing the present Sergeants and the late Lieutenant of Police to duty as Park-keepers, should he consider it expedient so to do.

Resolved, That the Treasurer procure proper shields for Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeants of Police.

Resolved, That the President appoint such additional Sergeants of Police as he shall consider necessary, not exceeding six.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of this

Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

HENRY HILTON, } *Executive*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated NEW YORK, December 14, 1870.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to report as to which department of the City Government is charged with the duty of regulating and grading Manhattan street, from the Hudson river to Avenue St. Nicholas.

Commissioner DILLON moved a reconsideration of the vote had on page 293 of Minutes of 6th inst., referring several resolutions, offered by him, to the Executive Committee.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, said resolutions were laid over, as follows :

Resolved—1. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare and present to the Board a plan for the extension of the Drive to the entrances of the Park on Fifty-ninth street, at Sixth and Seventh avenues.

2. That the Engineer-in-chief and the Landscape Gardener prepare and present to the Board a plan for a walk from the entrance on the Sixth avenue, more or less direct, through the Meadow on the east to the Play-ground and the Mall.

3. That the Engineer-in-chief report to the Board a plan for three separate walks, running more or less direct, through the Ramble, one from the easterly side of the Lake, the other from the end of the Iron Bridge, and the third from the end of the Rustic Bridge, and each extending to the Belvidere, and to be about fifteen feet in width.

4. That the President of this Board confer with the Commissioner of Public Works, and urge that the sides of the Lower Reservoir, on the westerly side thereof, be prepared by the Department of Public Works for a walk, like that surrounding the Upper Reservoir, to be connected with the same by a bridge—thus giving a continuous and direct walk from the lower end of the Park to the upper.

5. That Manhattan square, being inconvenient of access and exterior to the Park, and entailing enormous expense for converting it to Park purposes, is an unnecessary dedication of the land to public use, and should be discontinued. The President of this Board is requested to present to the Legislature, at its next session, a memorial that said square be closed pursuant to law.

6. That the establishment of a Palæozoic Museum for the exhibition of the plastic anatomies and figures of pre-Adamite and

extinct animals be abandoned ; that its erection on the Eighth avenue be discontinued ; that the present foundation be covered over ; and that the site, as far as possible, be converted to the growth of grass and trees.

7. That the Landscape Gardener prepare and report to the Board a new plan of planting, by which ample shade at proper places may be obtained for the rides, drives, and walks, especially for the walks leading from the Sixth and Seventh avenue entrances to the Mall ; and that he specify in detail the mode and time and places, as well as the species of trees best adapted to accomplish this object.

8. That the Landscape Gardener be requested to reform the present planting of the Park upon the principle that distance, expanse, and extent of vision should be constantly aimed at ; that in all cases where the soil will permit an undergrowth of grass the trees should be thinned out for their better development ; and that shrubbery which obstructs the view and impedes the circulation of the air, and is not necessary to conceal imperfections, should be especially avoided.

9. That the Executive Committee order to be made, in readiness for the spring, one thousand benches of the Park pattern, for the use of the smaller parks.

10. That a platform with steps, for ladies to mount and dismount, be placed at or near the entrance of the ride on the Fifth avenue ; plan to be made by the Architect-in-chief.

11. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare a plan for truncating the north-east angle of the Park, for the purpose of facilitating the communication of the Sixth and St. Nicholas avenues with the Fifth avenue.

12. That the President of this Board confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and urge the speedy regulation of the Fifth avenue above Ninety-second street.

13. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare for the consideration of the Board a plan for a drive north of the New Reservoir; and also an extension of the drives to the entrances on Fifty-ninth street, at the Sixth and Seventh avenues.

14. That the open spaces of land at the Five Points, at the junction of Worth and Baxter streets, and also at the junction of Houston and First streets, be planted all round with trees and covered with asphalt, and not inclosed with iron railing.

Commissioner DILLON, to whom was referred, by the Executive Committee, June 17, 1870, the plans for and subject of procuring bases for The Indian Hunter and Tigress, reported that, in his opinion, it was inexpedient at this time to procure the same; and moved that the matter be laid over, which was agreed to.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at four o'clock and thirty minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners DILLON, HILTON, and FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Company, curb.....	\$3,892 11
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	1,632 73
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	1,592 45
John S. Masterson, stone.....	896 58
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	433 28
Thomas J. Crombie, lumber.....	432 00
James Slattery, stone.....	401 10
L. J. Keeper, agent, derrick.....	275 00
Thomas Crimmins & Son, mould.....	150 00

Bill of Piersons & Co., iron.....	\$140 03
W. H. Gray, harness, etc.....	131 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	103 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	82 52
J. W. Powell, Jr., antelope.....	75 00
Carhart, Whitford & Co., uniforms.....	70 00
Semon, Bache & Co., glass.....	69 20
Lent & Robb, dumping.....	60 00
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	58 73
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	57 90
Charles R. Ellis, repairing furnace.....	40 50
W. C. Bryant & Co., binding.....	40 00
Benoit & Wood, tracing cloth.....	37 00
New York Tribune, advertising.....	36 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	31 50
J. L. Mott Iron Works, cowls.....	29 00
Bradley & Smith, steel brooms.....	20 50
Parsons & Co., plants.....	17 00
Frazer Lubricator Company, axle-grease.....	9 00
David Babcock, Battery work.....	3,843 50
Total.....	<u>\$14,656 63</u>

