

THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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

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NO. 1, 277 BROADWAY.
Wednesday, May 2, 1877.] 1

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 2d, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

- “ STEBBINS.
- “ WENMAN.
- “ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 25th, 1877, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Meteorological Observatory.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in which he states that the salaries of the Director of the Meteorological Observatory and his Assistants should be charged to the appropriation for “Salaries,” and not to the appropriation of \$30,000 for the “Keeping, &c., of the Collections in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.”

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 669.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in reference to the claim of Mr. F. W. Lawrence for \$726.60 for alleged extra work in laying the artificial stone floor on the Museum of Natural History Building, in which he states that under the

terms of the contract the decision of the Architect is final and conclusive, and that as the Architect has decided that the work claimed as extra by the contractor is included in his contract, the contractor is bound thereby. Also that the contract provides that before any extra work is executed an agreement in writing shall be entered into between the contractor and the Department respecting the same, and that without such an agreement no extra price shall be allowed, and that the Department has not now the power to allow Mr. Lawrence any compensation for the work, on account of which he makes his claim.

(Minutes, March 14, 1877, p. 679.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed and that, in pursuance of the advice therein, the claim of Mr. F. W. Lawrence be, and hereby is, rejected and disallowed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
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Riverdale Avenue and Broadway in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the dangerous condition of the railing of the bridge at the corner of Riverdale Avenue and Spuyten Duyvil Road; and also to the condition of the west sidewalk on Broadway, four hundred feet north of Church street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

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

Laying Out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps of the streets, &c., &c., in the Twenty-fourth

Ward, west of the easterly line of Broadway, prepared for filing as directed by the Board.

(Minutes, February 28 and April 11, 1877, pp. 646 and 747.)

Commissioner Wetmore then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That William R. Martin, the President, one of the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and hereby is, designated and directed to certify and file, as provided by law, the three similar maps or plans, each comprising a title page, explanatory remarks, and eight sheets, entitled "Map, with filed notes and explanatory remarks, showing the location, width, course, windings and classification of streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places within that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York lying west of the easterly line of Broadway, laid out and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, passed 5th of June, 1874, and Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, passed 2d of June, 1876," dated "New York, April 25, 1877," and signed "Fredk. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect, Department of Public Parks," and "J. James R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks." The streets, roads, and avenues, and the classification thereof, and the public parks or places, as shown on the said map, being such as to the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that it is necessary to procure an office for the use of the engineers at or near the work on the Brook Avenue sewer.

Filed.

Boston Road.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the grading of Boston Avenue, from Third Avenue to One hundred and sixty-fifth Street, is completed, except where the horse railroad company have their track, recommending that said company be required, as directed by Chapter 658, Laws of 1871, to make their track conform to the grade of the road, and submitting a plan showing the proper position of the track.

(Minutes, Nov. 3, 1876, p. 384.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the said railroad company be directed to readjust the position of their track on said portion of Boston Road, in conformity with the plan submitted by the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Adopted.

Third Avenue, in 23d Ward.

From Mr. Thomas Rae, the owner of the triangle formed by Third Avenue, Alexander Avenue, and One hundred and forty-second Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, stating that he is desirous to dedicate the northern portion of said triangle as a part of the public streets, and asking this Department to take such action as may be necessary for that purpose.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Benjamin Burger.

From Mr. Isaac L. Peet, making application to have Mr. Benjamin Burger appointed a gate-keeper.

Filed.

Lincoln Statute.

From Mr. Joseph Forbes, Commander of Abraham Lincoln Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, requesting permission for said Post to decorate the statue of Lincoln on Deco-

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ration Day, and that the Department would fill four vases, which they will place round the statue, with palms and flowers.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the permission requested be granted.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. J. H. Strahan, attorney for Messrs. Moran & Armstrong, stating that the claim of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong for work at the Museum of Art, is not for extra work under their contract, but for work independent of their contract, and that the Department is not bound by Sec. 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, in the work of constructing the Museum building, and therefore, requesting that the necessary requisition be made upon the Comptroller of the city for the payment of the claim.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 574.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication, and the question of the power of this Department to pass upon said bill and direct its payment, be referred to Counsel to the Corporation for his advice.

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From Mr. A. P. Boller, requesting that his proposal for the construction of the iron bridge over Harlem River be returned to him.

(Minutes, February 28, 1877, p. 635.)

Filed.

Music on Central Park.

From Mr. H. B. Dodworth and Mr. C. S. Grafulla, requesting that they be engaged to furnish the music in Central Park this season.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 777.)

Referred to the President to report.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following two reports :

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

De Grauw, Aymar & Co., oars and rope.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.....	\$30	82
Drepps M. Atlas.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	40	00
Fairbanks & Company, scale and moulds.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	54	00
Forsyth, John and Robt. Sherman, broken stone.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	1,890	00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	62	50
Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	48	42
Kelso Bros., coal.. ..	Maint. and Govmt. P & P.....	47	50
Leroy, Louis, or Pabst & Esch, plants...	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	321	52
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., rent..	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	1,250	00
Prentice, James, repairs to inst.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	45	60
Pierce, F. O. & Co., oil, paints, and putty.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$2	78
	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	45	48
Reeves, Robt. C., grass seed.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	51	36
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint and Govmt. P. & P.....	16	00

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Worthen, W. E., steam engine.....	Harlem R. B. Rep.	
	Impt. & Maint.,	
	1876.....	\$3,400 00
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		\$7,305 98
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.. . . .	\$1,452 30
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	469 68
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,890 00
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maintenance,	
1876	3,400 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	94 00
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	\$7,305 98
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-three hundred and five dollars and ninety-eight cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

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

Decker, Nicholas H., and George W. Quintard, labor and materials.....	Impt and Const.	
	Riverside Ave..	\$4,338 80
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		\$4,338 80
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Amounting to forty-three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, May 2d, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

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Audit of Certificate.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following certificate of the late Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the first day of January, 1874, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

CONTRACTOR.	IMPROVEMENT.	NO. OF CERTIFICATE.	AMOUNT.
D. S. Annan . . .	In the matter of the regulating, grading and improving Orchard Street, from Anderson Avenue to Ogden Avenue.	Second and final.	\$5,655 69

Dated New York, May 2d, 1877.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

(Minutes, Dec. 2, 1874, p. 385.)

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The certificate of the late Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the 1st day of January, 1874, set forth in the report of the Auditing Committee this day presented to the Board, has been examined and audited by the Commissioners of this Department,

Resolved, That the said Commissioners approve, and they do hereby approve, the work and amount certified the said late

Engineer in said certificate ; and that the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to prepare the certificate to be delivered to the contractor mentioned in said report in pursuance of the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, and in accordance with the said certificate of the said Engineer, and submit the same to the Commissioners of this Department for their signatures.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—

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Audit of Engineer's Fees on Works in late Town of Morrisania.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined and audited the following bill of Mr. E. C. Morrison, the late Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the 1st day of January, 1874, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

IMPROVEMENT.	AMOUNT.
In the matter of regulating, grading and improving Orchard Street, from Anderson Avenue to Ogden Avenue.....	\$85.36

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, May 2d, 1877.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned bill of the late Engineer in charge of said improvement, and that the amount thereof be certified to the Finance Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—
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Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
April 18	By balance.....		\$1,864 29
April 18 } to } May 2 }	" cash received from permits.....		50 00
			————— \$1,914 29

		DR.	
April 18 } to } May 2 }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$175 03
May 2	" balance.....		1,739 26
			————— 1,914 29

		DR.	
To cash paid in Bank of Metropolis....			\$1,709 26
" " in drawer.....			30 00
			————— <u>\$1,739 26</u>

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, May 2, 1877,

9:30 A. M.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over Harlem river, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 16th day of May, 1877, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M., at the office of this Department.

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 751.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

Police Uniforms.

Broken Trap Rock, &c., for 23d and 24th Wards.

Construction of Drains in the 24th Ward.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., Mr. Henry J. Storrs, General Clerk in the Finance Department, attended on behalf of the Comptroller of the city, who had been duly notified, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department announced to those present, and to those of the bidders who desired to be present, that the opening of the proposals for the construction of the iron bridge over Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One Hundred and thirty-ninth street, was adjourned until Wednesday the 16th inst. at 9.30 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Department, 36 Union Square, New York city.

He then, in the presence of Mr. Storrs and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works and supplies, viz.:

1. Tiling for the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, February 14, 1877, p. 610.)

2. Temporary Gallery, &c., for the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, Feb. 14, 1877, p. 610.)

3. Police Uniforms.

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 766.)

4. Broken Trap Rock and Screenings for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 696.)

5. Construction of Drains in the Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, Feby. 14, 1877, p. 616.)

The following proposals were received :

I. TILING.

1. Thomas Smith.....	\$21,000 00
2. James B. Blew.....	21,750 00
3. John Slattery.....	16,136 00
4. Adolph Klaber.....	19,100 00
5. F. W. Smith.....	11,760 00

II. TEMPORARY GALLERY, &C.

1. Kollogg & Maurice.....	\$12 459 00
2. Post & McCord.....	11,144 00
3. Heuvelman Haven & Co.....	11,350 00
4. Cook & Radly.....	17,200 00

III. POLICE UNIFORMS.

	One (1) body coat for Lieutenant.	One (1) blouse (summer) for Lieutenant.	One (1) pair of pants (summer) for Lieutenant.	Four (4) blouses (summer) for Sergeants. For each.	Four (4) pair of pants (summer) for Sergeants. For each.	Sixty-nine (69) blouses (summer) for Patrolmen.. For each.	Sixty-nine (69) pair pants (summer) for Patrolmen. For each.	Total.
1. Sackett & Miller, Agents.....	\$12 00	\$9 00	\$6 00	\$9 00	\$6 00	\$8 25	\$5 75	\$1,053 00
2. W. L. Conklin & Son.....	16 75	9 00	6 75	9 00	6 75	8 45	6 45	1,123 60
3. Tredwell, Jarman & Slote.....	17 00	10 25	6 25	10 25	6 25	7 87	6 25	1,073 78
4. Bennett Brothers.....	13 50	10 75	6 65	10 75	6 65	9 75	6 65	1,232 10

IV. TRAP ROCK AND SCREENINGS.

	1,300 cub. yards of Trap Rock, &c., at, per cub. yard.	500 cub. yards of Screenings at, per cubic yard.	Total.
1. John A. Bouker.....	\$2 68	\$2 18	\$4,574 00
2. C. A. Harrington....	2 75	2 26	4,7 5 00
3. Jesse Ryder*.....	2 10	1 80	3,630 00

* No. 3, Jesse Ryder, proposes to deliver stone like a sample submitted, not trap rock.

V.--CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS.

	Per cubic yard for earth excavation. Estimated quantity, 7,000 c. y.	Per cubic yard for rock excavation. Estimated quantity, 100 c. y.	Per linear foot for open drains. Estimated quantity, 1,890 feet.	Per linear foot for covered drains. Estimated quantity, 2,230 ft. et.	Per linear foot for blind drains. Estimated quantity, 2,200 feet.	Number of days, at \$3 per day.	TOTALS.
1. John Satterlee.....	\$0.16	\$2.50	\$1.00	\$1.60	\$.60	..	\$8,148 00
2. W. F. Croft.....	0.24	2.69	.71	1.14	.23	95	6,734 10
3. Hugh Kennedy.....	0.35	1.25	1.56	2.30	.45	60	11,822 40
4. Jno. F. Broderick.....	0.50	10.00	.50	1.00	.50	100	9,075 00
5. J. D. Haynes.....	0.17	3.00	1.00	1.78	.40	80	8,469 40
6. John Purdy.....	0.23	1.25	1.03	1.27	.87	65	8,622 80
7. Green Wright.....	0.23	3.00	.98	1.32	.28	75	7,336 80
8. Jas. Slattery.....	0.38	2.50	1.60	1.70	.10	70	10,155 00
9. Jerem. Crowley.....	0.18	1.56	.27	.86	.35	40	4,734 10
10. W. M. Taylor.....	0.15	2.50	1.50	2.50	.50	100	11,110 00
11. Edward Bradburn.....	0.25	1.75	1.44	2.44	1.10	90	12,777 80
12. James Reilly.....	0.14	1.25	.88	1.37	.23	50	6,479 30
13. Harrison & Crotty.....	0.30	3.50	1.00	1.05	.36	..	7,473 50
14. Jno. H. McCabe.....	0.28	2.49	1.28	1.85	.45	75	9,968 70
15. Jno. B. Devlin.....	0.27	1.50	1.57	1.99	.47	95	10,764 00
16. James J. Jones.....	0.18	0.04	.92	1.18	.19	10	6,078 70

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Mr. Storrs, the bidders and others who were present then retired.

Licenses for Goat Carriages and Carrousel.

The PRESIDENT presented and read two forms of license which he had prepared for the conducting of the goat carriage service and the carrousel respectively, and he recommended that the former licenses given to Mr. Isidor Isaac for these purposes be rescinded, and the licenses he presented granted in their stead.

He then offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, By an agreement dated the 4th day of May, 1875, the Department granted to one Isidor Isaac permission to run goat carriages and operate the structure known as the Carrousel, in said Park, for the term of three years from the 1st day of May, 1875 ; and

Whereas, It is deemed expedient by said Department that said agreement should be revoked and the above-mentioned services placed under more stringent rules and regulations than can be prescribed under the aforesaid agreement ; and

Whereas, It is provided in said agreement that said license may be revoked by said Department on payment to said licensee of the value of his equipments ; and

Whereas, Said licensee has consented to a revocation of the aforesaid agreement and agreed to waive all claim for compensation on account thereof, and has further agreed to accept agreements to operate said services at reduced rates of fare to the public, on terms more advantageous to the city, and which will place said services more completely under the control and supervision of this Department ; therefore

Resolved, That said agreement, dated the 4th day of May, 1875, be, and the same is hereby, revoked, cancelled, and annulled ;

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter into agreements with said Isidor Isaac to operate said services for the term of three years from the 1st day of January, 1877.

(Minutes, April 7th, 1875, p. 633.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Oil pipe through the Transverse Road.

The PRESIDENT presented and read an agreement which he had prepared with Mr. J. M. Toucey, granting him the privilege to lay a five inch wrought iron pipe, for the purpose of conveying oil through Transverse Road No. 1, as directed by the Board on the 25th April, 1877. Accompanying said agreement is the bond of Mr. J. M. Toucey, Mr. John B. Dutcher and Mr. T. C. Eastman, in the sum of \$5,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the agreement by Mr. Toucey.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said agreement be approved, and the President authorized to sign same on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, April 25th, 1877, p. 777.)

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

Hyes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

Mr. R. L. Stuart, President, and Mr. W. A. Haines, one of the Trustees, of the American Museum of Natural History, were received, and they urged and recommended that the closets in the exhibition room in the new building be removed ; that the tiles manufactured by Messrs. Minton, Hollins & Co., be used in laying the encaustic tile floor on said building ; and that the Department take such action as may be necessary to have Seventy-seventh street from Eighth Avenue to Ninth Avenue graded, paved, &c.

They then retired and the PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to make application on behalf of the Department, to the Common Council, for an ordinance directing that Seventy-seventh street, from Eighth Avenue to Ninth Avenue, be regulated, graded, paved and guttered and that the south sidewalk on said portion of said street be flagged.

(Minutes, February 21st, 1877, p. 622.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 9th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A.M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 2d inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Urinal.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 7th inst., viz.:

“Resolved That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, requested to cause a urinal to be erected inside the railing around the public place bounded by Broadway, Sixth Avenue, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Streets, for the accommodation of the public.”

Filed.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in reply to a communication from the President, requesting his opinion upon the legality of entering into an agreement with Messrs. Jones & McQuade, contractors for the Brook Avenue sewer, for addi-

tional six-inch pipe at each house connection, as directed by the Board on the 11th April, 1877, in which he says :

“ In my opinion the power of the Department of Public Parks to make the proposed agreement depends upon whether the expenditure thereby involved will be more than \$1,000.

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“ I do not think the Department has the right to modify the agreement heretofore made with Jones & McQuade by a new agreement, which will provide for the doing of work involving an expenditure of more than \$1,000, unless such new agreement shall be made under a resolution of the Common Council authorizing the same, passed by a vote of three-fourths of all the members elected to that body.

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“ If the expenditure involved will not exceed \$1,000, I think the Department can lawfully make the proposed agreement.”

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 742.)

Filed.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the estimated cost of the extra work, for which the agreement is proposed to be made with Messrs. Jones & McQuade is \$481.20.

Filed.

Maintenance of Parks, &c., 1876.

Maintenance of Public Places, &c., 23d and 24th Wards. 1876.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 30th April, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars and twenty-six cents be, and is hereby, transferred from the following appropriations for the year 1876, the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :		
For Salaries.....	\$62 58	
Police—Salaries of.....	3,407 04	
Special for Skating.....	1,049 86	
Special.....	1,859 75	
	<hr/>	\$6,379 23
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance..		1,073 47
Music—Central Park.....		154 60
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—Special...		554 96
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Total.....		<u>\$8,162 26</u>

To the following appropriations which are insufficient, or for which the same are required, viz.:

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Maintenance of the Parks, &c., 1876.....	\$6,635 30
Maintenance and government of Public Places—Roads, Avenues and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty fourth Wards—1876.....	554 96
Erecting Pedestal for Arm of the Statue of Liberty in Madison Square—1877.....	972 00
Total.....	\$8,162 26

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 752.)

Filed.

Bridge at Tibbitt's Brook.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the unsafe condition of the bridge across Tibbitt's Brook, at Williams Bridge Road, east of Broadway, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Broken Trap-rock and Screenings.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reporting that the sample of broken stone furnished by Mr. Jesse Ryder with his proposal, "is not trap," as that term is understood here, and consequently cannot fill the specifications.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 12.)

Filed.

Riverdale Avenue and Broadway in the 24th Ward.

From the Superintendent of the the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the complaints of the Health Department concerning the railing on the bridge at the corner of Riverdale Avenue and Spuyten Duyvil Road, and the west sidewalk on Broadway in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and stating that the matters complained of will be rectified at once.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 2.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting plans and estimates for the removal of the closets in the Exhibition Room of the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 775.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said plans and estimates be sent to the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, and that they be requested to inform the Department whether they approve of them, and desire the removal made.

Adopted.

Surplus of \$100 in Disbursing Clerk's hands.

From the Disbursing Clerk, applying to have the \$100 surplus which he forwarded to the Treasurer on the 3d March, 1875, returned to him.

(Minutes, March 3, 1875, p. 553.)

The PRESIDENT moved that it be referred to the Comptroller of the City for his advice as to the proper disposition of said surplus.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. J. V. Donovan, contractor for the carpenter work of the Museum of Natural History Building, requesting a payment on account of said contract, to the amount of \$7,000.

Also from the Superintending Architect recommending that Mr. Donovan be paid \$6,000 on account.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 695.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized and directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of Mr. J. V. Donovan on account of his said contract, to an amount not exceeding \$6,000.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, contractors for the heating and ventilating work of the Museum of Art Building, requesting a payment on account of \$4,000.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that said request be granted.

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 724.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized and directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, on account of their said contract, to an amount not exceeding \$4,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Vice-President of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of the recommendations of the Superintending Architect to remedy the leaks in the roof of the Museum of Natural History Building.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 775.)

Filed.

Fitz Green Halleck Statue.

From Mr. William C. Bryant, Chairman of the Committee presenting the Statue of Fitz Greene Halleck, and which com-

munication is dated April 23d, 1877, requesting that permission be given to the Seventh Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., to enter the Central Park on the 15th instant, the day determined upon for the unveiling of the statue, as an escort for the President of the United States, who had been invited ; also requesting that the Department would erect a platform at the site of the statue.

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 726.)

The PRESIDENT then read the following communications in relation to said subject :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST)
NEW YORK, April 24, 1877.

WM. C. BRYANT, *Esq.*,

President Committee of Arrangements for the Unveiling of the Statue of Fitz Green Halleck :

Dear Sir—Your letter of the 23d inst. was received after the meeting of this Department to-day had adjourned.

Last autumn three statues were erected in the public squares and parks—those of Lafayette, Seward, and Webster—and we matured arrangements, which, in each case, proved satisfactory to the public and the parties concerned.

The complete arrangements for the unveiling of the Halleck statue invite many points besides those you mention in your note. In our view, it is desirable to have the arrangements completed in all respects, and then authorized by the Board.

Since the subject cannot now be acted on until the next meeting of the Board on the 2d May, I invite you to a consideration of the whole subject, so that the details may be completed before the next meeting, and will be pleased to call upon or to receive you, or any of your committee to whom you may refer the subject.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,
(Signed)

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

NEW YORK, April 28, 1877.

My Dear Sir,—I am requested by Mr. Bryant to acknowledge your favor of the 24th inst., and to say that after a meeting of the Committee, which has been called for Monday next, he will have the pleasure of communicating with you on the subject of the unveiling ceremonies, now fixed for May 15th. I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,
(Signed.)

JAS. GRANT WILSON.

WM. R. MARTIN, *Esq.*,

President, Park Commissioners.

The PRESIDENT stated that since then and after the meeting on the 2d day of May, 1877, Mr. Wilson had called at the office, in his absence, and intimated that he should not call again ; that the Committee, on its own responsibility and without any consultation with the Department, had prepared programmes and had issued them with invitations for the unveil-

ing ceremonies; that they had given no part to the Department or its officers in their programme or in issuing the invitations, except a personal invitation to some of the Commissioners; that the admission of a military procession in the Central Park was a violation of the ordinances and against the settled policy of the Department; that the military display and the presence of the President of the United States would each attract an unusually large crowd in the park, which at this season of the year might be very destructive to the grass, plants and foliage; that the action of the committee in thus endeavoring to control the whole arrangement without consultation with the Department was assuming and unprecedented, and that, while the Board had the power to forbid any violation of its rules, the expected presence of the President of the United States and the arrangements made in his honor presents the question in an aspect in which the refusal of the Department to assent to their arrangements might be misinterpreted.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that permission be given to the Seventh Regiment to enter the Central Park, as requested, and that it be referred with power, to the Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks to make all necessary arrangements for the occasion.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Special Patrolmen.

The PRESIDENT then moved that he be authorized to appoint twenty special patrolmen for the 15th inst., at a pay for the day of \$2.50 each.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Stone "Liberty Bell."

From the Dorchester Union Freestone Co., stating that, in moving the stone *fac simile* of the "Liberty Bell," it had split, and, consequently, they were unable now to present it to the Department, as they had offered.

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 727.)

Filed.

William Blair.

From Messrs. Mills & Coffin, recommending Mr. Wm. Blair, as a gardener.

Filed.

Third Avenue., in 23rd Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the proposition of Mr. Thomas Rae, to dedicate a portion of his property, at the intersection of Third and Alexander Avenues, as a public street.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 4.)

Laid over.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Watts Cooke, Receiver of the Watson Manufacturing Co., contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art, requesting a payment on account of said contract of \$6,000.

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Bien, Julius, maps.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.....	\$130 00
Bien, Julius, maps.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	90 00
Chisholm, Walter, trees.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	36 00
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	47 92
Devlin, John B. telford, pavement.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	785 00
Foster & Co., meat, etc., April.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	218 25
Harlem Gas Light Company, meter gas..	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	26 40
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness, matrs., etc.	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	13 45
Hosp, F. Philip, trees.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	200 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$7 09
	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	45 88
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	21 29
		<hr/> 74 26
Jones, Chas. and Thomas P. McQuade,		
building sewer.....	Brook Ave. sewer,	4,959 44
Keuffel & Esser, drawing matrs.,.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	\$36 60
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	6 00
		<hr/> 42 60

Metropolitan Gas L. Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.,.....	59 75
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, sundries....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$1 44
	City Parks Impt. Fund	3 10
	Harlem R. B.,Reps. Impt. and M...	4 25
		<hr/> 8 79
Morgan, J. Pierrepont, Treas., expenses		
Mus. Nat. Hist.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.,.....	719 94
Murphy & Nesbit, sand and plaster....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	2 25
Parsons, S. B. & Sons, trees and plants..	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	494 50
Reeves, Robt. C., scythes and rakes....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	48 50
Sanderson Bros., Steel Co., steel.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	9 85
Scott, D., fish and eggs, April.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	20 25
Van Riper, Chas., oil and brush.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	2 00
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum of Art...	1,137 50
		<hr/> <hr/> \$9,121 65

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	1,151 11
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,531 69
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	33 14
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance	4 25
Museum of Art	1,137 50
Brook Avenue Sewer	4,959 45
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	174 52
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards 1876...	130 00
	<hr/> <hr/> \$9,121 65

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-one hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty-five cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, }	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
JAS. F. WENMAN, }	

New York, May 9th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had not as yet received from the Counsel to the Corporation his opinion upon the question of awarding the contract for the Encaustic Tiling in the Museum of Natural History Building, and he, therefore, moved that action upon awarding said contract be postponed until next meeting.

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 757.)

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. Post & McCord for the temporary gallery and work in the lantern of the Museum of Art, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract, therefore, be awarded to Messrs. Post & McCord, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 12)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Police Uniforms.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Sackett &

Miller, Agents, for police uniforms, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract therefor be, and hereby is, awarded to Messrs. Sackett & Miller, Agents, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 12.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Trap-rock and Screenings for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The broken stone proposed to be delivered by Mr. Jesse Ryder is not of the kind or quality which the specifications call for.

Resolved, That the proposal of the said Jesse Ryder be, and hereby is, rejected.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 12; and May 9, 1877, p. 19.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Mr. John A. Bouker for the delivery of broken trap-rock and trap-rock screenings in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be, and hereby is, awarded to him therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 12.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Construction of Drains in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 9) of Mr. Jeremiah Crowley for the construction of drains in the Twenty-fourth Ward be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be, and hereby is, awarded to him therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 13.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. E. B. Van Winkle be, and hereby is, appointed City Surveyor upon the work of construction of drains in the Twenty-fourth Ward, the contract for which has been this day awarded to Mr. Jeremiah Crowley.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 9th inst., was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

City Hall Park Pavement.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department upon the course to take with reference to the claim of Mr. J. J. Schillinger against the City, for damages by reason of Mr. H. A. Gunther, the contractor for laying the pavement on City Hall Park, having infringed his patent, in which, after mentioning that this Department required Mr. Gunther to furnish security to indemnify the City against any such claims, he states :

“ If Mr. Schillinger has any claim against the City by reason of the alleged infringement of his patent, it can only be adjusted and settled through the Finance Department or through the courts. If an action shall be brought against the City, the proper course will be to call on Mr. Gunther and his sureties to defend it, and if a judgment should be rendered covered by the plaintiff in such action, it will, of course be necessary to take such steps as may be found advisable to collect the same from Mr. Gunther and his sureties.

“ I do not regard it as absolutely necessary for the Department of Public Parks to take any action in relation to this matter at the present time, but I would recommend, as a practical means of procuring an adjustment of the matter, that the Department should notify Mr. Gunther and his sureties of the claim which has been made against the City by Mr. Schillinger, and that the Department will look to them to hold the City harmless in the matter;
 “ Such a notice may induce Mr. Gunther and his sureties to adjust the matter with Mr. Schillinger and prevent the bringing of any action against the City.”