Dated New York, December 20, 1870.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two thousand three hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-two cents (\$2,341.72), being the unexpended amount authorized by chapter 876 of the Laws of 1869, for improving the exterior sidewalks of Union square and Madison square parks.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 853 of the Laws of 1868, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), for payment of work, services, or materials furnished or to be furnished for re-

gulating, grading, paving, and flagging that part of the Eighth avenue the expense of which, by section one of chapter 632 of the Laws of 1866, as amended by chapter 580 of the Laws of 1867, is to be discharged by tax and not by assessment.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, authorized by chapter 350 of the Laws of 1869, to defray the expenses of erecting a monument in the County of New York to commemorate the services of the soldiers and sailors of said County in the war for the preservation of the Union.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON called up the resolutions offered by him and laid over at the last meeting of the Board (page 313 of the minutes.)

Which were considered and amended.

Whereupon Commissioner DILLON moved that said *first* resolution, as amended, be adopted, as follows :

Resolved—1. That the Engineer-in-chief, at his convenience, prepare and present for the consideration of the Board a plan for the extension of the Drive to the entrances of the Park on Fifty-ninth street, at Sixth and Seventh avenues ; also an estimate of the expense, with his opinion of the expediency of the same.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON moved the adoption of said *second* resolution as amended, as follows :

2. That the Engineer-in-chief and the Landscape Gardener, at their convenience, prepare and present, for the consideration of the Board, a plan for a walk from the entrance on the Sixth avenue, more or less direct, through the Meadow on the east to the Play-ground and the Mall ; also an estimate of the expense, with their opinion of the expediency of the same.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON moved the adoption of the said *third* resolution as amended, as follows :

3. That the Engineer-in-chief, at his convenience, report, for the consideration of the Board, a plan for three separate walks, running more or less direct, through the Ramble, one from the easterly side of the Lake, the other from the end of the Iron Bridge, and the third from the end of the Rustic Bridge, and each extending to the Belvidere, and to be about fifteen feet in width ; also an estimate of the expense, with his opinion of the expediency of the same.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, said *fourth* resolution was adopted, as follows :

4. That the President of this Board confer with the Commissioner of Public Works, and urge that the sides of the Lower Reservoir, on the westerly side thereof, be prepared by the Department of Public Works for a walk, like that surrounding the Upper Reservoir, to be connected with the same by a bridge, thus giving a continuous and direct walk from the lower end of the Park to the upper.

The question being on the adoption of said *fifth* resolution, Commissioner DILLON withdrew the same.

Commissioner HILTON offered a substitute for said *sixth* resolution, which was accepted by Commissioner DILLON, as follows :

Whereas, The building designed by the late Central Park Commissioners as a Palæozoic Museum for the exhibition of plastic anatomies and figures of pre-Adamite and extinct animals, the foundation for which was commenced by said Commissioners and has been in part laid on Central Park, will cost to complete at least \$300,000; and

Whereas, This Department has not within its control the moneys wherewith to erect such a structure, and it is deemed inexpedient to incur such an expense until other more practical and necessary objects are accomplished; therefore,

Resolved, That the establishment of a Palæozoic Museum upon Central Park be discontinued, and the foundation thereof carefully covered over, so as to preserve the same as far as possible.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner Hilton offered the following :

Resolved, That, in view of the foregoing resolution, the existing arrangements for the services of Professor B. Waterhouse Hawkins, connected with the establishment of such Museum or otherwise, be discontinued until the further action of the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered a substitute for said *seventh* resolution, which was accepted by Commissioner Dillon, as follows :

Resolved, That the Chief Landscape Gardener report, for the consideration of this Board, a plan for the planting of shade-trees at various points on the rides, drives, and walks of Central Park, where shade may be considered by him desirable, and where the planting of trees for the purpose will harmonize with the surrounding landscape ; also, that he specify the kind of trees best adapted to accomplish this object.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON moved the adoption of said *eighth* resolution, as follows :

8. That the Landscape Gardener be requested to reform the present planting of the Park upon the principle that distance, expanse, and extent of vision should be constantly aimed at ; that in all cases where the soil will permit an undergrowth of grass the trees should be thinned out for their better development ; and that shrubbery which obstructs the view and impedes the circulation of the air, and

is not necessary to conceal imperfections, should be especially avoided.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The question being on the adoption of said *ninth* resolution, Commissioner DILLON withdrew the same.