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 760.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that Mr. Gunther and his sureties be notified of Mr. Schillinger's claim as recommended by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in relation to the proposals for laying encaustic tiling in the Museum of Natural History building, in which he states :

“ By the terms of the advertisement and contract, the floors, &c., of the Museum of Natural History, are to be laid with the best quality of ‘English encaustic tiles,’ and the Department invited proposals for doing the work in this manner. Mr. Boote is the lowest bidder, whose proposal is regular in form. He offers to lay such floors, &c., with tiling of the quality and kind described in the specifications, and to give security, to the amount of \$10,000, for the faithful performance of the contract. Under these circumstances, by operation of the law, he has become entitled to the contract; and it is the duty of the Department to award such contract to, and execute it with him.”

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 27.)

Filed.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of Mr. Edward Boote, for encaustic tiling for the Museum of Natural History build-

ing, be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract be, and hereby is, awarded to him therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, March 28, 1877, p. 718.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Sewer at Grove Street and Third Avenue.

From Mr. Henry Schmidt, complaining of the condition of the sewer at the corner of Grove Street and Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Filed.

Same subject, and Bridge at Tibbitt's Brook.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the aforesaid complaint of Mr. Schmidt, and also upon the complaint of the Health Department concerning the condition of the bridge across Tibbitt's Brook.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 19.)

Filed.

Police Uniforms.

From Messrs. Sackett & Miller, Agents, accepting the award of the contract for police uniforms.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 27.)

Filed.

Trap-Rock and Screenings for the 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. John A. Bouker, accepting the award of the contract for the delivery of 13,000 cubic yards of broken trap-rock,

and 500 cubic yards of trap-rock screenings on the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 28.)

Filed.

Museum of Art.

From Messrs. Post & McCord, accepting the award of the contract for the temporary galleries and work in the lantern of the Museum of Art Building.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 27.)

Filed.

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks.

The Metropolitan Gas Light Co.

From the Metropolitan Gas Light Co., requesting that they be not required to execute the contract and give bonds for the lighting of the lamps on Park Avenue Parks, which were awarded to that Company, for the reason that the total cost of lighting same until the end of the year, will not amount to \$1,000.

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 768.)

Laid over.

Trees on Fifth Avenue.

From Mr. Wm. H. Gebhard, requesting that the Department will plant trees on the sidewalk of Fifth Avenue adjacent to Central Park, from Eighty-sixth Street to One hundred and tenth Street.

(Minutes, February 28, 1877, P. 639.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Wm. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of the plans and estimates of the Superintending Architect,

for the removal of the closets from the exhibition room of the Museum of Natural History Building.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 29.)

Filed.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the closets at present erected in the exhibition room of the Museum of Natural History Building, be removed, and that a suitable accommodation be provided at the northern end of the building, on the plan proposed by the Superintending Architect ; and that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for said alteration and change.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

High Bridge Park.

From Mr. N. A. Lespinasse, requesting that the sewer pipe laid down in High Bridge Park, and which now empties on the property of Mr. C. Combes, be extended to the Harlem River.

(Minutes, June 17, 1874, p. 85.)

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for his report.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Augustus A. Levy and fifteen other owners of property in the district lying west of Jerome Avenue and south of Van Courtland's Lake and the Gun Hill Road, approving of the plan recently submitted by the Civil and Topographical Engineer for laying out the wards, &c., in that district.

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 742.)

Filed.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the Civil and Topo-

graphical Engineer be directed to notify all known owners in said district, west of Jerome Avenue, in the 24th Ward, that the Board will take up the consideration of said plan on the 23d inst., and will hear them in reference thereto at 10 o'clock A. M. on that day.

Adopted.

Shed for the Deer.

From the Director of the Menagerie, requesting that a temporary shed be erected near the Arsenal, to enable some of the deer to be exhibited during the summer.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to erect a temporary shed, about twenty-five by thirty feet and eight feet high, at a suitable location near the Arsenal in the Central Park, and that he use in constructing said shed only old material at present on hand in the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the application of Mr. Watts Cooke, Receiver of the Watson Manufacturing Co., contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art, for a payment of \$6,000 on account, and recommending that a payment of that amount be authorized.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1877, p. 24.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate on account of said contract, for an amount not exceeding \$6,000.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 23d day of May, 1877, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., at the office of this Department.

(Minutes, May 2d, 1877, p. 10.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the meeting was opened to the public, and to those of the bidders for the construction of said bridge who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of said adjournment.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and service	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.	\$22 04
Angell & Blake Mfg. Co., heating and		
ventilating.	Museum of Art...	4,000 00

Brady, Joseph C., carpenter work.....	Museum of Art...	\$2,592 00
Boyle, John, cotton duck.....	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....	3 42
Central Gas Light Co., gas, April.....	Harlem R. B., Reps. Impt. & M.....	60 00
Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., paper and cam- phor.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	7 28
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$23 13
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	81 59
		<hr/> 104 72
Colwell, James W., lumber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	37 80
Donvan, J. V., carpenter work.....	Mus. Natl. History	6,000 00
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	2,000 00
Gatchel A. S., rubber cushions.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	1 00
Gould's Mfg. Co., pump casting.....	Maint, 23d and 24th Ward....	4 00
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., expenses Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	1,161 45
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, April.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	\$65 92
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	121 50
		<hr/> 187 42
Jacobus, Saml. M., shingles.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	96 00
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	45 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	10 43
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	11 13

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Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, April..	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	\$246 00
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	20 94
Mullane, John, oats, corn, etc.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	489 01
N. Y. Mutual Gas L. Co., gas, April....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	496 00
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas L. Co., gas,		
April.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	292 50
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, April.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	227 50
Noyes & Wines, galvanized iron.....	Museum of Art...	700 00
Reeves, Robt. C., scythe stones.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	23 45
Rogers, H. A., sundries.....	Maint. 23d and	
	24th Wards....	\$17 50
	Surveying, laying	
	out, etc., 23d	
	and 24th Wards	2 65
	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	22 20
		42 85
Tomes, Francis & Co., shot gun.....	Maint and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	15 00
Cooke Watt, receiver, labor.....	Museum of Art..	450 00
		<u>\$19,296 44</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$5,274 55
Harlem river bridges, repairs, improvement and mainten-	
ance.....	125 92
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	69 73
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	2 65
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	81 59

Museum of Art.....	\$7,742 00	
Museum of Natural History.....	6,000 00	
		—————\$19,296 44

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen thousand two hundred and ninety six dollars and forty-four cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, May 16th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
May 2.	By balance.....		\$1,739 26
May 2 } to 15. }	" cash received from licenses.....		90 27
			—————\$1,829 53

DR.

May 2	}	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$236 98
to 16.			
May 2	}	" " on account improvement Harlem river.....	1,315 55
to 16.			
May 16		" balance.....	227 00
			\$1,829 53
Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....			\$227 00

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Wednesday, May 16th, 1877.
9.30 A. M.

Carnival Association.
Stand on the Plaza, Union Square.

The PRESIDENT presented the following permission, issued by his Honor the Mayor, viz. :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, NEW YORK, May 4, 1877. }

Permission is hereby given to the Carnival Association to erect a stand on the Plaza at Union Square, to view the pageant on the evening of the 15th instant. Said stand to be removed immediately afterwards.

(Signed.) S. ELY, Jr.

The PRESIDENT then stated that he had required said permission to be surrendered to this Department, and that he had, in accordance with the desire of the Mayor as expressed in it, issued the permission of this Department to the same effect, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Fitz-Greene Halleck Statue.

The PRESIDENT reported on the damage done in the Central Park, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Halleck Statue, and submitted the report of the Landscape Architect and the Superintendent.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 21.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the report of the President, with the reports submitted therewith be entered on the minutes, and that the regulations prohibiting military parades and unusual crowds should be rigidly adhered to.

Adopted.

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

The ceremonies had two features which were unbecoming to the occasion ; the military display and a popular reception to a high official dignitary ; these drew a crowd of disorderly people, who had no reverence for the occasion, nor care for the natural beauties of the Park.

Such pageants and displays are wholly inconsistent with the purpose of the Central Park, and destructive of the quiet and rural use, in which it is of most service to the people.

The unveiling of a statue of a poet, on an afternoon in Spring, under the arches of the elm trees, on the Mall, called for ceremonies of a refined and more poetical character, to which the noise, crowd and disorder were in the strong contrast of bad taste.

The conduct of the Committee, through Gen. J. G. Wilson, who represented them, in assuming to complete all their arrangements, and announcing them, without consulting the Department ; in presenting a situation, in which the Department was obliged to sanction them, and carry them out, at the risk, if they did not, of having their action misinterpreted, in respect to the newly elected President of the United States, on his first visit to the city, when the people were disposed to lay aside divided opinions, and to give him a respectful reception ; and in the use made of the hospitality of the Department, was not such as to merit approval.

Ceremonies of this kind, and appropriate to the Park, should not be perverted into personal displays.

The damage done to the grass, plants and foliage, was such as a few weeks of growth will, in a great measure, repair, yet the first lawless day in the Park tends to break down that consideration and care with which all classes have voluntarily treated it, and which is the strongest safeguard for its preservation.

The Board should take action to prevent such occurrences in the future, by the absolute prohibition of military parades or marches, and gatherings, likely to draw unusual and miscellaneous crowds.

Hereto is annexed the statement of the Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks.

Respectfully.

W. R. MARTIN,
President D. P. P.

NEW YORK, 16th May, 1877.

The Hon. WILLIAM R. MARTIN,

President of the Department of Public Parks.

SIR :—On the 9th inst. the Board was informed that the statue of Halleck was intended to be unveiled on the 15th, and that plans had been formed for the occasion for the carrying out of which its sanction and aid were needed.

It was ascertained that the committee having the matter in charge had already made an engagement with the President of the United States, and numerous distinguished persons, to take part in the proceedings, and also to associate with them a military display under the form of an act of courtesy to the President. A thousand invitations had been printed and mainly sent out, each promising a secured seat for two persons; sixty special guests of the committee were also to be provided for upon the platform or in reserved seats adjoining it.

These arrangements had been so far advanced that, on the whole, it seemed best to take the risks of carrying them through than to attempt to have them changed.

Preparations were made on the ground as follows :—A square in front of the statue, large enough to contain seats for the required number was enclosed by a line of posts connected by a strong rope and by a line of iron framed settees, set back outwards, below the rope. An entrance was left at the middle of the Mall, on the south side, and another at the platform. The approach to the rear of the platform from the drive, and the space to be occupied by the military, was enclosed by a rope carried by posts and trees, and, where pressure was likely to be greatest, by a well-braced fence of scantling. The total line of enclosure was 1,600 feet.

The force available for preserving order consisted of a captain and fifty men of the 7th Regiment, and the lieutenant of the park keepers, three sergeants and sixty-nine uniformed privates. The force, coming on the ground a little before two, at once, and without difficulty, cleared the enclosure of about 3,000 persons who had previously occupied it, and was then distributed along the lines above defined and the drives leading to them.

The two nearest carriage entrances to the Park from Fifth Avenue were closed except to footmen, and no one was allowed to pass on the drives except those bearing passes from the committee. After the crowd, pressing towards the platform, had become so large and dense that a lane could no longer be kept open without constant exercise of force, visitors with passes were sent along the drive and through the military lines

and were able to the last to come to the seats with comfort. Ushers had been provided in addition to the keepers, but, as visitors would not be guided by them, or remain where placed unless in seats near the platform, the attempt to regulate the seating was abandoned.

Just before the military procession reached the ground an inspection was made of the entire line of enclosure and of the approaches to it for several hundred yards each way. At every point on a frontage of more than 3,000 feet there was a pressing crowd, and it appeared everywhere to be deep and compact. Every rock and other elevation from which it could be at all overlooked was seen to be packed with people, and between these and the standing mass pressing toward the ropes there were moving swarms. From the southern and eastern entrances to the park streams of visitors choked and overflowed all the walks and poured through the borders and shrubberies. From the enclosure of the seats near the platform southward to the end of the Mall there was a mass so dense that one of the park keepers who undertook to carry a prisoner through it, states that for a distance of fully 250 feet no one could move in it except by pressing others back. Many women begged to be assisted in getting out. A great many people, mostly women and children, when they came near enough to see the standing crowd, turned aside or back and made their way through the vines, shrubs and evergreens, seeking either a place where they could sit in the shade or where the passing crowd could be overlooked. It had been announced that the military would pass out of the park escorting the President along the approach from the Scholar's Gate, and for more than an hour all the ground adjoining this road and every point on each side from which it could be observed was occupied. Boys climbed into the trees, and girls, to pass away the time, made garlands of flowers and leaves, which they picked as if in the wild woods.

At the same time the Concert Ground, the Pergola, the Casino, the Terrace, and all the open spaces nearly a quarter of a mile away to the northward are stated by those in charge of them to have been crowded, chiefly by people who had abandoned the attempt to get a standing place within sight of the platform.

The gate keepers report that at times the people came in like a mob, in such numbers that the attempt to count or estimate them was abandoned. The general report is that never before had half so many been seen passing in. The influx continued till the end of the ceremonies, when the current was suddenly reversed.

Apprehending that on the approach of the military there would be a general movement toward the point at which it was

to enter between the two wings of the fixed crowd, the military guard and keepers' force on the drive near by that point was strengthened, that near the platform being correspondingly reduced.

With the entrance of the military procession upon the park came an additional press of people who had been previously attracted to the review by the President in Seventy-fourth Street.

The belief that when the President, rising upon the platform to remove the veil from the statue, would stand so high as to be seen even in the rear of the standing crowd, led the greater number of those who had been roving on the outside of it, as the bands were heard approaching, to move from all sides toward the statue, which, draped in flags, was a conspicuous object. This movement adding to the previously great pressure, became almost unendurable to those nearest the ropes. Some women were drawn out fainting, and a line, chiefly of children, was allowed to be formed sitting under and outside the ropes.

The request of the committee that 2,000 seats should be reserved for guests bearing their invitations, and 30 immediately in front of the platform for those with special cards had been strictly complied with, but of the first not more than a third and of the last but a sixth had presented themselves. Between the main body of the spectators and the platform there was consequently an empty space when the President arrived, large enough to contain several thousand persons standing. This, it is needless to say, was an exasperating right to those on all sides who were under the torture of the crowd constantly struggling to get nearer. We should have proposed to the committee to allow enough of the outside spectators to be passed quietly in to fill the seats, but no members of it were present all being in attendance at the review, by which it was possible that its guests were detained.

As the President passed from his carriage toward the platform, a distance of 400 feet, there was some struggle by those a little back of the front line to place themselves nearer, and to lift themselves, so as to get sight of him. A few were thrown over the ropes, and in the flurry others followed, and ran after the Presidential party toward the platform, but there was no general break.

As the President appeared on the platform there was a general movement toward it, with loud and continuous cheering and clamor, in the midst of which several of the iron frames of the settees gave way, and a number of persons leapt or were pitched into the but half-filled enclosure. The reserved seats were instantly occupied, and there was for a few moments considerable crowding and confusion within the enclosure, but no

violent rush, and fortunately not the least panic. The band played the opening piece of music, the assembly became quiet, and the exercises went on in regular order.

At their close the President and his party returned without difficulty to their carriages, and the military column formed and moved out of the park, followed closely by the greater part of those present.

To these minutes we shall add some general observations.

The day was fair, the temperature warm for the season, but not oppressive, and the park in the richest possible condition of foliage and bloom. The so-called "Carnival" procession in the forenoon had been extensively advertised, and had brought in a great many people from the country who had made it a part of the plan of their holiday to visit the park. A considerable proportion of the men present had their wives and children with them, and throughout all of the crowd there were many women. The proportion of decided roughs was nowhere large, and that of quiet, civil and well-disposed people nowhere small. The spirit of the crowd as a body was patient, good-natured and accommodating. With a very few individual exceptions, there was not only a willingness but an evident goodwill and effort to meet the requirements of the authorities, and to maintain such a degree of order and decorum as was appropriate under the circumstances. We did not hear a harsh word, nor witness any violence. We did not see a drunken man, and not a personal injury to any one has been reported. In view of all these facts it is gravely significant, and we trust that the lesson will not be overlooked, that as with respect to all the special regulations which are necessary for the development of the park as a place of rural recreation, *the crowd was essentially a mob, lawless and uncontrollable.* Had the whole police force of the city been on the ground, it could have done little toward protecting the property which it is the essence of the department's special trust to preserve. Judging from all experience, it would have made no attempt to do so. The keepers of the park, who are supposed to be trained especially for this duty, looked upon the most flagrant offences against the ordinances of the department in thousands of instances under an impression apparently that they were for the time being suspended.

An hour after the military had left the ground we saw keepers repeatedly pass by a group, mainly of children, who in their play were trampling upon and about a piece of rockwork, the crevices of which were filled with delicate plants in bloom

and the edges fringed with ferns and mosses. The life of these was stamped out, and in places the ground was left beaten hard, and without a tinge of green remaining.

We saw women and girls breaking off branches of lilacs loaded with bloom, and others carrying aloft bundles of similar branches, passing out of the park by way of the police station, perfectly oblivious of the fact that it subjected them to arrest and punishment. We asked two men openly breaking the law, if they knew that they were doing so; both answered smilingly that the law just then was not of much account.

Long after the President and the military had disappeared, people, especially children, continued to rove off the walks, quietly breaking down and trampling over shrubs and vines, and seemed surprised when remonstrated with.

The turf in the park was in the best condition for hard wear, growing rapidly, and the ground neither moist nor dry. The trees and shrubs were also sappy and pliant, and bent to force as they would not at any other season. The crowd centered at the point where it could least do harm, the surface of the ground being level, covered for a large space with turf and gravel, and bearing no shrubs or low branched trees.

For all these reasons the damage done was comparatively slight, and every pains being taken to repair it as rapidly as possible, under favorable conditions of weather, it is now hardly to be noticed. The turf was soaked with water, and except where the crowd was densest, warm moist weather following, will generally recover. There are hundreds of spots from one to two, or three, feet across, however, where it has been tramped out completely, and the soil ground to dust. These will not, probably, again green over this year unless it be with coarse annual grasses and weeds.

Forty of the settees were smashed, the iron frames of six being broken. The statues between that of Halleck and the south end of the Mall were loaded with men and boys when the President passed, but suffered no harm. Had there been any delicately cut stone work in the vicinity like that at the Terrace it would have been ruined. No limbs, but hundreds of small branchlets, were broken from the trees.

The city has expended, within the area of the park, nearly ten millions of dollars, and, if it is closely considered for what purpose, in the last analysis it will be found to be to produce certain influences on the imagination of those who visit it, influences which are received and which act, for the most part, unconsciously to those who benefit by them. These influences

come exclusively from the natural objects of the park as they fall in passing them into relations and sequences adapted to the end in view. The value of the park is greater or less according to the success with which arrangements for this purpose have been made. If the value of the natural elements is lessened, the value of the artificial, as the roads, bridges and arches, lessens correspondingly. With the increase in beauty and influence on the imagination of the one increases the value of the city's property—the amount of the city's income—in the other. A much higher degree of beauty and poetic influence would be possible but for the necessity of taking so much space for that which in itself is not only prosaic but often dreary and incongruous, that is to say the necessary standing and moving room for the visitors.

The area thus appropriated in the park is considerably more than a hundred acres, and much study has been given to the object of distributing it in fair proportion to the requirements of the public in different parts, and of keeping it as inconspicuous as practicable. Its extent can nowhere be enlarged, nor can the public be allowed to occupy unprepared ground without destruction and waste of what has been laid out for the main object in the natural elements.

Whenever, therefore, the park is used for any other than its primary purpose, and especially for spectacles entirely foreign to it, like that of a military display, which tend to concentrate visitors, the regulations designed with reference to that purpose are necessarily, in a greater or less degree, out of place, and are overruled; its custodians, as well as its visitors, become accustomed to regard them without respect, customs suitable to paved streets or commons override them, and the result, directly and indirectly, is incalculably wasteful of the public property.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK LAW OLNSTED,
Landscape Architect.

JULIUS MUNCKWITZ,
Superintendent D. P. P.

Mary Barry.

Johanna Singleton.

The PRESIDENT reported that Mrs. Mary Barry, ladies' maid, had died, and that on the 11th instant, he had authorized Mrs. Johanna Singleton, her mother, to take her place temporarily, until the further action of the Board.

(Minutes, February 19, 1875, p. 527.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the President be approved, and that Mrs. Singleton's pay be fixed at \$1.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Horses.

The PRESIDENT moved that six of the old and useless horses to be selected by the Superintendent of Parks, be sold or exchanged, and that five new horses be procured either by the exchange of the said six old horses or by purchase.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

T. L. Beebe.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be authorized to employ Mr. T. L. Beebe, Axeman, when he shall have occasion for his services, and when he shall not be engaged by the Engineer and Surveyor of Street openings and improvements, and that his pay for such time as he may be so employed, be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 378.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Teams in the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the employment of teams for spreading the broken stone, rolling and watering the roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10:15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 23d inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN.

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.
“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 9th and 16th insts. were read and approved.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 6th day of June, 1877, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., at the office of this Department.

(Minutes, May 16th, 1877, p. 37.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened to the public, and to those of the bidders for the con-

struction of said bridge who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of said adjournment.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Offices for Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards for 1877.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolutions approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 18th inst.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks and its several officers remove forthwith from the offices now occupied by them in the Twenty-fourth Ward to the vacant rooms on the third floor of the building at the northeast corner of Kingsbridge Road and College Avenue, heretofore leased by the city; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be, and he is hereby, directed to execute a lease, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, with Thomas Kearns, of the stables in the rear of said last-mentioned building, for the use of said Department of Public Parks, at an annual rent of one hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarterly, on the usual quarter days; the said lease to be for the term of one year from May 1st, 1877.

(Minutes, December 27th, 1876, p. 501.)

Referred to Commissioner Wetmore.

Fruit Stand at Sixth Avenue and Thirty-second Street.

From his Honor the Mayor, requesting that, if possible, permission be given to Mr. Carlyle to keep a fruit stand at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Thirty-second Street.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the request of the Mayor be respectfully declined, as it is contrary to the rules and regulations of the Department to allow stands on the sidewalks of the parks.

Adopted.

Surplus of \$100 in Disbursing Clerk's hands.

From the Comptroller of the city, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }
May 11th, 1877.

HON. WM. R. MARTIN,
President Department of Public Parks:

Sir,—In answer to your communication of the 10th inst. asking what disposition

should be made of the sum of \$100 received on March 3d, 1875, from the Disbursing Clerk of your Department as a surplus remaining in his hands after paying off the pay-rolls for January, 1875, you are advised that said amount should be turned into the city treasury to the credit of the General Fund, a receipt taken from the City Chamberlain for the same, and said receipt forwarded to this office.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication and subject be referred to Commissioner Wenman for further examination.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1877, p. 20.)

Adopted.

Museum of Art. Claim of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department upon the questions raised by Mr. John H. Strahan with regard to the power of the Department to direct payment of the claim of Messrs. Moran & Armstrong for extra work on the Museum of Art, in which he states as follows :

“ It seems to me that if the work for which Messrs. Moran & Armstrong now claim payment was not covered by their contract, it was the duty of the Department of Public Parks to have caused the same to be done under contracts made at public letting. I must, therefore, advise you that the Department cannot authorize the payment of the claim.”

(Minutes, May 2d, 1877, p. 5.)

Filed.

Bonds of Town of Kingsbridge.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, advising the Department upon its right to expend the proceeds of the bonds issued by the late town of Kingsbridge under authority of Chapter 89 Laws of 1873, upon the purposes mentioned in said act, in which he states as follows :

“ Unless there is some special provision of law which has escaped my notice, and which expressly authorizes the sale of the \$35,000 of bonds referred to in your letter, and the application of the proceeds thereof to the objects and purposes mentioned in Chapter 89 of the Laws of 1873, I do not

“ think there is any authority at the present time for such sale and application.”

(Minutes, April 25th, 1877, p. 783.)

Filed.

Museums of Art and Natural History.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 15th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of Section 112, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, “Museums of Art and Natural History Stock,” authorized by chapter 290, Laws of 1871, and on account of requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated September 9, 1875, twenty-five thousand dollars.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 656.)

Filed.

Drinking Fountains on the Mall, Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the two drinking fountains on the Mall, in Central Park, are so much out of repair that they will have to be removed, and asking the instructions of the Board as to the manner in which he shall replace them.

Referred to the Landscape Architect for his report.

High Bridge Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the sewer pipe leading from the High Bridge Park Hotel, is a four-inch drain pipe, and that it only extends to the land of Mr. Combs. That a six-inch pipe should be laid from the hotel to the river, the cost of which would not exceed \$250. That he has a sufficient quantity of drain-pipe on hand for the purpose.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 35.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to replace the present four-inch drain pipe

from the High Bridge Park Hotel with a six-inch pipe, extending to the Harlem River.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Central Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that some repairs are necessary to the Central Bridge, and recommending that from \$900 to \$1,000 be expended on it, which will be sufficient to keep it in a safe condition until next autumn.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have such repairs made to said bridge as will put it in a safe condition, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Cornelius Sanford.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding a communication from Cornelius Sanford, watchman at Central Bridge, in regard to maltreatment which he had received on the 4th and 14th insts., while on duty on the bridge, and asking to be assigned to some other duty. Also stating, that by the direction of the President he had transferred Mr. Sanford to duty at Manhattan Square,

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President in the matter be approved.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Laying-out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, with a copy of the notice which he had sent to all known owners of property in the district west of Jerome Avenue, as directed by the Board on the 16th inst.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 35.)

Filed.

The following owners of property in said district and who attended in pursuance of said notice, were then received, viz. :

Messrs. L. G. Morris, Fordham Morris, H. N. Camp, Isaac Levy, A. A. Levy (also representing H. Morrison), W. E. Smith, Geo. H. Peck, Nathan Day, and George R. Tremper.

They all expressed their approval of the plan submitted by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and urged its adoption, except Mr. Day and Mr. Tremper, who objected, not to the plan, as a whole, but to the roads as laid down opposite their houses, on the ground that they could, with equal advantage to the public and less damage to them individually, be removed further from their houses.

The owners of property then retired.

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under, and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places within the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of

New York, shown on a map or plan entitled, "Plan of streets, roads and avenues lying west of Jerome Avenue, and south of the road leading from Mosholu to Williams Bridge, in the Twenty-fourth Ward," dated "New York, May 15, 1877," and signed "Fredk. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect," and "J. James R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," of the widths, extent, and direction that said streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places, are designated on said map or plan by red lines and figures and by color, the same being such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated, and also cause three similar maps or plans of the same to be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Sewer in Third Avenue, 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan and specifications for a sewer in Third Avenue, from One hundred and forty-third to One hundred and forty-sixth Streets, and estimating the cost of the work at \$1,910.

(Minutes April 25, 1877, p. 777.)

Laid over.

Store room in 23d Ward, for Civil and Topographical Corps.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that it is necessary to have a store room in the Twenty-third Ward, for the purpose of keeping the instruments, tools, stakes, etc.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be authorized to hire a store room in the Twenty-third

Ward for the remainder of the year, at a cost not exceeding \$12.50 per month.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Special Patrolmen.

From the Lieutenant, requesting that the Board would appoint some special patrolmen during the summer months.

Laid over.

Parker McCuen, police tailor.

From the Lieutenant, reporting that Parker McCuen, police tailor, was absent on account of sickness, from the 9th instant to the 19th instant, when he reported for duty.

The PRESIDENT moved that Parker McCuen, police tailor, be restored to duty from the 19th instant.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, of the Committee on plans of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of the following alterations and extra works in the Museum of Natural History building, and requesting that they be ordered at a cost not exceeding the amount set opposite each item, viz. :

No. 4.

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| 1. To change the cast iron sockets for the standards, from what is represented on the plans to sample now put in and ordered by Professor Bickmore, | \$120 00 |
| 2. To make fifty movable racks of the proper size to fit on the shelves of the cases hinged and arranged with hooks and staples, so they can be elevated in the same manner as the adjustable shelves; and arranged with pins so that clubs, arrows, etc., can be put upon them, | 250 00 |
| 3. To fit new cast iron bases to the twelve columns on the third floor, and make them conform to the bases of the cases,..... | 84 00 |
| 4. To fit the cornice mouldings of the cases around the columns on the third floor (twelve in number)..... | 60 00 |
| 5. To change the bracket for shelves to conform to the change made in the shelving of A., B., and C. cases,..... | 303 00 |

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that items Nos. 1 and 5 are alterations in the plans, and items Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are additional works not provided for by the contracts; and that if the Board desires to have these works done, they should be ordered at once.

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 726.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that said changes and additional works be ordered, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Theodore Weston, reporting favorably upon the samples of marble and slate submitted by Mr. F. W. Smith for the tiling in the Museum of Art building.

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 5) of Mr. F. W. Smith for the marble and slate tiling in the Museum of Art building, be accepted as the lowest bid, that the contract be awarded to said F. W. Smith therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 12.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Special Patrolman at the Terrace.

From Mr. C. Ryan, licensee for sale of refreshments on Central Park, making application for the appointment of special patrolmen at the Terrace and Dairy on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, and offering to pay for their services on those days.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 58.)

Laid over.

Drinking Fountain at Beach Street Park.

From Mr. J. W. Fiske, making application on behalf of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, for permission to erect at her expense a drinking fountain at Beach Street park.

Also from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, recommending that the application be granted.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the permission requested be granted ; and that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to designate the location on the park for the erection of the fountain.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Edward Boote accepting the award of the contract for laying encaustic tiles in the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 32.)

Filed.

Seward Statue.

From Mr. Joseph Forbes, Commander of Abraham Lincoln Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, requesting permission for said Post to decorate the statue of Seward at Madison Square, on Decoration Day.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested be granted.

Adopted.

Statue of Mazzini.

From Mr. E. Macoggi, Secretary of the committee presenting the bust of Joseph Mazzini, submitting a sketch of the proposed pedestal for the bust, with the inscription to be placed on it.

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 510.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report upon.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Bartlett, E., harness.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		\$134 00
Bell, Thomas, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...		26 00
Colgate & Company, soap.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....	\$9 47	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....		57
		<hr/>	10 04
Coogan, Wm., laying crosswalk.....	Flagging and lay- ing crosswalk on Berrian Avenue at intersection of Kingsbridge Road.....		174 05

Devlin, John B., paving.....	Paving 3d Avenue from N. side 163d Street to Northern Bound- ary 23d Ward.		\$2,480 90
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....		15 43
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, wheels, jets, &c.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	\$106 60	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	91 04	197 64
O'Neil, Michael, quarried rock.....	Maint 23d and 24th Wards.....		80 00
Pierce, F. O. & Co., paints and varnish.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$2 20	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & M.....	2 20	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	12 32	
	Maint and Govt. P. & P.....	32 50	49 22
Rogers, H. A., screws, locks and bolts...	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	\$50 24	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	11 89	62 13
Tone, Theo. F., Cumberland coal.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$1 40	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & M.....	1 75	
	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	66 85	70 00
Watson Mfg. Co., iron and labor.....	Museum of Art..		6,000 00
			<u>\$9,299 41</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$415 09
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	108 20
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	95 56
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	25 61
Museum of Art.....	6,000 00
Paving 3d Avenue from 163d St. to N. Boundary 23d Ward	2,480 90
Flagging and laying crosswalk Berrian Avenue at Kings bridge Road.....	174 05
	----- \$9,299 41
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and forty-one cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
 " JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, May 23d, 1877.

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Music.

The PRESIDENT, to whom had been referred the subject of music at Central Park during the summer, verbally reported that he had made arrangements, subject to the approval of the Board, with Messrs. Dodworth and Grafulla to give concerts each Saturday on the Mall, commencing on the 2d June prox. The bands to consist of from fifty to fifty-three musicians and a leader, who was always to be either Mr. Dodworth or Mr.

Grafulla, and that the charge for each concert was to be \$5 for each musician and \$15 for the leader.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 5.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved the arrangements made by the President with Messrs. Dodworth and Grafulla be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Music Programme.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read an agreement which he had made, subject to the approval of the Board, with Mrs. S. S. Colt, printer, to publish and distribute free of charge 5,000 copies of the Music Programme on each concert day, no other programme to be allowed to be distributed, and Mrs. Colt to derive her remuneration exclusively from advertisements, and he moved that the agreement be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Patrolman Geo. Walker.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had tried Patrolman George Walker on two charges preferred by the Lieutenant, viz. : the first for not properly patrolling his post on the 8th instant, and the second for using abusive and insulting language to the Lieutenant on the 13th inst.

That the Lieutenant had suspended the officer since the 13th inst.

That he found Officer Walker guilty of both charges, and recommended him to be fined by loss of pay during the time he had been suspended.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the report of the President be accepted, and that Officer Walker be fined by loss of his pay during the time of his suspension, and that he be reprimanded by the President, the reprimand to be read publicly to the whole force.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Police Regulations.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when charges are preferred against any member of the police force, he be permitted to have his friends present to assist him at the investigation and trial of the charges, but that any other influence or intervention in favor of the officer against whom the charges are made, except at that time or before the Board, will be treated as a violation of the rules of the Department.

Adopted.

Special Patrolmen.

The PRESIDENT reported, that in pursuance of the authority given by the Board on the 9th instant, he had appointed twenty special patrolmen for the 15th inst., and he presented a list of the persons so appointed, which was ordered to be filed.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 23.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no person who was appointed a special

patrolman for the 15th inst. be allowed pay on any other roll, or in any other capacity, for that day.

Adopted.

Screened Gravel.

The TREASURER reported that he had purchased screened gravel for the Parks from the bank known as Kohler's Bank, on the west side of the Hudson River.

The Superintendent of Parks, who was requested to be present, reported that the screened gravel recently delivered from Kohler's bank, was in all respects as good as that formerly purchased from the Roa Hook bank.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the Board approve the screened gravel from Kohler's bank, as suitable for use on the parks.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 667.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore.—3.

No.—Commissioner Martin—1.

Military Parades in Central Park.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the ordinance, No. 4, adopted on the 31st day of March, 1873, forbidding military processions in Central Park, be strictly enforced for the future.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 41.)

Adopted.

Minutes.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to have bound, in convenient form, for the use of the members of the Board, twenty copies of the minutes and documents of

this Board, from May 1st, 1876, to April 30th, 1877, the cost not to exceed one 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 — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Julius Munckwitz, Jr.

The PRESIDENT stated that there was at present a very large amount of drawings to be made by the Superintending Architect, both in connection with the two Museum buildings and the trestle work on Riverside Avenue, and he recommended that the Board appoint Mr. Julius Munckwitz, Jr., a draughtsman in his office, as he had been engaged on that work without pay for several months.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that Mr. Julius Munckwitz, Jr., be appointed a draughtsman in the office of the Superintending Architect, until the further order of the Board, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Berrian Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment list for the work of flagging and laying crosswalk on the west side of Berrian Avenue, from the second angle north of Kingsbridge Road to Isaac Street, as directed by ordinance of November 2, 1876, together with the statement of the amount and cost of the work, and moved that they be signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 703.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Summer Helmet for Police Force.

Commissioner WENMAN presented a sample summer helmet for the police force, and moved that it be adopted as the regulation helmet, and a sufficient number be purchased for the use of the force during the summer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 12:30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Thursday, the 31st May, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, MAY 31st, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d instant were read and approved.

■ The following communications were presented and read :

Lincoln Avenue and 135th Street.

From the Health Department, complaining of the condition of the street gutter at the north-east corner of One hundred and thirty-fifth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Also from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting thereon, and stating that it is necessary to build a receiving basin at the place named in order to remedy the nuisance complained of.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to build a receiving basin at the north-east corner of One hundred and thirty-fifth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Laborers absent.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting the names of laborers who have been absent from work for more than three days.

(Minutes, Feb'y 28, 1877, p. 644.)

Filed.

Geo. W. Robinson.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that during the summer months the engine on Third Avenue Bridge should be attended by an engineer from 5 o'clock A. M. to 9 o'clock P. M., and that in order to do so it will be necessary to appoint an assistant engineer.

From Mr. Fordham Morris, recommending Mr. George W. Robinson for the position of Engineer of the engine on Third Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. George W. Robinson be appointed Assistant Engineer in charge of the steam engine on Third Avenue Bridge, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Drain in 144th Street, 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending

that, until a sewer is constructed in Mott Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, that Mr. W. T. Cushing be allowed to lay a box drain across One hundred and forty-fourth Street diagonally from the north to the south side of the street.

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be given to Mr. W. T. Cushing to lay a box drain in One hundred and forty-fourth Street, opposite his house and diagonally from the north to the south side of the street ; the work to be done at his expense and under the direction and supervision of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, June 21, 1876, p. 134.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that he requires three more inspectors on the work of the Brook Avenue sewer.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1877, p. 17.)

Laid over.

Report of Director of Observatory.

From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, submitting his report for the year 1876, and requesting that 500 copies of it be printed for distribution.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to make requisition on the Board of *City Record* to print five hundred copies of said report for distribution.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Urinal.

From Mr. W. D. A. Manice, protesting against the erection of a urinal at the Sixth Avenue and Thirty-fifth Street park.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1877, p. 17.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. John Paul, requesting permission to set the curb and gutter on the east side of Elton Avenue for fifty feet north from One hundred and fifty-seventh street.

Also from the Engineer in charge of the work of grading said avenue, reporting upon said application, and recommending that it be granted. Also stating that the avenue has been graded for a sidewalk ten feet wide, which was the proper width in Morrisania prior to annexation, and that detached pieces of the curb have been set accordingly, although the sidewalk should be thirteen feet wide if made in conformity with the regulations in force in the city.

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be given to Mr. John Paul to set the curb and gutter on the east side of Elton Avenue for fifty feet north from One hundred and fifty-seventh Street, on his depositing the amount of the Surveyor's fees ; that the work be done under the direction of the Department, and that the sidewalk be ten feet wide.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Central Park Gazette.

From Mr. W. Hazenfrat, requesting permission to distribute free of charge, at the entrances to the Central Park and at the boat-house, copies of a publication to be called the "Central Park Gazette."

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

Adopted.

Lieutenant Corcoran.

From Mr. T. G. Stagg, complaining that Lieutenant Corcoran would not compel a carriage, which was standing on the side of one of the drives in Central Park, to move on while the parade of coaches was passing by, on the 26th inst.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Lieutenant was carrying out the general instructions which he had given him, in order to preserve order and prevent accident on the occasion, in allowing carriages to stand at the side of the drive while the coaches were passing.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that said communication be referred to the President to reply.

Adopted.

J. J. Snow.

From Mr. A. N. Morris, complaining that he purchased a pony from Mr. J. J. Snow, the licensee of the pony service in Central Park, which has not proved to be as good as Mr. Snow represented it to be, and that Mr. Snow will not now take the pony back or return him the amount he paid for it.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Mr. Morris be informed that, inasmuch as the transaction concerning which he complains was a private one, and not had with Mr. Snow in his capacity of a licensee of the Department, the Commissioners cannot entertain the complaint.

Adopted.

Watering Jerome Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards requesting that the rule of allowing only eight hours to laborers, &c. in any one day, be suspended during the time he is watering Jerome Avenue, as it will be necessary for him to employ the watering carts for more hours than allowed each day for the purpose.

(Minutes, January, 31, 1877, p. 591.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said rule be suspended, as regards laborers, &c. employed in watering Jerome Avenue, until and including Saturday, June 16, 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Commissioner WETMORE was, by consent, excused from voting.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., assignees of the Watson Manufacturing Company, contractors for the construction of cases for the Museum of Natural History building, asking for a further payment of \$12,000 on account.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that the contractors for the cases have executed work to the value of \$35,000, and that they have only been paid \$12,000 on account, and recommending that the payment requested be allowed.

(Minutes, March 14, 1877, p. 679.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of said contractors on account and not exceeding \$12,000.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. F. W. Smith, accepting the award of the contract for laying marble and slate tiling in the Museum of Art Building.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 59.)

Filed.

Wilson Crosby.

From Mr. Wilson Crosby, Second Assistant Engineer on Riverside Avenue construction, requesting to be allowed full time for such portion of the present month of May as he was absent on account of sickness, contracted while on the work.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Wilson Crosby be allowed full time and pay, as requested.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Seeds of Chinese Plants.

From Mr. S. W. Williams, presenting the seeds of some rare Chinese plants.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that they be accepted, with the thanks of the Department.

Adopted.

Cornelius Sanford.

From Mr. Cornelius Sanford, applying to be re-employed in the Department.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 55.)

Filed.

American Museum of Natural History.

Messrs. W. A. Haines, Wm. E. Dodge, Jr., Howard Potter, J. M. Constable, and D. J. Steward, a committee from the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, were then received, and stated that their object was to obtain the direction of the Board that the \$30,000 allowed for the maintenance of the Museum they represented, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be distributed in equal shares to said Museums.

(Minutes, January 17, 1877, p. 541.)

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History and also those of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be notified that the Commissioners will receive a committee from each Museum on Wednesday, the 6th June, 1877, at 9.30 o'clock A. M., and hear them on the subject of the apportionment of said sum of \$30,000 between said Museums.

Adopted.

The committee then retired.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Brennan, Wm., plastering.....	Museum of Art...	\$4,508 46
Devlin, Jno. B., repairs to Farmers' Bridge.....	Harlem R. B. Repls., Impt. and M.	147 00
Gates, Church E. & Co., timber.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	20 70
Gildersleeve, W. H., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	29 24
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	62 50

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King, Briggs & Co., rasps.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$5 75
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, road boxes and grates	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	158 20
New, T., roofing.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	47 00
Rogers, H. A., horse nails and steel brooms.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$31 00
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. and Maint.....	5 00
		<hr/> 36 00
Seligman, Henry & Co., disinfectant....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P.....	3 75
Stevens, Wm., spindles.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P.....	4 00
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. and Maint.....	28 85
		<hr/> \$5,051 45

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$136 24
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	178 90
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	180 85
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	47 00
Museum of Art.....	4,508 46
	<hr/> \$5,051 45

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five thousand and fifty-one dollars and forty five cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, May 31st, 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the

above mentioned purchases, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Refreshments in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the application of Mr. C. Ryan, for an extension of his license for supplying refreshments in Central Park, presented and read an agreement which he had prepared, granting Mr. Ryan a new license for five years, from November 1st, 1877, for said purpose.

(Minutes, March 14, 1877, p. 680.)

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the agreement with Mr. C. Ryan, which has been this day presented and read by the President, granting him the license to supply refreshments in Central Park, be approved, that said license be, and hereby is, granted to said C. Ryan for five years, from November 1st, 1877, upon the terms and conditions contained in said agreement, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to sign said agreement, for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Horses.

The TREASURER reported verbally that he had purchased five horses, at an average price of \$175 each, and that he had

arranged with the seller to take the six old and useless horses in exchange, and allow \$125 for them.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 49.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the Treasurer be approved by the Board.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore —4.

\$100 surplus in hands of Disbursing Clerk.

Commissioner WENMAN reported verbally that he had seen the Comptroller upon the subject of the surplus of \$100 in the hands of the Disbursing Clerk, and that the Comptroller, after hearing an explanation of the matter, stated that he would alter his opinion as regards the proper disposition of said sum, and would communicate officially with the Department in relation thereto.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 52.)

Offices for Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WETMORE, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Common Council directing this Department to remove the offices of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reported verbally as follows :

On the 27th December, 1876, this Board adopted a resolution directing the President to hire from Messrs. Valentine & Briggs, during the year 1877, the offices which the Department had occupied during 1876. An agreement was made out in accordance with the directions of the Board, and signed by Messrs. Valentine & Briggs, but the Finance Department having refused to pay the rent for said offices for the last few months of 1876, on the ground that this Department had no power, without the authority of the Common Council, to hire the offices, the President had applied to the Board of Aldermen to pass a resolution authorizing the hiring of the offices

during 1877, before he would sign the agreement. That the Board of Aldermen took no action of said application, but had recently adopted a resolution directing the Department to remove from said offices. That the agreement for hiring said offices from Messrs. Valentine & Briggs has not yet been signed by the President, but the Department has occupied the offices for five months, for which time no rent has yet been paid.

He then moved that it be referred to the President to ascertain and report the legal rights and powers of the Department in the matter.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 52.)

Adopted.

Statue of Mazzini.

The Landscape Architect verbally reported upon the subject of the pedestal for the bust of Mazzini, and recommended that the junction of the drives immediately west of Webster's statue be designated as the site for the bust.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 61.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the site recommended by the Landscape Architect be designated for said bust, and that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to arrange for all details in connection with the erection of said bust, and with power to allow the inscriptions proposed, to remain on the pedestal subject to the order of the Board.

Adopted.

Mowers.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue orders for the employment of twenty mowers, to be given, as far as practicable, to men who have heretofore been employed, by the Department upon such work, and that the pay of such mowers be fixed at \$1.60 per day.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman,
Wetmore—4.

Wm. Cushing.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. William Cushing be, and hereby is, appointed a chainman to act as inspector upon the work of the construction of Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$78 per month.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Watering Jerome Avenue.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail a man to take charge of the engine used for watering Jerome 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 Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

No—Commissioner Wetmore—1.

Base Ball, &c.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the Parks be directed to open the Green and Lawns in Central Park for base ball, croquet, and as a common, on the same terms and conditions prescribed last season.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 97.)

Adopted.

Special Patrolmen.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The following named employés of the Department,

who were appointed, and acted as special patrolmen on the 15th May, 1877, were also employed as, and discharged the duties of, night watchmen on the night of the same day, viz. :

Francis Branigan, Michael R. Halpin, John Holmes, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Reynolds, James Mooney, Dennis Crippins, and Michael Dalton.

Resolved, That they be, and hereby are, allowed pay for their regular duties as night watchmen on the 15th May, 1877, as well as the pay which has already been allowed them as special patrolmen during said day.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 65.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

F. Schrieber.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Frederick Schrieber, skilled laborer, was absent on the 30th April and half of May 1st, 1877, on account of a death in his family, that he had granted him leave of absence on those days, and had notified the Disbursing Clerk to allow him for them, but that he had not been allowed for them. He then moved that the Disbursing Clerk be directed to allow Mr. Frederick Schrieber full time and pay on the next pay-roll for the 30th April and half of May 1st, 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art. C. Vaux.

The PRESIDENT then stated that a bill of Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, for commissions, for plans and superintendence of the Art Museum building had been audited on the 9th May, 1877,

but that he had withheld signing it until the Board had considered what further amount of commissions should be allowed to Mr. Vaux in relation to said building. He then moved that the subject of the amount of the commissions to be allowed Mr. C. Vaux for the plans, specifications, and superintendence of the Museum of Art building be referred to the Auditing Committee to report.

(Minutes, August 4, 1875, p. 181.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 6th June, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 31st of May, 1877, were read and approved.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the Proposals for the construction of a Bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One Hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 20th day of June, 1877, at 9:30 A. M., and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to take action in the meantime upon the issue of bonds for the construction of said Bridge.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 51.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened to the public, and to those of the bidders for the con-

struction of said Bridge who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of said adjournment.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Museum of Natural History.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that Mr. Edward Boote, to whom the contract for laying Encaustic Tiling in the Museum of Natural History building, was awarded, desired to substitute Mr. George W. Bassett, as a surety on his proposal, instead of Mr. Felix J. O'Neil.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 33.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. George W. Bassett, of the Glenham Hotel, in said City, in place of Mr. Felix J. O'Neil, as a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for laying Encaustic Tiling in the Museum of Natural History building, heretofore awarded to Mr. Edward Boote.

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

Ayes. — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Concord Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that the sureties for the original contractor for the regulating of Concord Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, viz., Mr. Richard H. Teller and Mr. Charles H. Watson, had submitted to him a draft agreement, by which they authorized the Department to employ Mr. Green Wright to complete the work, at a price not to exceed the amount unpaid on the original contract.

That he had submitted said agreement to the Counsel to the Corporation, for his advice.

He then presented the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the subject, in which he states :

“ It is very doubtful whether the Park Department has the power to enter into the proposed agreement with Messrs. Teller and Watson.

“ The effect of such agreement would probably be to release them from their obligations as sureties on Mr. Finnegan’s contract, and for this reason, and others set forth in the opinions above mentioned, I still think the best course to be taken is, to procure additional legislation.”

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 721.)

Filed.

Maintenance, &c., Harlem River Bridge, 1878.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board, on the 1st June, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and four dollars and sixteen cents (\$104.16) be, and the same is hereby, transferred from appropriation “Election Expenses,” 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation “Harlem River Bridges—Maintenance and Government of,” 1878, for which it is required.

Filed.

William Leslie.

From Mr. William Leslie, skilled laborer, stating that he has been employed as an axeman, on the work of constructing Riverside Avenue, since March 24th, 1877, but that he has not received any pay since that date.

Also from the Superintending Engineer in charge of Riverside Avenue construction, endorsing Mr. Leslie’s communication, and recommending him for appointment as axeman on said work.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That William Leslie be, and hereby is removed from the position of skilled laborer, from March 24th, 1877, and

that he be, and hereby is appointed from that date an axeman upon the work of constructing and improving Riverside Avenue, and that his pay as such axeman be fixed at \$1.60 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Albert Schwencke.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that Foreman McGovern had returned Albert Schwencke, a gardener in his gang, as absent for three days. That, however, he had made out a supplemental return of time, stating that the Foreman of Gardeners detailed Albert Schwencke to work with Foreman Hodges, and that he was not aware of that fact ; and asking whether he shall allow Albert Schwencke for this time.

The PRESIDENT moved that Albert Schwencke be allowed the time he worked in the gang of Foreman Hodges, to which he was detailed by the Foreman of Gardeners.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Lighting the Lamps on the Gasaliers.

From Mr. J. W. Bartlett, requesting permission to attach an electric apparatus to the gasaliers on Fifth Avenue at Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, for the purpose of lighting same.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that permission be given to Mr. J. W. Bartlett to attach said electric apparatus to the

gasaliers, on condition that he does so at his own expense, and without injury to the property of the Department.

Adopted.

Drain in Courtland Avenue.

From Mr. Wm. Leslie, asking permission to lay an eight-inch drain-pipe from the houses of Mr. Green Wright, across Courtland Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, to the sewer belonging to the School House, situate on said avenue, near Third Avenue.

Also from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reporting favorably on said application.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. Wm. Leslie be granted permission to lay an eight-inch drain-pipe across Courtland Avenue, as requested, provided he obtains the permission of the Commissioners of Education to connect with the sewer leading from the School House, and that he executes the work under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Adopted.

Religious Services on the Parks.

From Rev. Isaac White, requesting permission to hold religious services on Tompkins Square. Also from Mr. Mark L. Winn, asking for permission to hold similar meetings on any of the parks where he may be able to collect an audience.

(Minutes, July 19, 1876, p. 171.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said applications be declined, on the ground that the granting of such privileges is contrary to the rules and usages which have heretofore governed the Department.

Adopted.

Watch House at 3d Avenue Bridge.

From Mr. R. C. Campbell and Mr. O. P. Raynor, petitioning to have the watch-house on the the easterly side of Third Avenue bridge, and near the south end of the bridge, removed, as it is now unused and creates a nuisance in front of their premises.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for his report.

Sewer in 3d Avenue, 23d Ward.

From Mr. Geo. C. Goeller, forwarding a petition of the owners of property and taxpayers on the line of Third Avenue, from One hundred and forty-fifth Street to One hundred and forty-third Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, requesting that a sewer be constructed in that part of Third Avenue, at as early a date as possible.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 57.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the plans and specifications presented on the 23d day of May last, by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, for a sewer in Third Avenue, from One hundred and forty-third Street to One hundred and forty-sixth Street, and in a portion of the adjacent street, be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for said work.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

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Washington Square.

From Mr. J. C. Fox, requesting that an additional patrolman be stationed in Washington Square after 4 o'clock P. M.

Filed.

Edward G. Tully.

From Mr. Edward G. Tully, applying for a position on the police force.

Filed.

Construction of Drains in 24th Ward.

From Mr. Jeremiah Crowley, declining the award of the contract made to him, for the construction of drains in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 29.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that the Secretary be directed to re-advertise for proposals for said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Washington Avenue, 24th Ward.

From Mr. R. H. Shannon, requesting that Washington Avenue, from Morris Street to Fordham Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, be graded or filled up.

Filed.

Geo. W. Robinson.

From the Police Department, stating that a certificate has been granted to Mr. Geo. W. Robinson, as an engineer to take charge of the steam engine at Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem River.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 70.)

Filed.

Mount Morris Square.

From George P. Nelson, complaining of the conduct

of people frequenting Mount Morris Square, and requesting that a stricter police supervision be enforced, especially in the evening.

Also from Mr. W. Dunning, making the same representations and request.

Also from Mr. E. R. Butler, stating that the flowers and grass are being stolen from Mount Morris Square, and recommending that the police supervision be increased in the Square at night.

Filed.

Special Patrolmen.

The PRESIDENT then moved that eight special patrolmen be appointed by the Board for general duty on all the Parks, either day or night, as may be required, until October 1st, 1877, and that their pay be fixed at \$2.60 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Wool.

From the Disbursing Clerk, reporting that there is on hand one hundred and twenty-six fleeces of unwashed wool, weighing about nine hundred pounds.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to sell said wool at public auction.

Adopted.

Hack Stand on Madison Square.

From Mr. Frank Work, complaining that the hack stand on Twenty-sixth Street, at Madison Square, is a serious inconvenience and annoyance to the property owners whose houses front on the north side of Madison Square.

Referred to the President to examine and report.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.
American Museum of Natural History.

The Committees of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History were then received. Mr. John T. Johnston, President of the former, and Mr. W. A. Haines, on behalf of the latter, stated that the Committees had agreed to recommend the Department to give to the Metropolitan Museum of Art \$16,000, and to the American Museum of Natural History \$14,000, of the \$30,000 appropriated for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections of said museums this year.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 76.)

The Committees then retired.