Commissioner DILLON moved the adoption of said *tenth* resolution, as follows :

10. That a platform with steps, for ladies to mount and dismount, be placed at or near the entrance of the ride on the Fifth avenue, plan to be made by the Architect-in-chief.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON moved the adoption of said *eleventh* and *twelfth* resolutions ; whereupon, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the said resolutions were amended so as to read as follows :

11. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare at his convenience, for the consideration of the Board, a plan for truncating the north-east angle of the Park, for the purpose of facilitating

the communication of the Sixth and St. Nicholas avenues with the Fifth avenue, and also an estimate of the expense, with his opinion of the expediency of the same; and that the President of this Board confer with the Commissioner of Public Works, and urge the speedy regulation of the Fifth avenue above Ninety-second street.

The PRESIDENT 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON moved the adoption of said *thirteenth* resolution; whereupon, on motion of the PRESIDENT, said resolution was amended so as to read as follows:

13. That the Engineer-in-chief prepare, at his convenience, for the consideration of the Board, a plan for a drive north of the New Reservoir, with an estimate of the expense, and his opinion of the expediency of the same; and that he also prepare and report a plan for the extension of the ride or bridle-path on the easterly side of the Park, so as to form a continuous ride for equestrians without the present necessity of returning by the same route.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, it was

Resolved, That in preparing the new plan for the improvement of Madison square, the westerly line of the square be changed so as to carry the easterly line of Broadway at Twenty-third street, as near as practicable, in a direct line to Twenty-fifth street, and thereby provide additional necessary carriage-way, for public accommodation, at that point.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, said *fourteenth* resolution was laid over, as follows :

14. That the open space of land at the Five Points at the junction of Worth and Baxter streets, and also at the junction of Houston and First streets, be planted all round with trees and covered with asphalt, and not inclosed with iron railing.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at four o'clock and thirty-five minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1870.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners DILLON, HILTON, and FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The following communications were received :

From Nicholson, Platt & Clapp, proprietors Central Park carriage service, relative to the erection of a temporary shelter for passengers.

Mr. SWEENEY moved that the subject of the erection of the shelter asked for, and the whole subject of the carriage service, be referred to the Treasurer, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From E. B. Hart, President Mount Sinai Hospital, relative to the opening of Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest to acquire title, for the use of the public, to all that part of Sixty-seventh street lying between Fourth avenue and the East river, and that the President take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks to acquire title to the land included in the lines of said Sixty-seventh street, from Fourth avenue to the East river, and to sign, on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, or otherwise, the necessary papers to acquire such title.

Laid over.

From John W. Edmonds, relative to the Rotunda Building in City Hall Park.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From Janes & Kirtland, offering to sell the screw-elevator used in raising tile panels in ceiling of the Terrace at the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was referred to the Treasurer to examine and report thereon to the Board.

From the Empire City Curling Club, desiring permission to use one of the boxes in Curlers' House at the Central Park.

Commissioner DILLON moved that said communication be referred to the Treasurer, 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From W. T. Pelton, manager of The New York Creosoting Works, submitting list of prices for creosoting lumber and timber.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner DILLON presented a communication he had received from William Henry Hurlbert, inclosing a communication from William Middleton, of Charleston, South Carolina, claiming the water cattle at the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee to examine into and report thereon to the Board.

Commissioner DILLON moved a reconsideration of the vote had December 6, 1870 (page 295 of the Minutes), on the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a clock-tower be erected at the lower end of the Mall, and a suitable clock be placed therein.

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

Aye—Commissioner DILLON—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work ..	\$15,151	50
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flag- ging	14,753	75
Fisk Pavement Co., pavement	8,561	13
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	8,110	57
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement	4,000	00
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel	2,600	00
John S. Masterson, stone	1,223	52
William Roy, expenses on urinals	1,166	58
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber	240	00
W. H. Smith, damages	223	35
Francis Dugan, roofing	145	00
L. Horton & Co., storage	130	75
William V. Crissey & Co., oils, varnish, etc...	104	13
Paul C. Coffin, hardware	81	33
Semon, Bache & Co., glass	67	50
J. G. Dimond, feed-troughs	37	26
Egyptian Powder Co., disinfectant	22	40
Bradley & Smith, brushes	20	75
Miller & Coates, sinks	15	60
Salamander Works, pipe	14	70
J. L. Mott Iron Works, cover for basin	11	94
Bell Brothers, lumber	11	13
John P. Jube & Co., wheels	9	60
N. Schainwald, haberdashery	4	82
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work	2,674	00
Portland Stone Co., lining fountain-basin	1,726	25
New York Printing Co., printing	726	75

Bill of Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works,

chain	\$483 33
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber	371 57
Theodore F. Tone, coal	90 00
James R. Royce, salt hay	80 09
J. M. Thorburn & Co., Russian mats	67 50
Paul C. Coffin, hardware	53 81
J. Della Torre, rope, blocks, and ensign	50 32
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms	36 00
William V. Crissey & Co., oil	14 19
McMurray & Co., garden-sieves	3 50
C. H. Fredericks, map-case	2 00
Total	<u>\$63,086 62</u>

Dated NEW YORK, December 27, 1870.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Dillon, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at four o'clock and fifteen minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner HILTON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT.

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners DILLON and GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No Commissioners being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.