The PRESIDENT then moved that said sum of \$30,000 be apportioned between said museums, in the amounts recommended by said committees.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Butcher & Butler, plumbing.....	Museum of Nat.	
	History	\$820 00
Crombie, Thos. J., Lumber... ..	Maint. and Gov't.	
	P. and P.....	\$111 10
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund	50 00
	Maint. etc., 23d	
	and 24th Wards,	169 50
		330 60

Early & Lane, brushes and brooms.....	Maint. and Gov't.		
	P. and P.....		23 00
Gordon, Robt., Act'g Treas., expenses			
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Gov't.		
	P. and P.....		1,698 75
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Gov't.		
	P. and P.....	82 03	
	Maint., etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards.	18 37	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	1 60	
		<hr/>	102 00
Lester Oil Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	52 20	
	Harlem R. B. Re-		
	pairs, Impt. and		
	Maint.....	31 50	
		<hr/>	83 70
Mullane, John, horses.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		750 00
Reeves, Robt. C, mower parts.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		62 64
Rogers, H. A., screws, locks, cups, etc...	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		26 64
Watson Mfg. Co., cases.....	Museum of Nat.		
	History.....		12,000 00
Wilson, Saunders, services.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		50 00
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			<u>\$15,947 33</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,856 36
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	51 60
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	187 87
Harlem River Bridge, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	31 50
Museum of Natural History.....	12,820 00
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	<u>\$15,947 33</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars and thirty-three cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.	CR.	
May 16. By balance.....		\$227 00
May 16 } to } June 6. }	" cash rec'd from license, grass and pound...	585 32
		\$812 32

	DR.	
May 16 } to } June 6. }	To cash paid on ac. Harlem river improvem't. " " to City Treasury.	\$22 00 359 27
June 6. " balance.....		431 05
		\$812 32
Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....		\$205 00
" drawer.....		226 05
		\$431 05

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, June 6, 1877, 9.30 A. M.

Ellen Donnelly. Johanna Singleton.

The PRESIDENT moved that Miss Ellen Donnelly be appointed a lady's maid in place of Mrs. Mary Barry, deceased ; that her pay be fixed at \$1.50 per day, and that the temporary employment of Mrs. Johannah Singleton as a lady's maid be, and hereby is, discontinued.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 48.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

By-Laws.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Commissioner Stebbins be appointed a committee of one to report (at our next meeting) an alteration of our by-laws, conforming to the preambles and resolutions adopted by the Board at its meeting held February 28th, 1877.

(Minutes, February 28th, 1877, p. 644.)

Adopted.

Mowers.

The TREASURER reported that he had issued orders to twenty mowers as directed by the Board.

(Minutes, May 31st, 1877, p. 80.)

Boys to hold and water horses in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that William Galvin, who was licensed to hold and water horses in Central Park on the 25th April last, has not presented himself, and he moved that his license be revoked, and that James E. Keys be licensed in his place.

(Minutes, April 25th, 1877, p. 783.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 13th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Reservoir Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following preambles and resolution, which were approved by his Hon. the Mayor on the 8th instant :

Whereas, It is unquestionably the duty of the authorities to keep open, for the uses of our citizens and strangers, the public parks and places in the city, during all reasonable hours of the day and night, and especially so in the evening during the summer nights, when they are resorted to by the workingmen and their families, to enjoy relaxation and rest after the labors of the day ; and

Whereas, It has been and is now the custom of the Department of Public Parks, who are by law entrusted with the management and control of such public places, to close and lock the gates of Reservoir Square, at seven o'clock every evening, thereby depriving those of our people who labor every day, and who need the use thereof the most, of the opportunity of obtaining the benefits and enjoyment of visiting the said square after their daily toil ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, required and directed to keep Reservoir Square open until 12 m. every night, and properly light the same, from the first of May to the first of November in each year, and until 9 p. m. during the other months of the year.

The President reported that the Reservoir Square had been opened, on or about June 1st, until 11 o'clock, p. m., as has

been the custom of the Department. That it is not absolutely necessary, in the summer time, to light the lamps in the interior of the square, and that the appropriations made to the Department this year are not sufficient to enable the Department to incur such an expense.

He then moved that said communication be filed, and that he be authorized to reply to the Board of Aldermen.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From the Comptroller of the City, returning the proposal of Mr. F. W. Smith for laying the tiling of the floors in the Museum of Art building, without his approval of the sureties, as he is not satisfied as to the "adequacy and sufficiency" of Mr. Henry Parry, one of the sureties proposed.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 59.)

Filed.

Union Square. City Hall Park.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting permission to erect ten large fire-hydrants on the sidewalks adjoining Union Square, and eight on the westerly sidewalk of City Hall Park.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the permission requested be granted on the following conditions :

First.—That the location of the hydrants shall be approved by the President of the Department.

Second.—That the work of placing the hydrants on the sidewalks shall be executed under the supervision of the Department of Parks.

Third.—That the Department of Public Works repair all injury which may be done to the sidewalks, &c.

Adopted.

Watchhouse at Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the watchhouse on Third Avenue bridge is used to store the implements, &c., used in cleaning and taking care of the bridge, and as a shelter for the bridge-keeper in stormy weather. That he had carefully examined the bridge, and that he cannot find a less objectionable or better site for the house than where it is at present.

(Minutes, June 6th, 1877, p. 90.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that Messrs. Campbell and Raynor, who had requested the removal of the house, be informed of the facts stated by the Superintendent of Parks.

Adopted.

Cutting grass on Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that several persons had offered to cut and mow the grass on Central Park, if allowed to remove it for their own use.

Filed.

From Sister Hyacintha, Superioress of the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, requesting the Department to give the Asylum three or four loads of grass each week.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said application be refused, for the reason that the proceeds of all property disposed of is by law directed to be deposited in the City Treasury.

Adopted.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

Othniel F. Nichols, Philanzo Edick, and James Chamberlain.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that he found it necessary to confine the inspection of Brook Avenue sewer by Mr. Lewis K. Osborn, to one particular class of work, and requesting that additional inspectors be appointed as soon as possible.

(Minutes, March 14, 1877, p. 685.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Othniel F. Nichols be, and he hereby is, appointed an assistant engineer on the work of constructing Brook Avenue sewer ; and that Philanzo Edick and James Chamberlain be, and they hereby are, appointed inspectors upon the same work, and that the pay of each of the aforesaid persons so appointed be fixed at \$4 per day.

(Minutes, March 28th, 1877, p. 708.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore.—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins.—1.

Watering Jerome Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards requesting that a second man be detailed to him from the parks to take charge of the extra steam pump used in watering Jerome Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had directed the Superintendent of Parks on the 12th inst, to detail a man for five days as requested by the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 81.)

Adopted.

A. V. Abbott, Riverside Avenue.

From the Superintending Engineer of the construction of Riverside Avenue forwarding the resignation of Mr. Arthur V. Abbott, as a chainman on said work, and requesting that the vacancies in his corps be filled.

(Minutes, December 20, 1876, p. 487.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the resignation of Mr. Arthur V. Abbott be accepted, and that action on appoint-

ments to fill the vacancies in the Engineering Corps on Riverside Avenue be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

Philip Loeffel, Post Keeper.

From the Lieutenant, reporting that Philip Loeffel, Post Keeper, has lost the power of speech, and is unfit to perform duty as a policeman.

(Minutes, April 30, 1875, p. 690.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to Commissioner Wenman, to examine and report.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that it is necessary that an order should be given to furnish and set up corrugated iron arches, including lathing for ceilings, and concrete filling, for eight stair landings in the Museum of Art; the estimated cost of which he states is \$384.

Endorsed on said communication is the following :

“ Approved for Trustees of Metropolitan Museum of Art.

(Signed) “ THEODORE WESTON,

“ June 6th, 1877.”

The PRESIDENT moved that the work recommended be directed to be executed, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. George Fuchs, requesting permission to set curb

and gutter stones in front of his property, on the west side of Elton Avenue, for fifty feet, north from One hundred and fifty-seventh Street.

Also from the Engineer in charge of the work of regulating, &c., Elton Avenue, recommending that the permission be granted, on Mr. Fuchs' depositing the amount of the Surveyor's fees.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 72.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested by Mr. George Fuchs be granted on the following conditions, viz. :

First.—That he deposit with the Department the sum of \$1.50, the amount of the Surveyor's fees.

Second.—That the work be executed at the cost and expense of Mr. Fuchs, and under the supervision of the Department.

Adopted.

Base Ball on Central Park.

From Mr. N. Laird and eight other employés of Messrs. Lord & Taylor, requesting permission to play base ball on Central Park.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Mr. Laird and the others applying for the permission be informed that the rules of the Department restrict the use of the ball grounds in Central Park to school boys under the age of sixteen years.

Adopted.

152d Street.

From Mr. Henry Haffen, requesting permission to lay a six-inch sewer pipe, from his house, at the northwest corner of One hundred and fifty-second Street and Courtland Avenue, to connect with the private sewer pipe in One hundred and fifty-second Street, 150 feet east of Courtland Avenue.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that the permission be granted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested by Mr. Henry Haffen be granted upon the following conditions, viz. :

First.—The work is executed in accordance with the instructions of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and to his satisfaction.

Second.—That the sewer-pipe shall be only allowed to remain until a proper sewer is constructed in Courtland Avenue.

Adopted.

Mr. C. Seitz.

From Mr. C. Seitz, complaining of the conduct of the police officer who arrested him on Sunday, the 10th inst, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the alleged violation of the ordinances of the park, in having a dog therein running at large, and also complaining of the conduct of the Sergeant before whom the officer took him.

Referred to the President to examine and report.

East River Parks.

From Mr. Jacob Seabold, Jr., inviting the Commissioners of the Department to a dinner, at East River Parks, on this afternoon.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of said invitation.

Adopted.

Patrick Campbell, laborer.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that Patrick Campbell, a laborer, was obliged to leave work on the 21st day of last May, on account of sickness, and that he is now desirous to be restored.

The PRESIDENT moved that said Patrick Campbell be restored as a laborer.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

James C. Carlyle.

From Mr. James C. Carlyle, requesting permission to place a weighing machine in the Central Park.

Also from his Honor the Mayor, strongly recommending the application of Mr. Carlyle.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the application to place the weighing machine in the Central Park be refused, on the ground that it is contrary to ordinances and rules of the Department; but that it be referred to the President with power to grant Mr. Carlyle permission to place his weighing machine on some convenient position outside of the Central Park, and within the jurisdiction of the Department.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$47 87
Dodsworth, Band Music.	Music, Central Park.	275 00
DeGraw, Aymer & Co., rope,.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	5 60
Foster & Co., meat and vegetables, May.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	236 65

Grafulla, C. S., music	Music Central Park	\$275 00
Gildersleeve, W. H., bread, May.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	57 69
Halpin Bros., plumbing.....	Museum of Art	1,423 13
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	25 85
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron, valves, and elbows.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	1 32
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P... ..	60 00
Decker, Nich. H., and Geo. W. Quintard, materials and labor.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave.	15,392 06
Morgan, J. Pierpont, expenses Mus. N. H.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	735 16
Scott, D., fish, May.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P....	20 15
Therburn, Geo. & Co., spar.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	7 00
Wheatly R. R., oats	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	25 60
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		\$18,588 08
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,149 42
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	25 60
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	47 87
Music in Central Park	550 00
Museum of Art	1,423 13
Improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue.....	15,392 06
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	\$18,588 08

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred and eighty-eight $\frac{08}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, June 13th, 1877.

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

Jones, Chas. and Thos. P. McQuade, sewer. . Brook Av. Sewer. 7,725 19

————— \$7,725 19

Amounting to the sum of seventy-seven hundred and twenty-five dollars and nineteen cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, }
JAS. F. WENMAN. } *Auditing*
Committee.

New York, June 13, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman
Wetmore—4.

Hack Stand on Madison Square.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Frank Work, complaining of the hack stand on Twenty-sixth street, on the north side of Madison Square, verbally reported that the Common Council had designated that location as a hack stand, and that the Mayor's Marshal had issued permits for the hacks to stand there.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 92.)

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to advise the Department whether the Common Council has authority to designate a hack stand on the public streets within 350 feet of the outer boundaries of the public parks and places.

Adopted.

Sewer in Mott Avenue.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Henry L. Morris and others for permission to construct a sewer in Mott Avenue, verbally reported in favor of granting the permission, and he submitted a letter from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, in which he states that urgent necessity exists for said sewer; that the water pipes have been laid in the avenue and the houses have been connected with them, but that there are no means of disposing of the water from the house drains.

The PRESIDENT then submitted plans and specifications for said sewer, prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, the estimated cost of the construction being \$15,000.

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 761.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the permission requested by Mr. Henry L. Morris and others be granted, on the following conditions, viz.:

First.—That Mr. Morris and the other petitioners deposit with the Department the amount of the Surveyor's fees.

Second.—That the work is executed in accordance with the specifications and plans submitted by the President, and under the supervision of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Mr. Wm. T. Cushing, one of the petitioners for said sewer, was then received, and explained that they did not desire to construct the sewer themselves, but that the Department would construct it in the usual manner, and have the cost of it assessed on their property.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved to reconsider the motion granting permission to Mr. Henry L. Morris and others to construct a sewer in Mott Avenue.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution as a substitute for said motion :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications for a sewer in Mott Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, this day submitted to the Board, be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Horses.

Commissioner WENMAN stated that it was necessary to purchase three horses for use on the parks, and he moved that their purchase be authorized at cost not exceeding \$525.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877. p. 78.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Blacksmith and Harnessmaker, 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated, the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards frequently required the services of a blacksmith, and also of a harnessmaker, but that he had not enough of work to justify the employment of either permanently. He then moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders from time to time, as occasion may require, for

the services of a blacksmith and a harnessmaker in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Morse Statue.

Mr. M. J. Power was then received, and requested permission to take down the statue of Morse, in Central Park, and to clean and re-bronze it, and to reduce the width of the plinth, at his own expense.

He also requested that if he be granted permission, that the Department would have a corresponding reduction made in the width of the die of the pedestal.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject of Mr. Power's request be referred to the Landscape Architect to report to the President, and if he should report in favor of giving the permission asked, that the President be authorized to grant the permission, and direct the width of the die of the pedestal to be reduced.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 20th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th inst. were read and approved.

Bridge over Harlem River.
Construction of Drains in the 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 27th day of June, 1877, at 9.30 A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 85.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the Comptroller of the City entered, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department announced to those present and to those of the bidders who desired to be present, that the opening of the proposals for the construction of the iron bridge over Harlem River, at the intersection of Madi-

son Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, was adjourned until Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 9.30 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Department, 36 Union Square, New York city.

He then, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the construction of drains in the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, bounded on the north by Fordham and Pelham Avenues, on the east by the Southern Boulevard, on the south by the Kingsbridge Road, and on the west by Arthur Street.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 91.)

The following proposals were received :

No.	NAMES OF BIDDERS.	Per cubic yard for earth excavation. Estimated quantity, 7,000 c. y.	Per cubic yard for rock excavation. Estimated quantity, 100 c. y.	Per linear foot for open drains. Estimated quantity, 1,880 feet.	Per linear foot for covered drains. Estimated quantity, 2,230 feet.	Per linear foot for blind drains. Estimated quantity, 2,200 feet.	Number of days, at \$3 per day.	TOTALS.
1	Jeremiah McCarthy.....	\$0.30	\$1 50	\$1 20	\$2 00	\$0 30	100	\$9,938 00
2	John Flanagan.....	.26	2 00	1 46	1 37	.67	90	9,578 50
3	Michael Sheridan.....	.32	1 50	1 47	2 00	.45	40	10,738 30
4	John McKim.....	.20	2 25	1 44	1 56	.30	....	8,485 40
5	John Satterlee.....	.30	2 00	.60	1 10	1 00	30	8,177 00
6	Patrick Farley.....	.25	2 00	1 20	1 70	.32	120	9,073 00
7	Wm. Coogan.....	.20	2 00	.75	1 20	.50	65	6,988 50
8	Michael Noonan.....	.12	.50	.50	1 75	.20	30	6,267 50
9	E. K. Baldwin & H. Kennedy.	.25	1 25	2 00	2 40	.45	90	12,267 00
10	James J. Jones.....	.18	.0½	1 00	1 30	.20	15	6,534 50
11	John B. Devlin.....	.16	5 00	.99	1 48	.26	20	7,423 50
12	John B. Healy.....	.31	1 00	1 13	1 75	.25	71	9,071 20
13	Francis McCabe.....	.29	1 00	1 17	1 67	.37	75	9,104 40
14	Edward Bradburn.....	.17	2 00	.95	1 14	.28	40	6,463 70

The Comptroller, the bidders and others who were present, then retired.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Construction of Drains in 24th Ward.

From the Comptroller of the city, recommending that, before the proposals for the construction of drains in the 24th Ward are opened, Mr. Jeremiah Crowley and his proposed sureties be notified of the determination of the Department to relet the work on account of Mr. Crowley's refusal to execute the contract, and that they will be strictly held for any excess which the city may be obliged to pay for executing the work beyond the amount of the contract based on the prices in Mr. Crowley's proposal.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 91.)

The PRESIDENT stated that such notice had been sent to Mr. Crowley and his proposed sureties, and moved that the communication be filed.

Adopted.

Unpaid Bills of 1874 and 1875.

From the Comptroller of the city, with a statement of certain bills transmitted by the Department to the Finance Department during the years 1874 and 1875, and which remain unpaid.

Referred to the President to report.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting plans and specifications for a building to be attached to the Museum of Natural History, to which to remove the closets from the exhibition rooms, and estimating the cost of the various works connected therewith as follows :

Mason work.....	\$920
Carpenter work.....	980
Plumbing work.....	750

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 34.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the plans and specifications presented by the Superintending Architect be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for said several works in accordance therewith.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Central Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that at this season of the year one or two extra laborers are required on Central Bridge, and recommending that the place of watchman on the bridge, lately occupied by Cornelius Sanford, be filled by a man who would also assist in turning and raising the bridge when required.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail a laborer from the parks for duty on Central Bridge.

Adopted.

Statue of Fitz-Greene Halleck.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the pedestal on which the statue of Fitz-Greene Halleck was placed on the 15th May last is only a temporary one made of wood.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 41.)

Filed.

Foreman Flanagan.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding an application from Foreman Flanagan, asking to be allowed full time for three days during which he was absent on account of sickness.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Foreman Flanagan be allowed full time and pay for the three days he was absent on account of sickness, as requested.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Thos. Trainor, Lawrence Connors.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that Thomas Trainor and Lawrence Connors, laborers, had been absent for more than three days on account of sickness ; that they now desired to be restored ; and recommending them as good workmen.

The PRESIDENT moved that Thomas Trainor and Lawrence Connors, laborers, be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Sheep.

From the Director of the Menagerie, reporting the number of sheep and lambs on Central Park, which he recommends to be sold.

Filed.

Employés Watering Jerome Avenue and on Steam Roller.

From the Disbursing Clerk, reporting that he had not allowed S. H. Barton five days' time, for which he was returned by the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth

Wards, for the reasons : that he is a laborer on the parks, and has not been transferred to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards ; that his time has been returned for the same days by the foreman of his gang on the parks, and that he has not been promoted from laborer to steam engineer.

Also reporting that he had not allowed the time of H. R. Searing, steam engineer, and Henry Reilly, steersman.

Also reporting that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards has returned George W. Robinson, assistant steam engineer on the Third Avenue Bridge, for four days (40 hours) for the month of June.

The PRESIDENT stated that S. H. Barton was one of the men detailed by the Superintendent of Parks to assist in taking charge of the steam engine for watering Jerome Avenue, as heretofore ordered by the Board. That the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, returned his time direct to the Disbursing Clerk in place of through the Superintendent of Parks, on the foreman's books, and consequently his time was returned twice.

That H. R. Searing, steam engineer, Henry Reilly, steersman and watchman, and John Meehan, night watchman, had been duly appointed by order of the Board on the following dates, viz. : December 15, 1876, and March 7, 1877 ; to be employed by the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, when required for the steam roller, borrowed from the Department of Public Works.

That he (the President) had detailed George W. Robinson, assistant steam engineer, for a few days in May and the beginning of June, to assist in the watering of Jerome Avenue until the men directed by the Board to be detailed from the parks had reported to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT then moved that S. H. Barton be paid on the pay-roll of laborers on the parks, and not on the pay-roll of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. That H. R. Searing, steam engineer, Henry Reilly, steersman and watchman, and John Meehan, night watchman, be placed on the pay-roll of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and paid for the work they had performed at the rates heretofore fixed by the Board; and that his action in detailing George W. Robinson, assistant steam engineer, to assist in the work of watering Jerome Avenue for the few days in May and June, be approved.

(Minutes, December 15, 1876, March 7th and May 31, 1877, pp. 465, 659 and 81.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the employment of H. R. Searing, steam engineer, Henry Reilly, steersman and watchman, and John Meehan, night watchman, be continued until and including Wednesday, the 27th inst., and that Commissioner Wenman be requested to consult with the Commissioner of Public Works with reference to the engineer, to be employed in working and taking care of the steam roller used in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and which this Department has borrowed from the Department of Public Works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Ellen Donnelly.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that Ellen Donnelly, ladies' maid, appears for the first time on the laborers' pay roll, ending June 16th, 1877, but that she had not been assigned to duty by him.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 96.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt and Mr. William A. Haines, the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that

54 settees, 6 feet 4 inches long,

12 " 6 feet 6 inches long,

like the sample now in the Museum of Natural History, be substituted instead of the settees heretofore ordered for the exhibition halls of the Museum of Natural History, and at a cost not exceeding \$950.

(Minutes, Feb'y 28, 1877, p. 637.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the purchase of the settees recommended by Messrs. Roosevelt and Haines instead of those formerly ordered.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Improvement of the Parks.

From Mr. O. P. Hubbard, Recording Secretary of the New York Academy of Sciences, forwarding copies of certain resolutions adopted by a committee of said academy, suggesting

methods by which the public parks of New York could be made more useful to the citizens.

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. John Harnisch, requesting permission to set curb and gutter stones on the east side of Elton Avenue for thirty feet opposite his property, and enclosing \$1 for the surveyor's fees.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 103.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested by Mr. John Harnisch be granted, on condition that the work be executed under the supervision of the Department.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

151st Street, 23d Ward.

From Mr. John G. Gent, requesting to be paid the sum of \$263.15, which he alleges is due to him for certain work which he did in connection with the grading, &c., of One hundred and fifty-first Street, for which he was the contractor, and which work he states the engineer in charge directed him to do, although it was not called for by his contract.

(Minutes, January 29, 1875, p. 483.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Stand on the Battery.

From Mr. Michael Joyce, requesting permission to erect a fancy fruit and soda water stand on the Battery.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be refused.

Adopted.

Claremont Hotel.

From Mr. B. F. Lynch, offering \$10 per month rent for Claremont Hotel on Riverside Park.

Filed.

Grass on Riverside Park.

From Mr. Bernard F. Lynch, offering \$10 for the privilege of mowing, and taking away for his own use, the grass on Riverside Park, from One hundred and twenty-second Street to One hundred and twenty-fifth Street.

Filed.

John A. Williamson.

From Mr. John A. Williamson, applying for a position on the police force.

Filed.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the flooring of the Third Avenue Bridge is in a dangerous condition, all the planks on the upper course being worn very thin, and in some places entirely through. Also submitting specifications for laying a new floor, and estimating that the cost of the work will exceed \$1,000.

(Minutes, April 30, 1875, p. 684).

The PRESIDENT then moved that the specifications for said work be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Landscape Architect and Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting plans for laying out the roads, &c., in the following districts in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, viz. :

1. The central district, lying east of Jerome Avenue and west of Third Avenue and the Harlem Railroad, and extending from One hundred and sixty-fifth Street to Woodlawn Cemetery.

2. The Hunt's Point district, lying south and east of the Boston Road and the Port Morris Branch Railroad.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 56.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said plans be publicly exhibited in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer for a reasonable time; that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to notify all known owners of property in said districts, inviting them to examine said plans; and that then the said owners of property be notified to attend before the Board, when they will be heard in relation to the adoption of said plans.

Adopted.

Drinking Fountain at 6th Avenue Park, 35th Street.

From Mr. J. W. Fiske, making application, on behalf of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, for permission to erect, at her expense, a drinking fountain at the Park bounded by Sixth Avenue, Broadway and Thirty-fifth Street.

(Minutes, May 23d 1877, p. 60)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be granted, and that it be referred to the Landscape Architect to designate the location on the park for the erection of the fountain.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Zoological Garden.

From Mr. L. R. Mestaniz, submitting printed copies of his communications to the Board on the subject of the establishment of a Zoological Garden in the Parks.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 779.)

Filed.

Applications for employment.

The following applications for employment were received and ordered to be filed, viz. :

- From Mr. D. O'Donohue, on behalf of John Shea.
- From Mr. Samuel Holmes, on behalf of Timothy O'Leary.
- From T. N. Nash, on behalf of John M. Nash.
- From Mr. Morris Keane, on behalf of himself.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report .

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

Central Gas Light Co., gas, May.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. & M.	\$60 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Int. & M., Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$291 28 39 52
		<hr/> 330 80
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	61 40

John B. Devlin, gravel.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$478	08
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	9	00
		<hr/>	\$487 08
Donaldson, T. & Son, globes, lamps, &c.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$66	62
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Impt. &		
	M.....	5	94
		<hr/>	72 56
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music, Cent'l Park,		275 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., ticking and hair.	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		5 10
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$12	50
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Impt. and		
	M.....	50	00
		<hr/>	62 50
<i>Journal of Commerce</i> , year's subscription	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		12 00
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		10 05
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing			
materials.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$12	35
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Impt. &		
	M.....	23	10
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	1	40
		<hr/>	36 85
Mulholland, John, assignee, filling	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund....		998 56
N Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., gas,			
May.....	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.....		184 88
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, May..	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.....		303 75
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, May.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		331 50

Reeves, Robt. C. scythes and mowers, parts.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$27 70
Rogers, H. A., brooms, nails, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	\$28 00
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & M.....	15 75
		43 75
Tysen, David J. Jr., turnips and cabbage	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	326 25
Van Riper, Chas., wrench, oils and paints	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	9 60
Westerfield, Cornelius, labor....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards ...	18 00
		\$3,657 43

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,848 40
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	26 60
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements and Main- tenance.....	446 07
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,061 36
Music—Central Park.....	275 00
	\$3,657 43

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-six hundred and fifty-seven dollars and forty-three cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
" JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, June 20th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
June 6.	By balance		\$431 05
June 6	} " cash received from license.....		910 38
to June 20.			
			\$1,341 43
DR.			
June 6	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		1,136 43
to June 20.			
June 20.	To balance		\$205 00
			\$1,341 43

DR.

Cash in Bank of Metropolis..... \$205 00

(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, June 20, 1877.

9.30 A. M.

Timothy Dinan.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Timothy Dinan be appointed a laborer, and assigned to take care of the Swans, and other wild fowl, on the Lakes in Central Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Seats and Settees on the Parks.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Superintendent of

Parks be directed to report upon the condition of the seats and settees on the Parks, and to give an estimate of the cost of any new one which may be required.

Adopted.

Fountain in Madison Square.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to complete and finish the Fountain in Madison Square.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Philip Loeffel.

Commissioner WENMAN reported that he had examined Philip Loeffel, Post Keeper, and found him in a condition unfit for duty at present. That he has lost his power of speech, and that his hearing is also greatly affected. That he has been connected with the Police force for many years, and has a good character as an officer.

He then moved that he be granted leave of absence for thirty days, with pay.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 103.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Lighting Lamps.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders

to the Metropolitan Gas Light Company, and the Central Gas Light Company, to light the lamps on the Park Avenue Parks, and on the east side of the Third Avenue and Central Bridge, respectively, for the remainder of the year.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 34.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th inst. were read and approved.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT stated that at the request of the Comptroller of the city, three of the Commissioners had accompanied the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 26th instant to examine the location designated for the proposed bridge over Harlem River at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 11th day of July, 1877, at 9.30 A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, June 20th, 1877, p. 113.)

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

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened to the public, and to those of the bidders for the construction of said bridge who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of said adjournment.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Museum of Art.

From the Comptroller of the city, approving of the sureties of Mr. F. W. Smith, to whom the contract for tiling the Museum of Art was awarded.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 100.)

The PRESIDENT stated that although the Comptroller had at first refused to approve of Mr. Henry Perry, one of the sureties, he had subsequently requested that the proposal be returned to him, and that he had now approved of both sureties. He then moved that the communication be filed.

Adopted.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution adopted by that Board on the 15th June, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be requested to inform this Board whether any action has been taken to acquire the land at the termini of the bridge proposed to be built across the Harlem River, at or near the foot of One hundred and thirty-eighth Street.

The PRESIDENT then presented a communication which he had received from Mr. John H. Cheever, offering to cede to the city the right to build the approach to the bridge on One

hundred and thirty-eighth Street on the east side of Harlem River, on the condition that his property be not assessed for the cost of the construction of the approach.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said communications be filed, and that the President be requested to reply to the resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adopted.

Inspection of Boilers.

From the Police Department, certifying to the inspection of the steam boilers attached to the portable Baxter engine and steam roller at present being used in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Filed.

Christopher Street Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the greater part of the curb stones round Christopher Street Park require to be taken up and replaced with new curb stones, and the old stones used as gutter stones.

That a portion of the flagging on the sidewalks also require to be relaid and in some places replaced with new stones.

That the whole cost of these repairs would not exceed \$220.

Laid over.

City Hall Park Fountain.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that a new upright supply pipe, with couplings, is required for the large fountain in City Hall Park. That the cost of making the repairs will be from \$150 to \$200.

Commissioner WENMAN stated that he had seen the Commissioner of Public Works in relation to the supply of water to enable the fountain to be used, and he was informed by him that the engineers in his department reported that there

is now a sufficient head of water at City Hall Park to enable the fountain to play, and that if it were found that there was not, he would have measures taken to increase the supply of water.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the fountain repaired as soon as possible.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Seats and Settees on the Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the condition of the seats and settees on the parks, and giving an estimate of the cost of new seats.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 127.)

Laid over.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, reported that a number of the galvanized iron leaders which are built into the walls of the Museum of Art building were broken last winter through the action of the frost, and therefore had to be removed by the contractor for the iron work and replaced by new leaders. That, in removing the leaders, it was necessary to cut openings into the walls, which have now to be built up again, and as there is no provision in the iron contractor's contract for this work, it is necessary that an order be given to a mason to do it. That the estimated cost of the work is from \$80 to \$100.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, stating that as the breaking of the leaders can be clearly traced to the delay in proceeding

with the work during the summer of last year, which delay was forced on all the contractors by the Department, at the instance of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who desired some more blasting to be done in the central hall. That consequently the Department should now give an order to have the openings in the walls closed.

Also from Mr. Theodore Weston, on behalf of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating that he regards the necessity which has arisen as following upon the delays on the part of the iron contractor, and that the expense of the work should be charged to him.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the subject of ordering said work be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Watering Jerome Avenue.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that he was informed by the Secretary of the Jerome Park Association that there would be an extra race day on Saturday, the 23d June, and requesting permission to water Jerome Avenue on the 22d and 23d insts. ; that an extra man be detailed for the steam engine, and that he be allowed to work the laborers, &c., employed on the work extra time for those two days.

Also from the Disbursing Clerk, reporting that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards had allowed extra time to certain laborers on the 23d inst.

The PRESIDENT stated that as there was no meeting of the Board in time to act on the application of the Superintendent

of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards he had given him the authority requested in his communication, and directed the Superintendent of Parks to detail a man for the steam engine.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the President in the matter be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Laborers whose Pay has been deducted.

From the Disbursing Clerk, giving a statement of the amount which had been deducted from the laborers' pay-rolls from April 7th, 1877, to date, and the names of the laborers, &c., to whom same is due.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 773.)

Referred to the President.

Brown Hyenas.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that there are at present exhibited in the Menagerie a pair of brown hyenas, belonging to Messrs. C. Reiche & Brother, which are the first of the species ever brought to this country ; that they would be a great acquisition to the Menagerie, and can be purchased for \$500.

Filed.

Leave of Absence for Summer Vacation.

From Mr. Samuel E. Warren, Draughtsman, requesting leave of absence for summer vacation.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject of granting

leave of absence for summer vacation to the employés of the Department be referred to the President with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Carriage Waiting-House, 59th Street and 8th Avenue.

From Mr. A. S. Clapp, Licensee of the Carriage Service on Central Park, recommending that the carriage waiting-house, situate at Merchants' Gate, Fifty-ninth Street and Eighth Avenue, be removed to a point between the two drives, the expense of which he will pay, if credited with it on account of his license fee.

Endorsed on said communication is the approval of the recommendation by the Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT then moved that said carriage waiting-house be removed by Mr. A. S. Clapp, the Carriage Licensee, to a point between the two drives near Merchants' Gate, which shall be designated by the Landscape Architect, that the work be executed under the supervision and direction of the Superintendent of Parks, and that the cost thereof be credited to Mr. Clapp, on account of his license fee, in accordance with the terms of his license.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, asking

for a payment of \$1,200, on account of their contract for the heating and ventilating work of the Museum of Art.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 21.)

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Complaint against a Police Officer.

From Mr. A. H. Little, complaining of the conduct of a police officer, who took a bouquet of flowers from his wife on the 17th instant, when she was leaving the Central Park, at Seventh Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street Gate.

Referred to the President to examine.

New Yorker Schutzen Corps.

From Mr. B. H. Tienken, Secretary of the New Yorker Schutzen Corps, inviting the Commissioners of the Department to the annual festival of the corps, to be held on the 25th, 26th and 27th instants.

Commissiioner WENMAN moved that the Secretary be directed to acknowledge said invitation.

Adopted.

Velocipedes on Central Park.

From Messrs. Crandall & Co., requesting permission to place velocipedes for children in Central Park.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the request be refused.

Adopted.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. Henry Paul, requesting permission to set curb and gutter stones on the east side of Elton Avenue, for 57 feet in front of his property, and commencing about 75 feet north of One hundred and fifty-sixth Street.

Also from the Engineer in charge of said Avenue, recommending that the permission be granted, and stating that the Surveyor's fees would amount to \$1.71.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 103.)

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be granted to Mr. Henry Paul to set curb and gutter stones on Elton Avenue, as requested, on the following conditions, viz. :

First.—That he deposit with the Department \$1.71, the amount of the Surveyor's fees.

Second.—That the work be done under the supervision and direction of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Teams for the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, requesting that the time of the employment of at least five of the teams now employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on Treasurer's orders be extended until the end of July.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 50.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the time of the employment of five of said teams be extended until July 31st, 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. H. A. Rogers, stating that he had delivered some hammers and padlocks, as directed by a Treasurer's

order, to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in March last, but that for some reason unknown to him, the Superintendent had refused to receipt for them.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication, and any other subject in relation to the discharge of the duties of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards which the Treasurer may desire to have investigated, be referred to Commissioner Wetmore to examine and report.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, stating that it is desirable that certain items of new work connected with the ventilating of the Museum of Art, as set forth in the specifications which he submitted, should now be done, and estimating the cost at \$950.

Endorsed on said communication is the following :

“The above is approved,” in accordance with the specifications as also endorsed, this 26th June, 1877.

“(Sigd.) THEODORE WESTON,
“For Metropolitan Museum of Art.”

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said work be directed to be done in accordance with said specifications, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Applications for Employment.

The following applications for employment were received and ordered to be filed, viz. :

From Mr. E. D. Randolph, on behalf of John Sparrow.

From Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr., on behalf of Richard Morrison.
 From Mr. S. T. Nichols, on behalf of Samuel T. Munson.

Audit.

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

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

American Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	\$24 82
Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., mustard.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	4 50
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music, Cen. Park..	275 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	19 50
Liautard, A., medical services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	17 00
Mullane, John, feed.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	591 72
Mullane, John, horses... ..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	525 00
Pierce, F. O. & Co., paints, oils, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$38 64
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & Maint.....	0 40
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	9 07
		<hr/> 48 11
Rogers, H. A., nails and rakes.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$43 90
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and M.....	19 50
		<hr/> 63 40
Wheatly, R. R., oats and hay.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards...	45 14
		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,614 19

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,245 58
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	64 64
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Main- tenance.....	19 90
Music—Central Park.....	275 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	9 07
	\$1,614 19

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixteen hundred and fourteen dollars and nineteen cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, June 27th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Mr. C. Seitz.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had examined the matter of the conduct of the police officer and sergeant at the time of Mr. C. Seitz's arrest, as complained of by him, and found that Mr. Seitz was driving through the Central Park in a hired carriage ; that a dog from the stable had followed the carriage, and that the officer could not drive the dog out of the Park, as was his duty, without bringing the carriage also out of it. That the officers do not appear to have acted in any rude or unbecoming manner on the occasion. He then handed in the statements of the officer and sergeant.

(Minutes, June 18, 1877, p. 105.)

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

Adopted.

Donations.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had prepared a form of deed of gift to the city, and moved that he be authorized to make requisition for the printing of a book containing said forms, and that on donations being presented to the Park, the donors be required to execute a deed of gift in the book.

Adopted.

H. R. Searing.

Commissioner WENMAN, to whom it was referred to consult with the Commissioner of Public Works in regard to the steam engineer to be employed on the steam roller borrowed from the Department of Public Works, verbally reported that the Commissioner of Public Works recommended Mr. H. R. Searing for the position.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 119.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the employment of Mr. H. R. Searing, steam engineer, Henry Reilly, steersman and watchman, and John Meehan, night watchman, be continued, on the same conditions and at the same rates of pay as heretofore fixed by the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Construction of Drains in 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 8) of Mr. Michael Noonan for the construction of drains in the district of the Twenty-

fourth Ward, bounded on the north by Fordham and Pelham Avenues, on the east by the Southern Boulevard, on the south by the Kingsbridge Road, and on the west by Arthur Street, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be, and hereby is, awarded to him therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 114.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10:30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Wednesday, July 11th, 1877, at 9 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 27th, 1877, were read and approved.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1877, at 9.30 A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, June 27th, 1877, p. 131.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened to the public, and to those of the bidders for the construction of said bridge who desired to be present, and the President announced to those present the time and place of said adjournment.

Zoological Garden.

The order of business was then suspended, and Messrs. Cyrus W. Field, James M. Constable and Albert S. Bickmore were received as a committee from the "American Zoological and Botanical Garden Company, limited," who presented a certificate of the incorporation of the company under the provisions of Chapter 611, Laws of 1875, and requested the Department to appropriate a site in one of the Parks for the purpose of establishing a Zoological and Botanical Garden by said company.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 124.)

They then retired, and the order of business was resumed.

The following communications were then presented and read:

Battery and City Hall Parks.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 28th ult., viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and they are respectfully requested to allow children under the age of twelve years to use all portions of the grounds of the Battery and City Hall Parks for recreation.

The PRESIDENT stated that on receipt of the resolution he had given orders that the request of the Common Council be complied with.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the President's action be approved, but that the permission be discontinued in future, and that no one be allowed to walk on the grass in those parks.

Adopted.

Battery Park, Washington Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 6th inst., viz.:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and they are respectfully requested to place policemen in the Battery and Washington Square Parks, in the night time, until 12 o'clock, for the protection of persons visiting said parks for recreation and pleasure.

The PRESIDENT stated that there is a policeman stationed in the Battery Park and also in Washington Square each night, until eleven o'clock, and moved that said communication be filed, and that he be authorized to reply to the Common Council informing them of that fact, and also that the limited number of the police will not admit of extending the hours of duty.

Adopted.

Tompkins Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 6th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and they are respectfully requested to inform the Board, at its earliest convenience, the amount of money that will be required to place Tompkins Park in good condition.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 691.)

Filed.

Hack Stand on Madison Square.

From Counsel to the Corporation, in which he states :

“ All the parks and places in the city are under the care and management of the Department of Public Parks, and I think that the general power conferred by the Charter of 1873 upon the Common Council, to regulate the use of the public streets, has been limited by the * * provisions of Chapter 850 of the Laws of 1873, which was passed subsequent to the Charter; and that within 350 feet from the outer boundary of any public park or place, the Park Department, and not the Common Council, has the power to designate hack stands.”

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 108.)

The PRESIDENT stated that a copy of said opinion had been sent to the Mayor's Marshal, whose duty it was to issue the licenses for the hacks, and since then all the hacks had been removed from the north side of Madison Square.

Commissioner WETMORE then moved that it be referred to the President to report proper rules and regulations with re-

lation to hacks and trucks standing around the public squares and places.

Adopted.

City Hall Park Fountain.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, stating that the consumption of water in the lower part of the city during business hours is so great that the pressure in the mains is reduced below the level of the outlets of the fountain in City Hall Park, but that he will endeavor to furnish as much water as possible during certain hours of the day and on Sundays.

(Minutes, June 27, 1877, p. 133.)

Filed.

Riverside-Park.

From the Health Department, complaining that there is an excavation on Riverside Park, between Ninetieth and Ninty-first Streets, in which the water collects, stagnates and becomes offensive.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue to report.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards, &c.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, giving a statement of the work performed, during the first six months of the year, in laying out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also the work which is necessary and can be done for the remainder of the year, if an appropriation is provided to pay the engineers.

The PRESIDENT stated that only the sum of \$10,000 was appropriated for the work this year, that it is now nearly exhausted and unless an addition to it is procured by transfers from some unexpended balances it will be necessary to suspend the whole civil and topographical corps by the first of next month.

He then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby urged to take prompt and favorable action upon the requests of these resolutions, because the existing appropriation for the purpose is so nearly exhausted that it will be impossible for this Department to continue the work of laying out the new wards after the 1st of August next, without further appropriations, and to abandon this work, now that it is so near completion, is to lose the benefit of the work that has been done, to break up the present efficient organization for carrying on the work, and give just cause of complaint to the property owners, who are satisfied with the work that has been done and desire that it be speedily finished on the same principles with which it has been conducted hitherto.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to make the following transfers of appropriations, viz. :

From the appropriation for "Surveying, laying out, monumenting, &c., north end of island and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," 1876, to the appropriation "Surveying, laying out and monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of the island," 1877, the sum of.....	\$1,084 45
From the appropriation for "Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance," 1876, to the appropriation "Surveying, laying out and monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of the island," 1877, the sum of.....	8,915 55
	<u>\$10,000 00</u>

and that a copy of the communication of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, dated June 28th, 1877, be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

151st Street, 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer reporting upon the claim of Mr. John G. Gent for \$263.15 for certain extra work in connection with the regulating, &c., of One hundred and fifty-first Street in the Twenty-third Ward, in which he states :

"It appears that Gent contracted to grade One hundred and

“ fifty-first Street from Morris Avenue to Railroad Avenue ; that
 “ at the latter point there was a filling of ten feet, and that in
 “ order to make one street accessible from the other the engi-
 “ neer in charge ordered certain work to be done on Railroad
 “ Avenue. There is, I believe, no doubt that the work was
 “ needed, nor that it was properly done, nor that the prices
 “ claimed are reasonable. There is also no doubt that no
 “ authority existed to pay for it under the contract, or to assess
 “ the cost on the property benefited.”

He also suggests that if a balance of the appropriation for the maintenance of the streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for the year 1874, sufficient to pay said claim, still exists that it could properly be paid from that appropriation.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 121.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that the claim of Mr. John G. Gent be disallowed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
 —4

Maps of Sewerage Districts in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer submitting four similar maps of a sewerage district lying west of Rider Avenue, One hundred and forty-third Street, Third Avenue and Courtland Avenue to One hundred and fifty-second Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, which he recommends to be filed in pursuance of the provisions, Sec. 4, Chap. 381, Laws of 1865, and Sec. 14, Chap. 329, Laws of 1874, and stating that this district includes the sewers in Third Avenue and Mott Avenue heretofore ordered to be constructed.

(Minutes, June 6th and 13th, 1877, pp. 90 and 109.)

The PRESIDENT then reported that at the request of the Board of Health, and of property owners, several plans for

sewerage and drainage of certain districts of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards were in process of preparation.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that said communication and map be referred to General Geo. S. Greene for his examination and report.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be, and hereby is, directed to prepare plans for sewerage districts, wherever required, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in pursuance of the provisions of Chap. 381, Laws of 1865, and of Chapters 329 and 604, Laws of 1874, and submit them to the Board for approval.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Application of Licensee's Fees.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the Department require the under mentioned licensees, in accordance with the terms of their agreements, to undertake and furnish in lieu of cash payments for license fees, certain work and supplies, viz. :

Abel S. Clapp, licensee of carriage service.
Isaac Hall, licensee of Bath-house at Battery.
Thomas S. Dick, licensee of boat service.
J. J. Snow, licensee of Pony service.
John Lucas, licensee of Donkey service.

(Minutes, April 13, 1877, p. 766.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the recommendations of the Landscape Architect be approved and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, recommending that a pipe be laid from Eighth Avenue to the Museum of Natural History Building, for the purpose of supplying Croton water to the building, and estimating the cost at \$735.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication be referred to the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, and if approved by them, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that during the last three months the cellar of the Museum of Art Building, has been flooded with water after heavy rains, and forwarding a report from the Assistant Engineer to the effect that the eight-inch pipe which receives the water from the sewer which drains the building, is not large enough to carry off the sudden flow of a large volume of water, and recommend-

ing that this eight-inch pipe—which is about one hundred feet long—be taken up and replaced by a twelve-inch pipe, estimating the cost at \$120, and stating that the Department has sufficient pipe on hand for the purpose.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communications be referred to the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and if approved by them, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the application of the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Co. for a payment on account of their contract for the heating and ventilating work of the Museum of Art Building, and recommending that a payment of \$1,200, on account, be authorized.

(Minutes, June 27th, 1877, p. 137.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized and directed to prepare and submit an estimate, on account of the said contract with the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Co., to an amount not exceeding \$1,200.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art and Natural History.

From Mr. Watts Cooke, Receiver of the Watson Manufactur-

ing Company, contractors for the iron work of the Museum of Art, and also for the iron work of the Museum of Natural History, asking for the following payments on account of said contracts, viz. :

Museum of Art Building	\$12,550 00
Museum of Natural History.....	2,500 00

(Minutes, May 9th, 1877, p. 24.)

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting upon said application, and recommending that payment be made on account of said contracts, as follows, viz. :

Museum of Art Building, the 11th payment of.....	\$3,150 00
On account of final payment.....	5,000 00
Museum of Natural History Building, on account of final payment.....	2,000 00

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized and directed to prepare and submit estimates on account of said contracts as recommended by him.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Pipe Sewer in Cental Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that there is from 450 to 500 cubic yards of rock and excavated material lying about the line of the pipe sewer in Central Park, and recommending that a Treasurer's order be issued for its removal, as the Department cannot now spare the men for the work ; and stating the contractor for pipe sewer will load it on trucks, as he is bound under the terms of his contract to deposit the material in the vicinity of the work.

(Minutes,)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the removal of said surplus material from the line of said pipe sewer to Manhattan Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Construction of Drains in the 24th Ward.

From Mr. Michael Noonan, accepting the award of the contract for the construction of drains in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

(Minutes, June 27, 1877, p. 143.)

Filed.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that Mr. Michael Noonan requested permission to take some rock from the line of certain streets in the Twenty-fourth Ward, for use in the construction of the drains in the Twenty-fourth Ward ; and that there is some rock on Pelham Avenue, near the Southern Boulevard, which could be taken away with advantage.

Also, from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, on the same subject.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the request of Mr. Noonan, to take rock from the streets or avenues, be refused.

Adopted.

Jacob Weinnig.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting the death of Patrolman Jacob Weinnig on the 4th inst.

(Minutes, February 7th, 1877, p. 600.)

Filed.

Parker McCuen.

From the Lieutenant, reporting that Parker McCuen, Police

Tailor, has been absent for twenty-four days on account of sickness, and requesting his restoration.

(Minutes, January 20, 1877, p. 553.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said Parker McCuen be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Frederick Grieffenberg.

From Mr. Frederick Grieffenberg, draughtsman, requesting leave of absence for three months without pay.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the request be refused.
Adopted.

Messrs. Early, & Lane,

From Messrs. Early & Lane, stating that a bill for some baskets furnished to the Department, was, by mistake, made out at \$3 instead of \$15, and asking to have the error corrected, and that they be paid the difference.

Referred to Commissioner Wenman to examine and report.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. James Brady, assignee of Mr. Joseph C. Brady, complaining of the delays to which he has been subjected in completing his contract for the carpenter work of the Museum of Art building.

(Minutes, January 31st, 1877, p. 577.)

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., assignees of the Watson Manufacturing Company, contractors for the construc-

tion of cases for the Museum of Natural History building, applying for a further payment of \$15,000, on account of said contract.

(Minutes, May 31st, 1877, p. 74.)

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Lamps on Park Avenue Park.

From Mr. J. C. Tracy, and a number of other residents on Park Avenue, requesting that the lamps on the Parks in said Avenue be relighted.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had explained to the gentlemen presenting the petition, that the cause for not lighting the lamps was the want of funds, and that he had referred them to the Department of Public Works, which has a large surplus for the purpose, and he moved that the communication be filed.

Adopted.

Central Park Guide.

From Mr. Philip McMahon, requesting permission to sell upon the Central Park, a guide, called the "Central Park Guide," which he has published.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be refused.

Adopted.

The Gilbert Elevated Railway Co.

From Mr. W. F. Shank, Engineer of the Gilbert Elevated Railway Co., asking permission to lay the foundations of the columns for the railroad of said company on the sidewalk of Reservoir Square, from Fortieth Street to Forty-second Street, and enclosing a tracing showing the locations of the proposed columns.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the permission requested be granted, on the following conditions, viz. :

1st. That the work be done under the supervision of this Department, and in accordance with its directions.

2d. That said company repair all injury which may be caused to the sidewalk, at their expense.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution as a substitute for that offered by the President :

Resolved, That the subject of the request of the Gilbert Elevated Railway Co. for permission to place the columns of its railroad on the sidewalk of Reservoir Square be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the authority and jurisdiction of the Department in the premises.

Adopted.

Bronx River Avenue.

From Mr. W. W. Booth, Trustee, and eighteen other owners of property on the line of Bronx River Avenue, between Woodlawn Depot and McLean Avenue, petitioning that said Avenue be opened forthwith, but not over 30 feet wide.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Laborers detailed as Night Watchmen.

From six of the seven laborers detailed as night watchmen, asking for an increase of pay.

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(Minutes, February 5th, 1876 p. 605.)

Filed.

Applications for employment.

Applications for employment were received from the following, and ordered filed, viz. :

From Mr. Wm. Rumble, on behalf of himself.

From Mr. John Lang, on behalf of himself.

From Mr. Edward Gilon, on behalf of John Burns.

From Mr. A. H. Purdy and others, on behalf of C. H. Darke.

Parade Ground.

In pursuance of the following notice, which was sent to each

of the owners of property interested in the Military Parade Ground, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST.) }
NEW YORK, July 2d, 1877.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the *Military Parade Ground*, on Dyckman Street and Tenth Avenue, that they will be heard at the Meeting of this Board, on 11th July, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., on the discontinuance of the legal proceedings for acquiring title to the Streets and Avenues laid out before the Parade Ground map was filed, and on all questions relating to that subject, within the jurisdiction of this Department, under the recent Act repealing the law under which the Parade Ground was laid out.

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

the following gentlemen attended, and were received, namely:

Messrs. Joseph H. Godwin, G. W. Abbe, B. C. Cornell, G. B. Lawton, B. D. Thornal and L. A. Lockwood.

After the discussion of the subject, the parties interested unanimously requested the Department to take no action in the matter.

The gentlemen then retired.

(Minutes, August 23, 1876 and March 7, 1877, pp. 259 and 667.)

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

Boyle, John, awning cloth.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. & P.....	\$3 00
Decker, N. H. & G. W. Quintard, labor and materials.....	Impt. & Construc- tion Riverside Avenue	13,578 63
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music, Centl. Park	275 00
Edwards, Chas. A., agent, rubber hose..	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. & P.....	\$22 50
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	11 25
		<hr/> 33 75

Forsyth, John, broken stone.....	Maint. {23d and 24th Wards....	\$75 00
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music, Centl. Park	275 00
Gordon, Robert, Actg. Treas., expenses		
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	618 86
Gold & Stock Teleg. Co., rent of line ...	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.,.....	62 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	23 09
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$40 15
	Harlem R. B. Rep. Imp. and M....	3 90
	City Parks Impt. Fund	1 20
		<hr/> 45 25
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	12 25
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter..	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	53 00
Reeves, Robert C., mower parts.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	24 48
Rogers, H. A., hardware.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$18 47
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	52 60
		<hr/> 71 07
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	16 00
Sackett & Muller, police uniforms.....	Police.....	1,053 00
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P... ..	12 68
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Harlem R. B. Rep. Impt. and M....	21 25
Tomes, Francis, & Co., wreaths.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	12 50
		<hr/> <hr/> \$16,266 31

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$919 48
Police	1,053 00
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	138 85
Improvement and Construction Riverside Avenue.....	13,578 63
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance	25 15
Music—Central Park.....	550 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1 20
	\$16,266 31

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

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, July 11th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
 —4.

Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WETMORE verbally reported that he had examined the complaint of Mr. H. A. Rogers, concerning the refusal of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, to receipt for the delivery of some hammers and padlocks, and found that the reason why the receipt was not given at first, was that the padlocks were of an inferior quality, and had to be returned. That since proper padlocks were furnished the Superintendent had not refused to receipt for them, and that now the bill has been paid.

(Minutes, June 27, 1877, p. 139.)

Accepted.

Removal of House on Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT then presented plans for the removal of the three-story frame dwelling house on Riverside Avenue, near One hundred and eleventh Street, and the construction of a foundation on the new site to which it is to be removed; and he moved that the Board approve of said plans, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the work.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 782.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 18th inst. at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 11th, 1877, were read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read :

James S. Carlyle.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by His Honor the Mayor on the 11th inst.:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James S. Carlyle to place and let for hire a weighing machine at the southwest corner of Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Parks; such permission to be granted only upon the consent of the Department of Public Parks being obtained therefor.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 106.)

Filed.

Rent of Offices, 1876.

From the Comptroller, stating that there is a balance due the New York Mutual Gas Light Company of \$625 for rent of premises, No. 36 Union Square, for the two quarters ending

August and November 1st, 1876, and that as the appropriation for "Maintenance, 1876," is exhausted, application should be made to the Board of Apportionment for the transfer of some unexpended balance to that fund to enable the Finance Department to pay the claim.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to make application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the transfer of six hundred and twenty-five (\$625) dollars from the appropriation for "Maintenance of Parks and Places, 1875," to the appropriation for "Maintenance of Parks and Places, 1876," in order to enable said bill of the New York Mutual Gas Light Company to be paid.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the application of Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., for a payment of \$15,000 on account of the contract for the construction of cases at the Museum of Natural History building, and recommending that a payment of \$12,000 on account be made the contractor.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 156.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate on account and not exceeding \$12,000 in favor of said contractors.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

John Reynolds, laborer.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that John Reynolds, a laborer in Foreman Van Riper's gang, had been absent four days on account of sickness, and that he desires to be restored.

Accompanying this report are the certificate of the physician who attended Reynolds and a letter from Foreman Van Riper.

The PRESIDENT moved that John Reynolds be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Canada Thistle.

From the Superintendent of Parks, enclosing a report of the Foreman of Gardeners in relation to the appearance of the Canada thistle in Central Park and stating that they had been eradicated.

Received and filed.

Swedish School House.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the bill for taking down and delivering at the Central Park the building known as the Swedish School House, has been sent him for certification, but that he is unable to certify the same before the building has been fully erected and completed on the Park.

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 758.)

The Landscape Architect, who was present, stated that there is no reasonable doubt but that the building has been delivered by the contractor as directed by the Board, and he recommended that payment be made of said bill in full.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that payment in full be made to the contractor for removing and delivering said building.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Bronx River Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of Mr. W. W. Booth and others to open Bronx River Avenue thirty feet wide, and stating that the proposed street will furnish a very useful and convenient route from Eastchester to Yonkers, *via* Woodlawn, and that under the law (Chapter 436, Laws of 1876) it lies entirely with the Department to decide whether it shall be opened now, but that the purpose of the applicants was not to have the street legally opened, but to have a road worked upon it.

Accompanying said report is a sketch of the avenue in question.

(Minutes, July 11th, 1877, p. 158.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to notify the petitioners and all persons interested in the opening of said avenue, that the Department will receive their petition, if they wish to have legal proceedings for acquiring the title of the land commenced now.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Dennis Geohegan, laborer.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in relation to increasing the pay of Dennis Geohegan, laborer in charge of stables in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per day.

Received and filed.

Repairs to Cedar street Bridge.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, requesting workmen to make the repairs to Cedar street Bridge.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to detail men from his force to repair Cedar street Bridge.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Extra Time to Laborers 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the pay of certain laborers who have worked overtime in receiving trap rock and trap rock screenings delivered by Mr. John A. Bouker, contractor.

Filed.

Gates at Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a design for gates across the carriage way and foot ways, at the ends of the draw on the Third Avenue Bridge, and estimating the cost of erecting the same at \$275.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 654.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to submit detail drawings and specifications for such gates to be placed on Third Avenue Bridge, which shall be not less than four feet high, and, if possible, so constructed as to work automatically, with the opening and closing of the draw, and that when such specifications, &c., are submitted, and approved the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Drainage 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, requesting that an inspector be appointed upon the work of construction of drains near Fordham, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 155.)

Received and filed.

Concord Avenue.

From Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer and Surveyor of Street Openings and Improvements, in relation to reletting the contract for regulating and grading Concord Avenue, from Home Street to Westchester Road, in the Twenty-third Ward.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 86.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution :—

Whereas, James Finegan, the contractor for regulating and grading Concord Avenue, from Home Street to Westchester Road, and his assignees, have abandoned the work, and have been duly served by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, with a notice to discontinue all work under said contract,

Resolved, That the work be relet as provided for in the contract in case of an abandonment of the work, and that the engineer in charge of improvements authorized by the Trustees of the late Town of Morrisania, be directed to prepare at once an estimate of the amount of work required to complete the contract, and that the Secretary be directed to advertise the work for reletting under the former specification as soon as said estimate is prepared.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,
—4.

Michael Hogan, Messenger.

From Michael Hogan, messenger, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, asking to be allowed full time and pay for time lost while absent on June 18th and 19th insts., on account of the death of his brother.

The PRESIDENT moved that Michael Hogan be allowed full time and pay as requested.

Adopted.

John McLaughlin, Messenger.

From John McLaughlin, messenger, asking to be allowed full time and pay for time lost while absent on account of sickness.

From the Disbursing Clerk, endorsing said application.

The PRESIDENT moved that John McLaughlin be allowed full time and pay as requested.

Adopted.

Improvement of Parks.
Garden Schools, etc.

From Edward Seguin, M. D., in relation to establishing garden schools in the parks.

From Mr. Oliver P. Hubbard, Recording Secretary of the New York Academy of Sciences, enclosing resolutions adopted by that body, on June 18th, 1877, relative to the uses of the parks.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 120.)

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Theodore Weston, for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in relation to defective drainage at the Museum of Art building, stating that "the difficulty seems to arise from defective exterior drainage; and in such view it, in my opinion, does not seem a proper charge against the Museum fund, and I cannot therefore approve the expenditure. I have no doubt, however, of its necessity, and the wisdom of immediate correction as suggested."

(Minutes, July 11th, 1877, p. 152.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the work, as recommended by the Superintending Architect at the last meeting, the cost thereof to be charged to the museum fund, and that Mr. Weston to be notified of the action of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, recommending that an order be issued for the following additional items of plasterer's work, at the Museum of Art Building, and estimating the cost thereof at \$66:

Additions at base of ribs to coves of Picture Gallery cornices.

Additions to terminals in ornaments in large panel of central hall.

Endorsed: "Approved for the Trustees. THEODORE WESTON."

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the work, the cost thereof not to exceed \$66.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

House on Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors, stating that a certain house on Riverside Avenue obstructs the progress of their work, and that they will be compelled to hold the city responsible for the damage thus unnecessarily imposed upon them.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 162.)

The PRESIDENT stated that the house referred to is the same for the removal of which the Board, at its last meeting, approved plans, etc., and he moved that the communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Riverside Avenue—Dry Wall.

From Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors, complaining of the manner in which they are compelled to build dry wall, as not being in accordance with the specifications in their contract, and stating that they shall claim compensation to cover the increase of cost by reason of the alleged change in the character of the work.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received, and referred to the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue for his report.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

N. Y. Orthopædic Dispensary.

From Newlin M. Schaffer, M. D., Surgeon to the New York Orthopædic Dispensary, requesting, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, that the inmates of that institution (children under fourteen years of age), be granted the privilege of using, for one hour or two, once or twice a week, for play and recreation, a portion of the Central Park.

(Minutes, June 9, 1876, p. 98, and May 31, 1877, p. 81.)

The PRESIDENT stated that the request came within the general rules and regulations adopted by the Board relating to the use of the East Green, and he moved that the communications be received and filed.

Adopted.

Drinking Fountain at Sixth Avenue Park, Thirty-fifth Street.

The Landscape Architect reported verbally upon the application of Mr. J. W. Fiske on behalf of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, for permission to erect a drinking fountain at the Park bounded by Sixth Avenue, Broadway and Thirty-fifth Street; and he recommended that a site for the fountain be designated on the edge of the sidewalk on the north side of Thirty-second Street, midway between Broadway and Sixth Avenue, opposite the entrance to the Park.

(Minutes, June 20th, 1877, p. 123.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the site recommended by the Landscape Architect be designated for such fountain.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Angell & Blake Mfg. Co., heating and ventilating.....	Museum of Art....	\$1,200 00
Am. Dist. Telg. Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	35 42
Bell, Thomas, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	1 50
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Harlem R.B., Reps. Impt. and M..	60 00
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	38 51
Coleman, John, labor.....	Maint., &c., 23d & 24th Wards....	114 00
Cummings, M., labor.....	Maint., &c., 23d & 24th Wards....	91 50
Devlin, John B., pipe and gravel.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$528 72
	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	509 51
		————— \$1,038 23
Dodworth's Band, music.....	Music, Central Pk.	275 00
Egan, K. & Co., waste.....	Harlem R.B., Reps. Impt. and M..	\$5 00
	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	5 00
		————— 10 00

Foster & Co., meat and vegetables	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.	\$229	65
	Harlem R.B., Reps.		
	Impt. and M.	5	00
		<hr/>	\$234 65
Grafulla, C. S., music	Music, Central Pk.		275 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.	Harlem R.B., Reps.		
	Impt. and M.	\$50	00
	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.	12	50
		<hr/>	62 50
Holbrook, E. F. & Bros., glass.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.		2 58
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. & P.	\$89	99
	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards		13 01
	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. & P., 1875.	1	75
		<hr/>	104 75
Jones, Chas. and Thomas P. McQuade, labor and materials	Brook Ave. sewer,		5,158 17
Knox, C., hats	Police		273 15
Lawrence B. H., blacksmithing	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards,		23 60
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, dusters	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. & P.		23 56
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, June, etc.	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. & P.		8 76
Miller, M. M., Trees	City Parks Impt. Fund		50 00
Morgan, J. Pierrepont, Treas., expenses Mus. Nat. Hist.	Maint. and Govmt		
	P & P.	1,212	68
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, June	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. & P.		308 33
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., gas, June	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.		212 50

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N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, June.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$331 50
O'Donnell, Frank A., labor and matrls....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	2,278 70
Scott, D., fish.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	20 15
Watson Mfg. Co., iron and labor.....	Museum of Art...	8,150 00
Watson Mfg. Co., iron and labor.....	Museum of Natural History.....	2,000 00
Wheatly, R. R., hay, straw and oats....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	64 08
Weeks, Fredk., labor.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	106 00
Wilkinson, James, labor.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	106 00
Worrall, L., Assignee, saw.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	4 95
Young, Chas. C., bread, June.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	50 32
		\$23,926 07

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,057 40
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	519 67
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	120 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	38 51
Music—Central Park.....	550 00
Museum of Art.....	9,350 00
Museum of Natural History.....	2,000 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	2,857 42
Police.....	273 15
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1875.....	1 75
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	5,158 17
\$23,926 07	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and seven cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, July 18, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Pipe Sewer Contract, Central Park.

The PRESIDENT submitted an estimate prepared by the Engineer in charge of the construction of pipe sewers in Central Park (Frank A. O'Donnell, contractor), amounting to \$2,278.70, on account of the final payment to said contractor.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, 703.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said estimate be approved and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Police Trials—Gatekeeper Charles Bernhard, Patrolmen Henry Seymour and George Walker.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had tried the following-named officers of the police force upon the charges stated below, that he found them guilty, and recommended that each be fined one day's pay, viz.:

Charles Bernhard, gatekeeper, charged with rude and uncivil conduct in taking flowers from a lady at the Seventh Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street entrance to the Park.

Henry Seymour, patrolman, charged with using rude and uncivil language, and being guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer.

George Walker, patrolman, charged with using his club unnecessarily in making an arrest.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the report be accepted and the recommendations of the President adopted; and that he be requested in communicating this action, to issue an order to be read to the force, directing their attention to the necessity of courteous and civil conduct to all visitors to the Park.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Board adjourned at 10:45 o'clock, A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M.

GEO. C. COFFIN,
Ass't Sec'y, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

On motion of Commissioner STEBBINS the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 18th instant was dispensed with.

Bridge over Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem river, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 8th day of August, 1877, at 9:30 A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, July 11th, 1877, p. 145.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Third Avenue Bridge.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. Mr. Henry J. Storrs, General Clerk in the Finance Department, attended on behalf of the Comptroller, who had been duly notified, and the

meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department announced to those present, and to those of the bidders who desired to be present, that the opening of the proposals for the construction of the iron bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, was adjourned until Wednesday, the 8th day of August, next, at 9:30 o'clock A. M. at the office of the Department, 36 Union Square, New York City.

He then, in the presence of Mr. Storrs, and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate-box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for laying a new floor on Third Avenue Bridge.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 122.)

The following proposals were received :

	NAME OF BIDDER.	PRICE PER 1,000 FT. BOARD MEASURE OF NEW FLOORING LAID.
1..	Holmes Brothers.....	\$37 99
2..	Daniel Sullivan.....	47 50
3..	F. H. Fellows & Co.....	50 00
4..	John Angus.....	45 00
5..	Van Alstyne & Smith.....	39 90
6..	William P. Kelly.....	42 50
7..	D. F. Gibb and Patrick O'Reilly.....	36 75
8..	John Mullins.....	32 50
9..	James Brady.....	41 60
10..	Thomas Overington.....	39 00
11..	John Kirby.....	44 00
12..	Peter Hughes.....	250 00
13..	John Snape.....	50 00
14..	William Brennen.....	37 40
15..	William Brennen.....	37 50

Mr. Storrs, the bidders and others, who were present, then retired.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Map of Sewerage Districts in 23d and 24th Wards.

From General George S. Greene, Engineer, reporting that he had examined the plan for the sewerage district lying west of Rider Avenue, One hundred and forty-third Street, Third Avenue and Courtland Avenue, to One hundred and fifty-second Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, prepared by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, that it is a proper plan for the sewerage of that district, that the details of the sewers are fully shown on the plan, and are approved by him.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 150.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the map or plan for the sewerage district in the Twenty-third Ward lying west of Rider Avenue, One hundred and forty-third Street, Third Avenue and Courtland Avenue, to One hundred and fifty-second Street, entitled "Plan of drainage for sewerage district No. 31 A, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York," dated "New York, 11 July, 1877," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," be, and hereby is, approved, that same be filed, and that similar maps or plans be filed in the following offices, viz. : the Office of the Common Council, the Office of the Comptroller, the Health Department and the Department of Public Works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. J. V. Donovan, contractor for the carpenter work of the Museum of Natural History Building, asking for a payment on account of his contract of \$9,000.

Endorsed on said application is the report of the Superin-

tending Architect, recommending that Mr. Donovan be paid \$8,000 on account.

(Minutes, May 9, 1877, p. 20.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized and directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of J. V. Donovan, contractor, on account, and not exceeding \$8,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Annin & Co., flag.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$10 00
Bliss, Geo. H., electric pen, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	65 00
Callahan, Wm., laborer.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	106 00
Copeland & Bacon, elevator.....	Museum of Art...	459 65
Early & Lane, brooms and matches....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	20 25
Gatchel, A. S., rubber washers.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	8 00
Jube, John P. & Co., shafts and rims...	Maint. and Gov't P. and P.....	9 50
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$12 56 11 20
		<hr/> 23 76

Kerr, W. J., moving Swedish school-house.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$990 00
McEntee, Francis, labor and materials..	Museum Nat. Hist.	791 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, iron swivels...	Maint. and Gov't P. and P.....	2 25
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	12 86
Mullane, John, hay, oats, corn, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	318 22
Murphy & Nesbit, sand and lime.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 50
Pratt, Chas. & Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$12 42
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. and Maint.....	1 35
		<hr/> 13 77
Prentice, James, repairs to instrument..	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	3 50
Pierce, F. O. & Co., paints, oils, and turpentine....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$37 36
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. and Maint.	1 44
	City Parks Impt. Fund....	35 40
	Museum Nat. Hist.	10
	Museum of Art. . .	19
		<hr/> 74 49
Rogers, H. A., files, cups and hay forks..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$26 78
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and Maint.....	10
		<hr/> 26 88
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	2 50

Vaux, Calvert, commissions.....	Museum of Art...	\$877 50
Watson Mfg. Co., labor and materials...	Museum Nat. Hist.	12,000 00
Wright, Green, grading, etc.....	Grading Boston Ave., between 3rd Ave. and N. E. side 165th Street.....	837 50
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		<u>\$16,655 13</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$525 14
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	108 50
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,036 60
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	2 89
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	16 06
Museum of Art.....	1,337 34
Museum of Natural History.....	12,791 10
Grading Boston Avenue between 3d Avenue and northerly side 165th Street.....	837 50
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	<u>\$16,655 13</u>

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

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, July 25th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Telegraph Line.

The PRESIDENT stated that the agreement with the Gold and Stock Telegraph Co. for telegraphic communication between this office and the Central Park expires on the 1st of August next, and he moved that the subject of renewing said agreement be referred to Commissioner Wenman to examine and report.

Adopted.

Rotary Boat on Lake in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. David R. Smith had applied to him for permission to place a rotary boat on the Lake in Central Park.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the application of Mr. Smith be refused.

Adopted.

Boston Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment list for the work of grading and re-setting curb, gutter and flagging on Boston Avenue from Third Avenue to the northerly side of One hundred and sixty-fifth Street, together with the statement of the amount and cost of the work, and moved that they be signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 4.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 1st of August, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of the 18th and 25th July, 1877, read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Grand St. Park.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which had been approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 27th ultimo, viz. :

Resolved, That the Park, situated at the junction of East Broadway and Grand Street, be opened to the use of the public, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Department of Public Parks.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Grand Street Park, at the intersection of Grand Street and East Broadway, be opened to the public each afternoon and evening, from 2 o'clock to 10 o'clock, until the end of September next.

Adopted.

City Hall Park Fountain.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy

of the following preamble and resolution, which had been approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 27th ultimo, viz. :

Whereas, The outside basins of the Fountain, in the City Hall Park, are so constructed as to be nearly flush with the flagging in the Park walks, and as they are unprotected, are extremely dangerous, as persons walking in the Park are liable to fall into them ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and are hereby requested to place proper protection or safeguards around the Fountain in front of the City Hall, in the Park, in order to prevent persons from being drowned therein, as the water in the basins of the Fountain is fully five feet in depth, and quite recently two children, who had fallen therein, were rescued from drowning by the police.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 148.)

The PRESIDENT stated that to place proper railings, to correspond with bronze work of the fountain, would cost about \$1,500. That the Department of Public Works is unable to supply a sufficient head of water at the fountain to enable it to play.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that said fountain be closed, and all the water drawn from the basins.

Adopted.

Museums of Art and Natural History.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 16th ultimo, viz. :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Museums of Art and Natural History Stock," authorized by Chapter 290, Laws of 1871, and on account of requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated September 9, 1875, twenty-five thousand dollars.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 772.)

Filed.

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

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 23d ultimo, viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the following appropriations for the Department of Public Parks

for the year 1876, the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

"Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance."	\$8,915 55
"Surveying, Laying Out, Monumenting, etc., North End of the Island and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards"	1,084 45
Total	\$10,000 00

—to the appropriation for "Surveying, Laying Out, and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-Fourth Wards, including North End of this Island," 1877, which is insufficient.

(Minutes, July 11th, 1877, p. 148.)

Filed.

154th Street.

From the Health Department, complaining of the condition of the north side of 154th Street for 100 feet west from Elton Avenue.

Also from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that the defect arises from the sidewalk not being filled in to the grade of the street, and from a cess-pool in the rocks above the street. That when the sidewalk is properly filled in the water can be drained off.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that notice be given to the owners, lessees and occupants on said portion of One hundred and fifty-fourth Street, to fill in the sidewalk, and that the Health Department be informed of the cause of the defect.

Adopted.

Drainage at Tremont, 24th Ward.

From the Health Department, complaining of the drainage of the district near Fordham, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that he has examined the district complained of, that the complaint is well founded; that to remedy the evil, a thorough examination of the location and condition of existing sewers and drains is necessary; that such an examination is now being made,

and that a report and plan for the work needed will be presented to the Board as soon as practicable.

Filed.

Estimate for 1878.

From the Comptroller of the city, requesting that the Departmental Estimates for 1878, be furnished to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on or before the first day of September, 1877.

Referred to the President to prepare and submit to the Board a draft of the Departmental Estimates.

Claims of Engineers, &c.

From the Comptroller of the City, forwarding an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, wherein he advises, that under the provisions of Section 8, Chap. 604, Laws of 1874, the Engineers, &c., employed by this Department upon the work of surveying and laying out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the North end of the Island, are entitled to receive interest upon the salaries due to them on the 5th day of June, 1874, and asking this Department if it considers the claims valid, to make requisition for their payment.

(Minutes, Feb'y. 3, 1875, p. 505.)

The PRESIDENT stated, that as the amounts due to said employés for interest, depended upon the dates on which their salaries were paid, he had written to the Finance Department asking that information, and he moved that the matter be laid over until he received a reply.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that Mr. John Mullins, who presented a proposal for re-flooring the Third Avenue Bridge, is in default to the City in the matter of a contract for 5,000 barrels of Portland cement, awarded to him by the Department of Docks, on the 4th August, 1876.

(Minutes, July 25, 1877, p. 180.)

Filed.

Museum of Art

From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the complaint of Mr. James Brady, assignee of Mr. Joseph C. Brady, concerning the delay to which he has been subjected in completing his contract for the carpenter work of the Museum of Art Building.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 156.)

Filed.

Central Park. Flow of water from Eighth Avenue.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that on account of the grade of Eighth Avenue, from Ninety-second Street and One hundred and fifth Street, towards One hundredth Street, the water after every rain storm flows into the Central Park at the entrance at One hundredth Street. That the receiving basins in the park are not more than sufficient to drain the water from the drives; and that the water from Eighth Avenue does considerable damage to the drives.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Department of Public Works be requested to have proper receiving basins and culverts constructed on Eighth Avenue, between Ninety-second Street and One hundred and fifth Street, to prevent the water from flowing into the Park.

Adopted.

Gravel for roads in Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that he requires from 3,500 to 4,000 cubic yards of screened gravel for the roads in Central Park.

Referred to the President.

Plans of Casino

From the Superintending Architect, stating that Mr. Longstreet, Treasurer of the Public Parks at Providence, R. I., has requested that copies of the plans of the Casino be given

to him, and that the expense of making said copies would be about \$10 to \$12.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that Mr. Longstreet's request be complied with, and that the Superintending Architect be directed to have copies of the plans of said building made for that purpose.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

John Smith.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that John Smith, a painter in the employment of the Department, has been absent since the 20th of July, ulto., on account of sickness, and now desires to return to work.

The PRESIDENT moved that John Smith, painter, be restored.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Riverside Avenue. Dry wall.

From the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue construction, reporting upon the complaint of Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors, concerning the manner in which they are required to build dry stone wall, and claiming additional compensation therefor, in which he says, "as no changes have been made, and the specifications adhered to by me to the

“ letter, I consider their prospective claim for additional compensation untenable.”

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 171.)

Filed.

Concord Avenue.

*From the Engineer in charge of improvements authorized by the Trustees of the town of Morrisania prior to January 1st, 1874, submitting the following estimate of work yet to be done to complete the regulating and grading of Concord Avenue, from Home (One hundred and Sixty-seventh) Street to Westchester (Avenue) Road, viz. :

14,700	cubic	yards	of	embankment.
2,000	“	“	“	earth excavation.
6,000	“	“	“	rock “

all other quantities, the same as in the original contract.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 168.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said estimate be approved and filed.

Adopted.

Exchange of a Lion for Guanacos.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that he can exchange a young lion, born in the Menagerie on June 22, 1873, for a pair of guanacos, at present on exhibition and owned by Messrs. C. Reiche & Brother, and recommending that the exchange be made.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Director of the Menagerie be authorized to make the exchange as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, approving, on behalf of the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, of the laying of a water pipe to the Museum of Natural History building, at a cost not exceeding \$530.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 152.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, on behalf of the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of the following additional and extra work, viz. :

- 1.—Adding felt to keep out dust on railing cases, gallery floor, at a cost not exceeding..... \$75 00
- 2.—Putting in ground glass at back of upright cases instead of fluted glass, at an additional cost not exceeding..... \$25 00

Referred to the Superintending Architect for his report.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Theodore Weston, on behalf of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, protesting against the action of the Board in directing the cost of the drainage from the Museum of Art building, which is outside the building, being charged to the Museum fund.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 170.)

Filed.

Mott Avenue.

From Mr. M. C. Turner, on behalf of himself and other residents on the line of Mott Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, requesting that the Department would furnish them with a sufficient quantity of broken stone to cover the road bed which they have made in said avenue from One hundred and forty-ninth Street to One hundred and sixty-fifth Street.

Also from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting on said application, and esti-

mating that a sufficient quantity of stone will cost from \$2,225 to \$3,049.80.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 482.)

Laid over.

Boat Service—License Fee.

From Mr. T. S. Dick, licensee of the boat service, stating that after making certain improvements, for which he is to be allowed credit on account of his license fee for this year, the sum of \$184 only will remain; that he was authorized in addition to lay the walks round the boat-house with a tar pavement, but that the lowest bid that he can get for the work is \$450; and offering to have said pavement laid this year, and pay \$300 of the cost if the Department will pay \$150 of it and allow him credit for \$116 on account of his licensee fee for 1878.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon said proposition, and stating that \$450 is a reasonable amount for the work if it is done in a first-class manner.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 151.)

The PRESIDENT moved that on Mr. T. S. Dick laying tar pavement on said walks in a first class manner, and to the amount of \$450, that the Department pay for \$150 worth of the work and allow him credit on his license fee for 1878 for the sum of \$116.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Benjamin Bates.

From Benjamin Bates, laborer, who had been absent from

work on account of sickness, since February 15, 1877, asking to be restored to work.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks recommending Benjamin Bates as a steady workman.

Commissioner Wenman, moved that said Benjamin Bates be appointed a laborer.

(Minutes, February 14, 1877, p. 618.)

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

Ayes —Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Meeting in Tompkins Square.

From Mr. David Conroy and others, requesting permission to hold a mass meeting in Tompkins Square on Wednesday, the 29th July ulto.

The PRESIDENT stated that after consultation with the members of the Board and also with the Mayor and Police Department, he had granted the permission requested, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Mt. St. Vincent, 24th Ward.

From Mr. Thos. C. Cornell, on behalf of the Sisters of Charity at Mount St. Vincent, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, requesting permission to carry a 6-inch water pipe under Riverdale Avenue, from the south line of Yonkers City southerly about 200 feet, and then to turn westerly into the grounds of Mount St Vincent.

Endorsed on said application is a recommendation from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards that the permission be granted on the condition that the back-filing be done under his directions.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the permission requested be granted on condition that the work is done and the back-filling made under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors, complaining of the non-removal of the house at One hundred and twelfth Street, on Riverside Avenue, and stating that they claim damages for the delay in removing it.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 171.)

Filed.

Also from Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors, claiming compensation for additional hauling of stone from one section of their work to the other, which they state is rendered necessary on account of the delay of the Department in furnishing the plans for the trestle to be built at 86th street.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had received a similar communication a day or two before, which he had sent to the Superintending Engineer of said avenue for his report, and he moved that said communication be laid over until his report is received.

Adopted.

Exchange of Swans.

From Mr. D. F. Longstreet, of Providence, R. I., offering to give to the Department various birds to the value of \$65 in exchange for a pair of swans.

Also from the Director of the Menagerie, stating that the Department has a pair of swans which he would like to exchange for certain birds, a list of which he gives, and the value of which is \$65.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the offer of Mr. Longstreet be declined, for the reason that there are at present too few swans in the Park.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From Mr. John Hopkins and others, calling the attention of the Department to the necessity of having proper safeguards across Third Avenue Bridge, over Harlem River, whenever the draw is opened.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 167.)

Filed.

Sidney H. Conklin.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that the Lieutenant has returned Sidney H. Conklin as a special patrolman from and including July 21, ultimo; but, that as he has received no notice of his appointment, he cannot allow him time on the pay-roll.

The PRESIDENT stated that David Kelly, who had been originally appointed on his nomination a special patrolman, had resigned; that he had appointed John Monahan in his place, but that he had also resigned prior to 20th July ultimo.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that Sydney H. Conklin be appointed a special patrolman in the place of John Monahan, resigned, and that his appointment take effect from July 20th, 1877.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 92.)

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

John Brennan.

From Mr. A. A. Hall, complaining of the conduct of John Brennan, a laborer employed in the gentlemen's cottage near the Dairy in Central Park, and of his not keeping the seats in said cottage clean.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had had the matter investigated, and he submitted and read the evidence in the case.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said John Brennan be reprimanded and fined three days' pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

S. E. Warren.

From Mr. S. E. Warren, Draughtsman, asking to be allowed full time from the 16th to the 21st of July ultimo, during which period he was absent on account of sickness.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Warren be allowed full time for said days.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Streets in Riverdale District, 24th Ward.

From Mr. S. D. Babcock and twenty-one other owners of property along the line of, or near the old Riverdale Lane, stating that they are aware that certain parties are circulating a petition asking the Department to take proceeding to have certain streets in that locality opened, and protesting against such proceeding, on the ground that it is not necessary to open the streets at the present time.

Filed.

Removal of a "Stone" of singular formation.

From Mr. F. C. Havemeyer, asking permission to take a "stone" of singular formation from the road side of the West Farms horse railroad, about 100 yards west of the Boulevard, where it is now lying.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that permission be granted to Mr. Havemeyer as requested.

Adopted.

Applications for Employment.

Applications for employment were received from the following persons and ordered to be filed, viz. :

From Mr. S. E. Rusk, on behalf of himself.
 " " Bryan Reilly, on behalf of Wm. Bailly.
 " " D. G. Crosby, on behalf of Peter Kelly.
 " " John Stevenson, on behalf of Horace Crosby.
 " " Henry Mehles, on behalf of himself.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Donvan, J. V., carpenter work.....	Museum Natural History.....	\$8,000 00
Dodworth, Harvey B., music.....	Music Central Park.....	260 00

Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music	Central	
	Park.....		\$270 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of			
line	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		62 50
Morgan J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses			
Mus. N. H.....	Maint and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		1,023 84
Rogers, H. A., roofing nails and shovels..	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$3 85	
	Maint. &c. 23d and		
	24th Wards...	24 30	
			28 15
Rollins, True W., iron, copper, and labor.	Mus. Nat. Hist.		2,634 00
Shippel & Son, cases.....	Mus. Nat. Hist.		1,968 30
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		3 19
			<u>\$14,249 98</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,089 53
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	24 30
Music Central Park.....	530 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	3 85
Museum Natural History.....	12,602 30
	<u>\$14,249 98</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand two hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents.

(Sgd.) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 1, 1877.

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

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
June 20	By balance		\$ 205 00
June 20	} " cash received from grass, pound, license, to } and permits.....		
Aug. 1			2,407 16
			————— \$2,612 16

		DR.	
June 20	} To cash paid on acct. of Harlem River Im- to } provement.....		\$ 205 00
Aug. 1			
June 20	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		2,387 16
Aug.			
Aug. 1	" balance.....		20 00
			————— \$2,612 16

To cash in drawer..... 20 00

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1877,

9:30 A. M.

Employés on Military Duty.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had allowed the undermentioned employés, who had been called out on military duty, full time for the days set opposite to their names, viz. :

George C. Coffin, Assistant Secretary, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th July, 1877 ;

Wm. Cushing, Inspector, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th July, 1877 ;

J. F. Perez, Draughtsman, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th July, 1877 ;

Geo. J. Meinell, laborer, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th July, 1877 ;

and he moved that his action be approved, and that Geo. J. Meinell be restored to work from the 30th July, ultimo.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Improvement of Parks, Garden School, &c.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, stated that as he understood there were some other communications about to be presented to the Board on the same subject as that to which the letters of Edward Seguin, M. D., and Mr. Oliver P. Hubbard related, and which were referred to him on the 18th July, ult., he would make a full report when these communications were received.

(Minutes July 18, 1877, p. 169.)

Treasurer's account.

The PRESIDENT moved that Commissioner Stebbins be appointed a committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts from December 12, 1876, up to and including July 31, 1877.

(Minutes January 6, 1877, p. 523.)

Adopted.

Sale of sheep.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject of the sale of such of the flock of sheep on Central Park, as it was not advisable to keep, be referred to the President, with power.

(Minutes June 20, 1877, p. 117.)

Adopted.

Joseph F. Belton.

The PRESIDENT then presented a copy writ of *certiorari* issued from the Superior Court, in the matter of "*The People of the State of New York, ex rel. Joseph F. Belton vs. The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York,*" which had been served on him, directing that a return be made of all proceedings relating to the removal of Joseph F. Belton, late a clerk in this Department. He also presented a copy of various extracts from the minutes in relation to the matter, and moved that they be forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation as a statement for the return of the Commissioners.

(Minutes May 31, 1876, p. 83.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore —4.

Quarterly report.

The PRESIDENT then presented the report to his Honor the Mayor, for the three months ending June 30, 1877.

(Minutes, April 18, 1877, p. 766.)

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

Adopted.

Third Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Comptroller of the city has informed this Department that Mr. John Mullins, who made a proposal for the

re-flooring of Third Avenue bridge, is a defaulter to the city, under the provisions of Section 99, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

Resolved, That the proposal of said John Mullins for the re-flooring of the Third Avenue bridge over Harlem River be, and the same is hereby, rejected.

(Minutes Aug. 1, 1877, p. 190.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 7) of Messrs. D. F. Gibb and Patrick O'Reilly for the re-flooring of the Third Avenue bridge over Harlem River be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be awarded to said D. F. Gibb and Patrick O'Reilly, and that the President be, and hereby, is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes July 25, 1877, p. 180.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 8th of August, 1877, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN.

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the first instant were read and approved.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the opening of the proposals for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be further adjourned until Wednesday, the 19th day of September, 1877, at 9:30 A. M., at this office.

(Minutes, July 25th, 1877, p. 179.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department an-

nounced to those present, and to those of the bidders who desired to be present, that the opening of the proposals for the construction of the iron bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, was adjourned until Wednesday, the 19th day of September next, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Department, 36 Union Square, New York City.

The following communications were then presented and read:

Vouchers.

From the COMPTROLLER of the City, prescribing, under the provisions of Section 29, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, that all vouchers transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, shall bear upon them a written reference to the laws authorizing the expenditures.

Filed.

Offices for Supt. 23d & 24th Wards.

From the COUNSEL to the CORPORATION, giving his opinion upon the rights and powers of the Department in the matter of hiring offices for the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in which he states as follows:

“ I am of opinion that the Department of Public Parks has
“ no authority to hire offices.”

* * * * *

“ I do not think it was competent for the Common Council
“ to adopt the resolution ‘ * * * ’ requiring the
“ Park Department to remove from the premises hired by it,
“ and occupy others leased by the Common Council. If the
“ principle be admitted, that the Common Council can require
“ a department to occupy particular premises, it would neces-
“ sarily follow that the Common Council can interfere with
“ the management of matters placed in the charge of different
“ departments in other important respects. The law has pre-
“ scribed to the Department of Public Parks various powers
“ and duties in relation to public improvements in the Twenty-

“ third and Twenty-fourth Wards. If the Common Council
 “ can require the Department to occupy particular premises
 “ situated in either of those Wards, it could, in its discretion,
 “ require it to occupy premises in the lower part of the City.
 “ It is evident that in such case, the efficiency of the Depart-
 “ ment and its power to perform the duty devolved upon it,
 “ would be seriously interfered with. Moreover, the power to
 “ say where the offices of the Department shall be located,
 “ would imply the power to direct and control the operations
 “ and management of the Department in relation to the various
 “ public improvements under its charge.

“ I do not think that under the Charter of 1870, or under
 “ the present Charter, the Common Council possesses this
 “ power, and, I am of the opinion, that it did not have the
 “ power to adopt the resolution referred to ‘ * * * ’
 “ requiring the Department to occupy the offices and stable
 “ leased by the Common Council.”

(Minutes, May 31st, 1877, p. 79.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that a copy of said opinion be transmitted to the Common Council, together with a statement concerning the hiring of the offices at present occupied by the Department in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and that the Common Council be requested to authorize the lease of said offices for the year ending December 31st, 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
 --4.

Culverts and Crossings at 148th, 150th and 151st Streets and 3d Avenue.

From the Health Department, complaining of the condition of the culvert across One hundred and forty-eighth Street and Third Avenue, and also concerning the street crossing at One hundred and fiftieth and One hundred and fifty-first Streets and Third Avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards for his report.

Museum of Art, shaping grounds, &c., and approaches.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the grounds round the Museum of Art building are in such a shape that most of the surface water is carried toward the building. That it is necessary to have the grounds for twenty-five to thirty feet round the building properly leveled and graded and under-drainage established.

Also stating that, as the building will soon be completed, the approaches to it from the drives of the Park should be finished.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect, with instructions to prepare and submit plans for the grading of the grounds round said building and for the approaches to it.

Adopted.

Water Closets at Ball Grounds and Children's Cottage.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that, as the pipe sewers in Central Park, recently constructed, are now completed, that the earth-closets placed in the Cottage at the Ball Ground and in the Children's Cottage be removed and replaced by water-closets, and estimating the cost at from \$160 to \$180.

The PRESIDENT moved that said earth-closets be removed and replaced by water-closets, and that it be referred with power to the Treasurer to have said work done either on Treasurer's orders or by the employés of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Riverside Avenue.

From the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue construction, reporting upon the communication of Messrs. Decker & Quintard, claiming additional compensation for alleged extra haul of stone.

(Minutes, Aug. 1, 1877, p. 197.)

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From the Engineer in charge of improvements, &c., authorized by Board of Trustees of the late Town of Morrisania, stating that the contract for regulating and grading Elton Avenue requires the rebuilding of two fire cisterns in front of the church which stands on the east side of the Avenue at One hundred and fifty-sixth Street.

That these cisterns, since the introduction of Croton water into the 23d Ward, are useless.

And asking whether he shall allow the contractor to omit from his work the construction of these cisterns and make a proportionate reduction in the amount to be paid him.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 658.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, for his advice in the matter, whether the omission of said portion of the work would vitiate the assessment on the property benefited.

Adopted.

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

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, applying for an increase in the force in his office, to enable the monumenting of the districts already laid out and also the drainage plans to be proceeded with.

(Minutes, August 1st, 1877, p. 188.)

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, the force now employed in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer is sufficiently large for all work which it is called on to perform.

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be, and hereby is, directed to report, at the next meeting of the Board, for what districts of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards he would advise plans for sewerage and drainage to be now prepared, and what, if any, additional force he requires for this purpose.

Resolved, That the application of the Civil and Topographical Engineer for an increase in the force employed in his office and the foregoing resolutions be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Mott Avenue.

From Mr. M. C. Turner, on behalf of himself and other residents on Mott Avenue, stating that the portion of Mott Avenue for which they requested to be furnished broken stone, and which belongs to the city, is from One hundred and sixty-fifth Street to a point 700 feet south of One hundred and fifty-eighth Street.

(Minutes, August 1, 1877, p. 194.)

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a sufficient quantity of broken trap-rock stone, delivered at the dock, to cover Mott Avenue, from One hundred and sixty-fifth Street to a point 700 feet south of One hundred and fifty-eighth Street, six inches deep, be purchased by contract ; that the Secretary insert advertisements therefor ; that Mr. M. C. Turner be allowed to take said stone, when delivered, and spread same on said portion of Mott Avenue, free of charge to the Department, and that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards have said stone properly rolled after they are so spread.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman,
Wetmore—4.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From Messrs. Gibb & O'Reilly, accepting the award of the contract for re-flooring the Third Avenue bridge.

(Minutes, Aug 1, 1877, p. 205.)

Filed.

Museum or Old Arsenal Building.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, complaining of the defective drainage of the basement of the Museum or Old Arsenal Building in Central Park.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to examine and report.

Inventory.

From the Disbursing Clerk, submitting an inventory of the property of the Department on the 1st of July, 1877.

(Minutes, February 14, 1877, p. 611.)

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

Surveys of Walks and Drains in the Parks.

From Assistant Engineer F. A. Calkins, asking for an increase of his force, to enable him to complete the surveys of the drains and walks constructed in the parks during the last two years.

Laid over.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Watts Cooke, Receiver of the Watson Manufacturing Company, stating that their contract for the roofing of the Museum of Art building is completed, and asking for their final payment on account of said contract.

Referred to the Superintending Architect.

Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors for the construction of Riverside Avenue, claiming additional compensation for an alleged extra haul of stone from one section of the

work to the other, and stating that unless they are allowed such additional compensation they will have to stop the work on the section below eighty-sixth Street.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 211.)

Also from the same, claiming additional compensation for the dry stone wall which they are required to build.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 171.)

Also from the same, requesting that they be furnished, as part of the plans of the work, with a tracing of the plan of the face of the retaining wall which was exhibited at the time the proposals for the work were made.

Referred to the President.

Applications for Employment.

Applications for employment were received from the following, and ordered to be filed, viz. :

From Mr. Bernard Smyth, on behalf of James McLean.

From Mr. J. W. Maclay, on behalf of Matthew Cox.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Brennan, Wm., plastering.	Museum of Art.	\$5,191 56
Clafin, H. B. & Co., sewing silk.	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. & P.	21 10
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. & P.	\$155 00
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	9 60
		<hr/> 164 60
Croes, J. Jas. R., petty expenses.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	49 83

Cook, Ebenezer, chamois.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		\$2 50
Decker, Nicholas H., & Geo. W. Quintard,	labor and materials.....	Impt. and Const.	
		Riverside Ave.	13,346 62
Dodworth, H. B., music... ..	Music, Central Pk.		270 00
Douglass, W. P., rent, Museum of Art.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		2,000 00
Donaldson, T. & Son, brass canopies....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		54 00
Foster & Co., meat.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		261 25
Gordon, Robt., Actg. Treas., expenses,			
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		774 60
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....	\$74 68	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	22 61	
		<hr/>	97 29
Jones, Chas., & Thos. P. McQuade, labor			
and materials.....	Brook Ave. Sewer.		5,654 09
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		25 75
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent to			
August 1st.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		1,250 00
Scott, D., fish	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		19 50
Tomes, Francis, & Co., whistles, police..	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		17 00
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			\$29,199 69
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$4,655 38
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	9 60
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	49 83
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	22 61
Music Central Park.....	270 00
Museum of Art.....	5,191 56

Brook Avenue Sewer.....	\$5,654 09
Improvement and Construction, Riverside Avenue.....	13,346 62
	————— \$29,199 69

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

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 " JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, August 8th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
 —4.

Lamps at Lincoln Monument.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to erect and place two lamp-posts, with boulevard lamps, near Lincoln Monument, in Union Square.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 654.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
 —4.

On motion of the President the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock, A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 15th August, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 8th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Claims of Engineers, &c.

From the Comptroller of the city, in relation to the dates of payment of the salaries of the Engineers employed in the work of surveying and laying out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the north end of the Island, and which were due the 5th day of June, 1874.

(Minutes, August 1, 1877, p. 190.)

Filed.

Bridge over Harlem River.

From the Comptroller of the city, as follows :

“ CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
“ COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
“ August 14th, 1877. }

“ Hon. WM. R. MARTIN,

“ *President Department Public Parks:*

“ Sir,—Certain pay-rolls of George S. Greene, ‘Harlem River Engineer,’ on account of ‘Construction of Bridges over Harlem River,’ for the months of

“March, 1877, to July, 1877, inclusive, amounting to \$1,666.65, have been transmitted to the Finance Department, for which payment has not been made because there are no funds in the treasury from which the bills can be paid.

“It appears that the said pay-rolls are for preliminary engineering and examinations at the site of the proposed bridge over the Harlem River, at One hundred and thirty-eighth Street and Madison Avenue, for which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorized the issue of \$10,000, bonds, under Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, at a meeting held March 21st, 1876.

“The bonds so authorized have never been issued, and in view of the fact that the proposed bridge over the Harlem River is considered of doubtful necessity at this time: and that the public opinion is opposed to any further increase of the city debt for any works which are not actually necessary for the general public interest, the erection of the bridge will probably be postponed.

“For this reason it seems advisable that no further expense should be incurred in this matter.

“The amount of bonds required to pay his salary up to this time will be issued under the foregoing authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and his account closed, but beyond that I shall not deem it proper to issue any bonds or make any payments on account of construction of the proposed bridge.

“Very respectfully,

“(Signed)

“JOHN KELLY,
“Comptroller.”

(Minutes, August 8th, 1877, p. 207.)

Referred to the President.

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Comptroller of the city, in which he states as follows in relation to the proposal of Mr. John Mullins for re-flooring the Third Avenue Bridge, viz. :

“The body of the bid, the certificate of the notary public, and the names of the sureties, were apparently written by the same person, who signs himself ‘O. Ferot, Notary Public, corner Myrtle Avenue and Fulton Street, Brooklyn.’

“Inquiry at the County Clerk’s Office, Brooklyn, discloses the fact that there is no notary public of that name, though it appears that a few weeks ago a person named Oliver Favrot received an appointment of notary public, but failed to qualify.”

(Minutes, August 1, 1877, p. 204.)

Filed.

Central Park—Flow of Water from Eighth Avenue.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, stating that he had given instruction for the construction of receiving basins on

Eighth Avenue at One hundredth Street, as requested by this Department.

(Minutes, August 1, 1877, p. 191.)

Filed.

Magazine for Explosives.

From the Fire Department, requesting that this Department will grant a hearing to Mr. Charles O'Shay, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, and Mr. Julius H. Striedinger, C. E., Instructor of the Corps of Sappers and Miners of said Department, upon the subject of granting permission to construct suitable magazines in some one of the public parks, for the storage of explosives for the use of the Fire Department.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, Messrs. O'Shay and Striedinger were then received, and they submitted plans of the proposed magazines, and stated that the green in the Central Park would be the most suitable location for the magazines.

They then retired.

(Minutes, February 4, 1874, p. 557.)

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

Adopted.

3d Avenue and other streets in 23d Ward.

From the Health Department (three communications) complaining of the condition of the following streets in the Twenty-third Ward viz.:

Pavement and gutter of Third Avenue, between One hundred and forty-seventh and One hundred and forty-eighth Streets; a drain in Hoffman Street, north of Jacob Street; the pavement in One hundred and fifty-first Street, between Courtland and Railroad Avenue.

Also, from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that he had attended to the several matters complained of.

Filed.

Culverts and Crossings at 148th, 150th, and 151st Streets and 3d Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that on the 31st July and 1st August, he had remedied the defects complained of by the Health Department, in the culverts and crossings at One hundred and forty-eighth, One hundred and fiftieth, and One hundred and fifty-first Streets and Third Avenue, but that there will always be trouble at One hundred and forty-eighth Street until the owners of property there raise the gutters.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 209.)

Filed.

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

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting for what districts in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards he would advise plans for sewerage and drainage to be now prepared, and the additional force he would require for the purpose.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 211.)

Filed.

Commissioner STEBBINS then called up and offered the following resolution laid over from the last meeting, viz. :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, the force now employed in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer is sufficiently large for all work which it is called on to perform.

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following additional force in the office of

the Civil and Topographical Engineer be appointed at the salaries and pay mentioned, viz.:

One Assistant Engineer	at \$1,500 00	per annum.
One Surveyor	" 1,500 00	" "
One Assistant Surveyor	" 1,200 00	" "
One Draughtsman	" 1,000 00	" "
One Chainman	" 2 50	per day.
Four Assistants	" 2 50	" " each.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 211.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the appointment of employes to fill said positions be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

John Johnson.

From the Superintendent, reporting that Mr. John Johnson, inspector on the work of constructing pipe sewers in Central Park, cannot be employed after this date, as the pipe sewers are completed, but that as Mr. Johnson is a mason, he can be employed in that capacity.

(Minutes, April 25, 1877, p. 782.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. John Johnson be transferred from the position of inspector to that of mason, and that his pay be fixed at mason's pay, viz., \$3 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that the felt, requested by the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, to be placed in railing cases in Museum of Natural History building, and, also, the substitution of ground for fluted glass in the back of the upright cases, are advisable works to have ordered at present.

(Minutes, August 1, 1877, p. 194.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said additional works be ordered, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., applying for further payment of \$15,000 on account of the contract for cases in the Museum of Natural History building.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that payment of the amount asked be made.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 164.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate on account of said contract to an amount not exceeding \$15,000.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that it is necessary to have the gas mains connected with the Museum of Natural History building.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Metropolitan Gas Light Company be requested to connect their mains with said building, if they do so without expenses to the city or this Department; and that they place a dry meter in said building when the connection is made.

Adopted.

Riverside Avenue

From the Superintending Engineer of the construction of Riverside Avenue, reporting upon the three communications from Messrs. Decker & Quintard, the contractors, which were presented at the last meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 213.)

Filed.

Mr. N. H. Decker, one of the contractors, and his Engineer, were then received, and stated that the specifications called for well seasoned Georgia pine, to be used in the construction of the trestle work, but that it was impossible to obtain such timber in the market, and they asked permission to use timber cut last winter, although it was not thoroughly seasoned.

They also presented statements showing the amount of work which they estimated they had done during the months of June and July, and the amounts which they had been allowed in the estimates made by this Department, and they complained that they were not allowed sufficient.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said subjects mentioned by Mr. Decker be referred to the President.

Adopted.

Manhattan Square.

From Messrs. Samuel B. Ruggles and James F. Ruggles,

petitioning the Department to "enclose, lay out, grade, regulate, drain and improve" Manhattan Square, as directed by Chapter 319, Laws of 1864.

Referred to the President.

Battery Park.

From Mr. J. A. Cowing, Treasurer of the Elevated Railroad Company, asking that permission be granted to Mr. A. Allen to sell fruit, nuts, &c., under the stairs of the station of said railroad at the Battery Park.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said request be refused.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports:

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

Amer. Dist. Teleg. Co., rent and services	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		\$14 65
Angell & Blake, Manufacturing Co., labor			
and materials.....	Museum of Art..		359 00
Bryant, W. C. & Co., binding minutes..	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		25 00
Baker, Smith & Co., heating & ventilating.	Museum of Nat.		
	History.....		4,500 00
Central Gas Light Co., gas,	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps. Impt. &		
	M.....		60 00
Cooke & Beggs, elevator	Museum Nat.		
	Hist.		500 00
Crombie, Thos. J., timber, &c.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	\$50 45	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	151 71	
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Impt. and		
	M.....	48 00	
			<hr/> 250 16

Cooper, Hewett & Co., galvanized wire., Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	18 94
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe. Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	21 27
De Kremen & Bridgeford, agts. disinfect't. Maint. and Govt. P. and P. . . .	18 27
Devlin, Jno. B., digging trench. Museum of Art.	140 00
Decker, Thompson W., milk, Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	72 16
Grafulla, C. S., music Music Central Park.	275 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, July. Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	\$12 50
Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.	50 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	62 50
Hunter, Keller & Co., steam pipe. City Parks Impt. Fund.	21 17
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing. Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.	14 14
McDermott, P., plumbing and gasfitting. . Mus. Natl. History	20 10
McNab & Harlin, Mfg. Co., plumbing materials. Mus. Nat'l History	445 00
Maint, 23d and 24th Wards.	\$7 50
Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	1 62
	1 36
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	10 48
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas. Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	4 88
Mullane, John, hay, oats, corn, etc. Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	51 75
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas L. Co., gas. Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	314 09
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas. Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	199 75
	331 50

Noyes & Wines, corrugated iron lathing. Museum of Art ...	585 00
Pitt W. A., plumbing work.....City Parks Impt. Fund.....	9 26
Ridabock, F. A., gravel.....Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	410 75
Rogers, H. A., spikes, nails and staples..Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$17 50
Harlem R. B. Reps., Imp. & M.....	11 00
City Parks Impt. Fund.....	17 85
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	46 85
Young, Chas. C., bread, July.....Maint. and Gov't P. and P....	55 90
Wetmore & Co., iron.....City Parks Impt. Fund.....	19 91
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	\$8 856 48
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,623 89
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	190 93
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	169 00
Music in Central Park	275 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	61 16
Museum of Natural History.....	5,452 50
Museum of Art	1,084
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	\$8,856 48

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-eight hundred and fifty-six $\frac{48}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,	} <i>Auditing</i> <i>Committee.</i>
JAS. F. WENMAN,	

New York, August 15th, 1877.

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

Redmond, M. labor.....	Maint. etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	\$132 50
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Schrader, F. labor,.....	Maint. etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	144 00	
Thompson, J. labor.....	Maint. etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	190 50	
			\$467 00

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four hundred and sixty-seven dollars*

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN. } *Committee.*

New York, Wednesday August 15th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
Aug. 1.	By balance.....		\$20 00
Aug. 1	} " cash rec'd from permits and licenses,....		1,281 67
to			
Aug. 15.	}		\$1,301 67
		DR.	
Aug. 1	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$375 00
to			
Aug. 15.	}		926 67
Aug. 15.	" balance.....		\$1,301 67
			\$926 67

Cash in drawer..... \$926 67

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, August 15, 1877, 9.30 A. M.

David Craven.

The PRESIDENT reported that David Craven, a laborer employed in the Gentlemen's Cottage in Union Square had been suspended on account of a charge of personal assault preferred against him by a Mr. Henry Winkler; that Mr. Winkler had afterwards, on the 11th inst., withdrawn the charges, and that he (the President) had thereupon restored David Craven to work, subject to the approval of the Board. He then presented Mr. Winkler's withdrawal of the charges.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Michael Hogan.

The PRESIDENT reported that Michael Hogan, messenger, had been absent on the 7th and 8th insts., on account of the death of his brother, and that he had allowed him full time for said days, subject to the approval of the Board.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Teams for 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WENMAN, Treasurer, reported that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards required the services of five teams, and he moved that he be authorized to issue orders for their employment for sixty days.

(Minutes June 27, 1877, p. 139.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Isaac Evans. Henry Koster.

The PRESIDENT then presented two orders of *certiorari* issued in the matters of "*The People of the State of New York ex rel. Isaac Evans vs. The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York*", and "*The People of the State of New York ex rel. Henry Koster vs. Same*". The first issued from the Supreme Court, and the second from the Superior Court, and requiring the Commissioners to make return on the 22d inst., of all proceedings relating to the removal of said Isaac Evans and Henry Koster from the employment of this Department.

(Minutes May 31, 1876, pp. 80 and 82.)

Referred to the President.

At this point Commissioner STEBBINS left the meeting.

The following additional communications were then presented and read :

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that it is necessary to have the approaches to the south end of the Museum of Natural History building, and the slopes adjoining same completed at once in accordance with the plans of the original design, as the building will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect, with instructions to prepare and submit a plan for a temporary and inexpensive approach to said building, from Eighth Avenue and Seventy-seventh Street.

Adopted.

Pipe Sewers in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan for manholes in pipe sewers in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that said plan of manholes be approved and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Streets in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Wm. Caldwell and others, members of the "Local Improvement Committee, North Side Association," calling attention to the condition of certain streets in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for his report.

H. B. Dodworth.

From Mr. H. B. Dodworth, stating that there is a balance due him of \$620, on account of music furnished in the Parks during the summer of 1873, and asking that the Department take action to have a transfer made from some unexpended balance to enable him to be paid.

Laid over.

Edward Murray.

From patrolman Edward Murray, asking for leave of absence for three days, without pay.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that his request be granted.

Adopted.

W. B. Knight.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That Wm. B. Knight be, and he hereby is, appointed inspector upon the work of the construction of drains in the district of the Twenty-fourth Ward, bounded by Ford-

ham and Pelham Avenues, the Southern Boulevard, Kingsbridge Road and Arthur Street; the contract for which was lately awarded to Mr. Michael Noonan, and that his pay be fixed at \$3 per day.

(Minutes, June 27, 1877, p. 143.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore.—3.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10:45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 22d August, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22d, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 15th inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

144th Street.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of One hundred and forty-fourth Street, between Third and College Avenues.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Museum or Old Arsenal Building.

From the Superintending Architect reporting upon the defective drainage of the basement of the Museum or Old Arsenal building, in which he states that there are two causes creating bad odors and gases in the building, viz. :

1st. That the water-closets and urinals in the southwest corner of the basement are too small and low, and cannot be properly ventilated.

2d. That the first story floor of the building and the basement were used for several years as exhibition rooms for the

animals in the menagerie, and being unsuited for this purpose, the urine of the animals has penetrated the floors and walls.

He recommends that the water-closets and urinals in the basement be removed and placed in a separate building for the purpose outside, the cost of which he estimates at from \$1,200 to \$1,300.

(Minutes, Aug. 8, 1877, p. 213.)

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the recommendation of the Superintending Architect for the removal of the water-closets and urinals from the basement of the Museum or Old Arsenal building, and that he and the Landscape Architect be directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for a separate building to which to remove them.

Adopted.

Streets in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the communication of Mr. Wm. Cauldwell and others, members of the Local Improvement Committee of the Northside Association, in which they complain of the condition of certain streets in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, Aug. 15, 1877, p. 230.)

Laid over.

Gates at 3d Ave. Bridge.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting plans for gates across the Third Avenue bridge, and also a separate plan to work them automatically, but stating that, in his opinion, the latter plan will be as great a source of danger as the draw of the bridge unprotected.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 167.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the plans for the gates across Third Avenue bridge, as presented by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, without the automatic movement, be approved,

and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the erection of said gates.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Receiving Basins for Sewers in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting plans for receiving basins for sewers in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that said plans for receiving basins be approved and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, on behalf of the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the Department give orders for the following extra works in the Museum of Natural History building, at the prices mentioned, viz. :

Extra coat of paint on shelves—third story..... \$75 00
Cutting sockets in cases on first floor, and 168 plates for same, at 25c. each, 102 00

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that said works are extras, and are not provided for in any existing contract.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for said several works.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, recommending that the following extra works in the Museum of Art building be ordered, viz. :

1. Galvanized iron doors in ventilating shafts.
2. Tin deflectors between top of heating coils, and upper flanges of main girders.
3. Mouldings to form panels on the twenty-four galvanized iron doors provided for in the contract for heating and ventilating.

Endorsed on said communication is the following :

“ Approved for the Trustees of the Met. Mus. of Art, for the above total sum of \$255.

“ (Sigd.) THEODORE WESTON,
“ for Met. Mus. of Art.”

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that none of said works are provided for in any existing contracts.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for said works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, asking to be allowed commissions on the amount of work done on the Museum of Art building, by the Park force, or otherwise, outside the contract work, and submitting a bill therefor.

(Minutes, December 9, 1873, p. 444.)

Referred to the President to report.

Pavements at City Hall Park and Plaza at 5th Av. and 59th St.

From Mr. John J. Schillinger, serving a notice of demand for damages for the infringement of his patent in laying the pavements on City Hall Park and on the Plaza at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

(Minutes, May 16, 1877, p. 31.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said notice be filed, and a copy of it transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. O. Zollikoffer, President of the Metropolitan Gas-light Co., stating that said company will connect their mains with the Museum of Natural History building, at their own expense, but notifying the Department that the pipes in the building are too small to allow the quantity of gas required for the building to pass through.

(Minutes August 15, 1877, p. 223.)

Referred to Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, and the Superintending Architect, to report upon.

Pipe to Dock of Morrisania Steamboat Co.

From Mr. Thomas Rae, Treasurer of the Morrisania Steamboat Company, requesting permission for said company to lay a small pipe from the lot on the north-east corner of Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-third Street, in the Twenty-

third Ward, across One hundred and thirty-third Street and across Lincoln Avenue to the dock of said company.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Thomas Franklyn.

From Mr. Thomas Franklyn, applying for the position of Civil Engineer in the Department.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report .

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

Bien, Julius, maps.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	\$65 00
Boyle, John, duck cover.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	13 00
Campbell & Co., binding <i>Weekly Digest</i> ..	Maint. and Gov't P. and P.....	2 50
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	Mus. Nat. History,	474 15
Dodworth, Harvey B., music.....	Music, Cent'l Park,	275 09
Early & Lane, baskets.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	12 00
Hotaling, D., blue stone.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards....	58 79
Johnston, J. O., putting up awnings ...	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	5 25
Manhattan Gas Light Co., meter, gas...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	24 72
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter, gas,	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	95 25
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, July..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	315 00

Pierce, F. O. & Co., paints.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$8 40
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	4 50
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		\$12 90
Verplanck Bros., harness soap	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	3 25
Watson Mfg. Co., cases.....	Mus. Nat. History,	15,000 00
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		\$16,356 81

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$466 37
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	71 79
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	65 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	4 50
Music—Central Park.....	275 00
Museum Natural History.....	15,474 15
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	<u>\$16,356 81</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred and fifty-six dollars and eighty-one cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 " JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, August 22d, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Magazines for Explosives.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report :

To the

Department of Public Parks :

In relation to the application of the Fire Department for permission to erect magazines in a public park for the storage of explosives, I have the honor to report,

That the requirements of that department call for a site for their proposed magazines 200 feet square, in a location where there are no buildings within several hundred or a thousand feet.

That there is no property belonging to the city, within the city limits, which meets the requirements except the Green, the Ball ground on the North Meadow in Central Park.

That this led them to ask such a location as the centre of Tompkins Square, or the locations mentioned in the Central Park.

To construct a magazine in a public park would be inconsistent with the uses for which the city holds and maintains the public parks, inconsistent not only in idea, but with the statutes and every other expression of purpose connected with the establishment of the parks.

This inconsistency would be so great, that it would in effect be destructive of the parks.

Conceding that engineering science might reduce the risk and consequences of an explosion to the lowest degree, the people could never use such a location as a pleasure ground.

In February, 1874, a similar application was made by the Fire Department, and declined by this Department.

Respectfully,

W. R. MARTIN,

President Department Public Parks.

August 21, 1877.

(Minutes, August 15, 1877, p. 219.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the report of the President be approved, and that the application of the Fire Department be refused.

Adopted.

Music.

The PRESIDENT reported that, owing to the exhaustion of the appropriation for music, Saturday, the 25th instant, would be the last concert day on the Central Park this year.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 63.)

Isaac Evans. Henry Koster.

The PRESIDENT presented statements for the returns to the orders of certiorari in the cases of Isaac Evans and Henry Koster.

(Minutes, Aug. 15, 1877, p. 229.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said statements be approved and transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, verbally reported that a temporary carriageway to the south entrance of the Museum of Natural History building from Seventy-seventh street, and the grading of the half circle in front of the entrance, can be made for about \$2,000.

(Minutes, Aug. 15, 1877, p. 229.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the construction of such a temporary carriageway and grading be approved; that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare plans and specifications for the work, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Sale of Old Material.

Commissioner WENMAN, to whom was referred the inventory of the property of the Department, reported that there was some old material which it was advisable to dispose of, and he moved that the following be sold at public auction, viz. : 8 tons of old iron, 304 feet of old rubber hose, 100 lbs. of old rope, and 12 empty oil barrels.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 213.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

John Havens.

The President stated that John Havens had been employed as a laborer on the parks last autumn, but that having met with an accident while at work, he was obliged to leave. That he now desires to be reinstated.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be authorized to restore said John Havens as a laborer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Railroad Crossing at Fordham.

Commissioner WETMORE reported that the crossings of Kings Bridge Road and Pelham Avenue, over the Harlem Railroad, at Fordham, were very dangerous, owing to the number of trains which are constantly passing at that place.

That he had seen the Superintendent of the Railroad Company on the subject, who had offered to meet any one from the Department whom the Board would appoint, to make arrangements for greater safety in future.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to consult with the Superintendent of the Harlem Railroad Company on said subject, and report to the Board.

Adopted.

Riverside Avenue.

Mr. N. H. Decker, one of the contractors for the construction of Riverside Avenue, and his Engineer were then received.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had authorized the contractors to use timber in the construction of the trestle work, which had been cut one year.

Mr. Decker stated that he could supply such timber, and would do so.

Mr. Decker then stated, that owing to their not having the trestle to use, they are obliged to haul the stone, used below Eighty-sixth Street, round by the Boulevard, and are put to considerable expense thereby, and he asked that he be allowed fifty cents per cubic yard for all stone so hauled.

The Superintending Engineer on said work, who was present, stated that there would be at least 2,000 cubic yards of such stone to be hauled.

They then retired, and the PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Contractors for the construction of Riverside Avenue be authorized to use timber in the construction of the trestle work, of the quality called for by the contract, and which has been cut one year ; and

Resolved, That the President be authorized to enter into and sign an agreement with Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors, by which they shall be allowed an extra sum of \$1,000 for the extra haul of all stone caused by the delay in the completion of the trestle work.

(Minutes, Aug. 15, 1877, p. 223.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Manhattan Square.

Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles and Mr. James F. Ruggles were then received, and they stated that if the Department would agree to grade and regulate 150 feet of the northern portion of Manhattan Square, they would endeavor to make arrangements with the owners of property adjoining said Square, to advance the money for the purpose, and wait for some subsequent legislation to enable them to be reimbursed.

(Minutes, Aug. 15, 1877, p. 223.)

They then retired, when

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That, on hearing Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles and Mr. James F. Ruggles, on behalf of the owners of property adjoining Manhattan Square, and the reasons advanced by them for the grading of said Square, the Board is of opinion that the public interest requires that the regulating and grading of the northern portion of said Square, for 150 feet south from Eighty-first Street, should be proceeded with at once.

Resolved, That if any arrangements are made by the owners of property to advance sufficient money to pay for the work of regulating and grading said portion of said Square, as it shall proceed, (to be reimbursed to them by some subsequent Act of the Legislature), which shall place it within the legal power of this Department to proceed with the work, then the work be prosecuted at once.

Resolved, That the arrangements proposed by Messrs. S. B. Ruggles and Jas. F. Ruggles be referred to the President, to report upon.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, August the 29th, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 22d inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Foreman Hodges.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that Foreman Thomas Hodges was absent for three days on account of the death of his son, and that he applied to be allowed full time for those days.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding an application from John Beckett, skilled laborer, asking to be allowed full time for the 20th and 21st instants, on which days he was absent on account of sickness.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Foreman Hodges and John Beckett, skilled laborer, be allowed full time for said days on which they were absent.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, stating that he was aware at the time the specifications for the gas pipes in the Museum of Natural History building were prepared that the size of the pipes was not in accordance with the schedule of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company; that no responsibility as to the adequacy of the interior supply pipes rests with that company, and an unqualified statement to that effect may at once be given by the Department.

Also from the Superintending Architect, stating that at the time the gas pipes were being put in the building by the contractor he spoke to Mr. Vaux, the Architect, in regard to the matter, and that he was told by him that the pipes were of a sufficient size for their purpose, and that he (Mr. Vaux) did not see any necessity for changing them.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 237.)

Filed.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, recommending that the following material and extra works be purchased and ordered for the Museum of Art building, viz. :

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| 1. Cloth to be hung in picture galleries, as provided in the carpenter's contract, at a cost not exceeding..... | \$1,925 00 |
| 2. Kalsomining, at a cost not exceeding..... | 420 00 |
| 3. Leader connections, at a cost not exceeding..... | 35 00 |
| 4. Cement flooring in basement, at a cost not exceeding..... | 2,000 00 |

Also enclosing a sample of the cloth and specifications and plans for the other works.

Endorsed on said communication is the following :

“ Approved for Trustees of Metropolitan Museum of Art, for
“ the sum as per above, not exceeding \$4,380⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

“(Signed),

THEODORE WESTON,
“ For Met. Mus. of Art.”

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that none of the works mentioned in the specifications submitted by Mr. Vaux are included in the carpenter's or mason's contracts, and recommending that said works be done, as they are necessary for the completion of the building.

The PRESIDENT moved that the kalsomining and leader connections be executed upon orders issued by the Treasurer, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for the cloth and cement flooring.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

144th Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the condition of One hundred and forty-fourth Street, between Third and College Avenues, in which he states that the street is in a very bad condition and the gutters foul and unhealthy, and recommending that application be made to the Common Council for an ordinance to curb and gutter said street, but stating that the sewer about to be built in Third Avenue will give the street sufficient sewerage at present.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 233.)

The PRESIDENT moved that application be made to the Common Council, as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, for an ordinance to authorize the curb and gutter stones to be set on said street.

Adopted.

Pipe to dock of Morrisania Steam Boat Co.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of Mr. Thomas Rae, Treasurer of the Morrisania

Steam Boat Company, for permission to lay a small pipe across One hundred and thirty-third Street and Lincoln Avenue, and recommending that the permission be granted on the following conditions, viz. : That the pipe be of lead or iron, and laid not less than four feet below the surface : that the work be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that an exact diagram of the location of the pipe be furnished to the Department.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 237.)

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be granted to Mr. Thomas Rae, to lay said pipe across One hundred and thirty-third Street and Lincoln Avenue, on the conditions recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Adopted.

Cornelius Westervelt.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that the bridges over Mill Brook have holes in them, also that other bridges are in a dangerous condition, and that it was necessary to have a carpenter to repair them.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had authorized the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to employ Cornelius Westervelt, the carpenter previously employed, at the rate of pay of \$2.75 per day, from the 22d inst., subject to the order of the Board.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President and the employment of Cornelius Westervelt up to this date be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Alligators, &c.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that he could purchase an alligator seven feet long, two gophers, and some skins, for \$10, and that the usual price of an alligator of that size is \$25.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Director of the Menagerie be authorized to purchase said alligator, gophers, &c., for a price not exceeding \$10.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

John Havens.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that John Havens, laborer, was not assigned to work by him.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 242.)

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From Mr. Conrad Knaus, requesting permission to set curb and gutter stones on Elton Avenue, opposite to his property.

Also from the Engineer in charge of the work on said avenue, reporting thereon, and on the verbal application of Mr. Hugh Williamson, and recommending that they be granted the permission requested, on condition that they do the work under the supervision of the Department, and that they deposit with the Department the amount of the surveyor's fees, viz. : three cents per linear foot of frontage of their property.

(Minutes, June 27, 1877, p. 138.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the permissions requested by Mr. Conrad Knaus and Mr. Hugh Williamson be granted, on the conditions recommended by the Engineer in charge.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Denman Place.

From Messrs. Allison & Shaw, Attorneys, and from Mr. James R. Angel, Attorney, enclosing a copy order of the Supreme Court, in the action of John Rourke *vs.* Henry Schmidt and others, vacating the order of injunction heretofore made in said action enjoining the Department from issuing any certificates for work done in regulating and grading Denman Place in the Twenty-third Ward ; also requesting the Department to issue the certificates for said work to Messrs. Henry Schmidt and Frank Beck, as the assignees of the original contractor.

(Minutes, Dec. 16, 1874, p. 409.)

Referred to the President, to report.

Fruit Stand at Reservoir Square.

From Mr. Jacob Rosenberg, asking permission to sell fruit, &c., near the margin of the sidewalk of Reservoir Square.

Refused.

Laborers of the 18th Assembly District.

From Mr. John Harrison, as chairman, and Mr. Andrew Mathieson, as secretary of a meeting of the unemployed working men of the Eighteenth Assembly District, informing the Commissioners that Mr. David Conroy had been appointed by that meeting to interview them with reference to the employment of laborers in that district.

Filed.

Neuchatel Asphalte Rock.

From Mr. Edward Van Orden, President of the Swiss Asphalte Rock Paving Company, proposing to the Department to lay down fifty tons of Neuchatel Asphalte Rock, owned by the Department, on Tompkins Square, at \$2 per square yard, including a Portland cement concrete base.

(Minutes, Nov. 20, 1874, p. 376.)

The Landscape Architect, who was present, recommended that the proposition be accepted by the Department.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to Mr. Van Orden to lay not more than 500 square yards of said Neuchatel Asphalte Rock, together with a Portland cement concrete base of from three to four inches thick, on Tompkins Square, at a cost not exceeding \$2 per square yard.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Stands for Sale of Fruit, &c., on the Battery.

From Mr. Charles McCarthy, requesting permission to retain his stand for the sale of fruit, &c., on the Battery.

Also from Mr. John J. Stephens and others, recommending that Mr. McCarthy's request be complied with.

The PRESIDENT then reported that there are three stands for the sale of fruit on the Battery Park, near Whitehall Street, one kept by a Mrs. Dolberry, one by Mr. C. McCarthy and his wife, and the third by a Mrs. Clifford. That they all claim to have had permits at some prior time, either granted to themselves or to some one from whom they purchased the privilege, but that their permits can not now be found. That they are not in conformity with the rules of the Board, and he recommended that they be removed.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all permits which may heretofore have been given to Mrs. Dolberry, Mr. or Mrs. McCarthy, or Mrs. Clifford, or to any one from whom they claim, be, and hereby are, revoked, and that they be directed to remove their stands from the Battery Park, on or before November 1st, 1877.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Cooper, Hewitt & Co., annealed iron	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$44 23
Colwell Lead Co., sheet lead... *	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	33 21
Croft, Wm, F., mason work.....	Museum of Nat. History.....	863 00
Devlin, John B., carting matls.	City Parks Impt. Fund... ..	933 30
Duffy, P., labor.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	214 00
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music, Cen. Park..	270 00
McEntee, Francis, labor and materials... .	Museum of Nat. History.....	420 00
Mott, G. L., Iron Works, iron stair case..	Museum of Nat. History.....	210 00
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	19 98
Post & McCord, labor and materials....	Museum of Art...	1504 44

Reeves, Robert C., hemp seed and wipers. Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	20 25
Reilly, James, labor	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards. ...	206 50
Rogers, H. A., files and scoop	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$10 70
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & Maint.	1 20
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RECAPITULATION.

City Parks Improvement Fund	\$977 53
Museum of Natural History	1,493 00
Museum of Art	1,504 44
Music—Central Park	270 00
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places	84 14
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Main- tenance	1 20
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	420 50
	<hr/> \$4,750 81

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-seven hundred and fifty dollars and eighty-one cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
" JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, August 29th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Carriage service. A. S. Clapp.

The PRESIDENT presented a statement of the receipts and expenditures of Mr. A. S. Clapp, licensee of the Carriage Service, which shows that his expenditures up to August 1st exceeded his receipts by \$4,174.32, and stated that Mr. Clapp requested that the balance of his license of \$500, viz., \$400, be remitted.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 151.)

Laid over.

Water boys.

The PRESIDENT reported that frequent complaints have been made by the Lieutenant of the police force concerning the conduct of the following water boys, viz.: Thos. Brady, Thos. F. Brady, Nicholas Keyes and James Reilly; and he recommended that their licenses be revoked.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 96.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that it be referred to the President with power to revoke said licenses and to license four boys in their places.

Adopted.

Police trials.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had tried patrolmen Richard W. Morgan and George Walker, upon the charge of conversing together for half an hour while on duty; that he found the charge sustained, and recommended that they each be fined two days' pay.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the report of the President be approved, and his recommendation adopted by the Board.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Police.

Commissioner WENMAN, from the Committee appointed upon the reorganization of the police force, presented a report.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 593.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said report be received and laid over for further consideration.

Adopted.

Streets in the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WETMORE reported verbally concerning the condition of certain streets and roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, namely : One hundred and sixty-seventh Street, Boston Avenue, Sedgwick Avenue and Kingsbridge Road, and presented a communication from the Superintendent of those Wards, giving in detail the repairs needed to them, and he recommended that the Superintendent be directed to have such repairs made to the extent that the appropriation for this year will permit, and that the materials necessary for that purpose be purchased on orders issued by the Treasurer.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 234.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said report be received, and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Carpenters for repairs of Bridges in the 23d and 24th Wards.

The Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth

Wards was then received, and stated that the bridges in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards were in a very bad condition, and in some places there were dangerous holes in them, which he had been obliged to cover with large stones because he had neither carpenters nor lumber to have them repaired. He then retired.

The PRESIDENT then moved that three carpenters be appointed for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and their pay fixed at \$2.75 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Cornelius Westervelt.

The PRESIDENT then moved that Cornelius Westervelt be appointed a carpenter in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, Aug. 29, 1877, p. 248.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

John F. Carroll.

Morris E. Sterne.

The PRESIDENT then stated that the appropriation for salaries was being exceeded, and that there would be a deficiency at the end of the year unless a reduction was made. He then moved that John F. Carroll and Morris E. Sterne, clerks, who were heretofore notified that they would have to be removed

on account of the reduced appropriation for salaries, and who were allowed an opportunity of making an explanation on the 31st January last, be, and hereby are, removed from the employment of the Department, from and after September 1st, 1877.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 581.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Henry Kanski.

John Morrissey.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Henry Kanski be, and hereby is, appointed a chainman, and John Morrissey, an axeman, on the force of the Superintending Engineer, and that their pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day each.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 213.)

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Lamb.

The PRESIDENT reported that a short time since the Hon. August Belmont had proposed to give an eagle to the Department, in exchange for a ram lamb. That he had reserved one of the ram lambs from the recent sale, for Mr. Belmont.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the action of the President be approved, and that said lamb be delivered to Mr. Belmont in exchange for the eagle.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Buckwheat.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. Alfred Edwards and other gentlemen who took a deep interest in the subject of introducing small birds into the country had requested that a half an acre of the Central Park be sown with buckwheat, and allowed to grow and shed its seed, and he recommended that their request be granted.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said request be granted, and that it be referred to the President, with power to determine to what extent, and in what location of the Park, the buckwheat shall be sown.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

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

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following named persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the positions in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer set opposite to their names, as directed by the Board, on the 15th instant, viz :

Horace Loomis, Assistant Engineer.
Horace Crosby, Surveyor.
Thomas Franklin, Assistant Surveyor.
Bernard Hufnagle, Draughtsman.
Randell Hunt, Chainman.

G. C. Hollerith, Assistant.
Henry W. Vogel, Assistant.
George J. Meinell, Assistant.
G. J. Penfield, Assistant, Jr.

(Minutes, August 15, 1877, p. 220.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that said resolution and subject be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

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

The PRESIDENT then moved that the vote on the appointment of Mr. Thomas Franklin, Mr. Bernard Hufnagel and Mr. Geo. J. Meinell, be taken separately from that on the other appointments.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, so far as it relates to the appointment of Mr. Horace Loomis, Mr. Horace Crosby, Mr. Randell Hunt, Mr. G. C. Hollerith, Mr. Henry W. Vogel and Mr. G. J. Penfield, Jr., and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

The PRESIDENT then put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, so far as it relates to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Franklin, Mr. Bernard Hufnagel and Mr. George J. Meinell, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Adjournment.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the 12th September next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 29th, 1877, were read and approved.

Sewer in Mott Avenue, &c.

Sewer in Third Avenue, &c.

Broken Trap-rock and Screenings.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., Mr. Henry J. Storrs, General Clerk in the Finance Department, attended on behalf of the Comptroller of the City, who had been duly notified, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President, in the presence of Mr. Storrs and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals, which had been received, in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works and supplies, viz. :

1. Construction of Sewers in Mott Avenue, One hundred and thirty-eighth Street and One hundred and forty-fourth Street.

(Minutes, June 13th, 1877, p. 109.)

2. Construction of a Sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 90.)

3. The delivery of 750 cubic yards of broken trap-rock, and 250 cubic yards of trap-rock screenings.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 212.)

I.

The following proposals were received for the Construction of Sewers in Mott Avenue, One hundred and forty-fourth Street, and One hundred and thirty-eighth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward:

No.	BIDDERS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.						Days, at \$3 per day,	TOTAL.
		2,050 linear feet 12 inch pipe sewer, per linear foot.	1,700 linear feet 15 inch pipe sewer, per linear foot.	570 linear feet 18 inch pipe sewer, per linear foot.	52 linear feet 8 inch pipe sewer, per linear foot.	13 receiving basins, for each basin.	38 manholes, for each manhole.		
1	Francis McCabe....	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$108 00	\$34 97	35	\$7,209 86
2	Hugh Kennedy.....	1 03	1 31	1 43	0 91	112 00	44 00	90	8,598 92
3	S. D. Seaman & P. Lawlor.....	2 10	2 43	3 00	1 95	115 00	77 00	150	15,118 40
4	James Reilly.....	1 46	1 46	1 46	1 46	75 00	16 00	90	8,236 12
5	James F. Keys.....	87	1 12	1 34	60	95 00	35 00	90	7,317 50
6	Jeremiah McCarthy.	1 60	2 20	3 00	88	105 00	34 00	180	11,972 78
7	Michael Noonan....	1 50	2 00	4 00	25	10 00	1 00	50	9,086 00
8	Charles C. Reed....	1 00	1 30	1 50	80	200 00	40 00	90	9,546 60
9	P. Mulholland.....	0½	0½	0½	0½	1 00	1 00	120	432 86
10	Charles Devlin & John Mc Kim....	1 20	1 50	1 90	1 00	134 00	36 00	60	9,435 00
11	James J. Jones & John J. McQuade.	49	49	49	49	01	01	1	2,145 79
12	Thos. H. Casey.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	...	100 00	30 00	100	7,060 00
13	James Baird....	1 60	1 95	2 20	90	200 00	60 00	100	13,075 80
14	Patrick Farley.....	98	98	98	98	110 00	35 00	37	7,155 56
15	Daniel Gallagher...	1 10	1 25	1 50	1 00	125 00	50 00	60	8,992 00
16	James Everard.....	1 21	1 44	1 84	98	138 00	40 00	100	9,642 26
17	John Cameron.....	2 10	2 65	2 90	2 10	120 00	30 00	60	13,452 20
18	R. & J. Cunningham	1 40	1 72	2 00	50	100 00	40 00	90	10,050 00
19	John B. Devlin....	1 00	1 25	1 35	75	120 00	25 00	30	7,583 50
20	John W. Manning..	3 60	3 70	3 80	3 40	130 00	45 00	150	19,862 80
21	Gilbert Palmer....	1 25	1 55	1 73	1 00	125 00	35 00	71	9,403 60
22	John H. McCabe....	74	1 67	2 00	1 00	100 00	38 00	20	8,352 00
23	John C. Dowling...	87	87	87	87	115 00	40 00	90	7,088 64
24	Laurence Rock.....	1 40	1 40	1 50	50	100 00	30 00	50	8,721 00
25	Richard H. Treacy.	90	90	90	90	150 00	75 00	150	9,184 80
26	P. M. Broderick....	1 00	1 00	8 00	1 00	100 00	50 00	100	11,862 00

II.

The following proposals were received for the construction of a Sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

No.	BIDDERS.	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES.		TOTAL.
		868 linear feet 12-inch Pipe Sewer per foot.	Days at \$3 per day.	
1	P. Mulholland.....	\$1 69	18	\$1,520 92
2	Robert McChristie.....	1 75	25	1,594 00
3	Francis McCabe.....	2 25	35	2,058 00
4	James Reilly.....	1 90	40	1,769 20
5	Jeremiah McCarthy.....	2 30	50	2,146 40
6	Laurence Rock.....	1 50	30	1,392 00
7	Michael Noonan.....	4 00	20	3,532 00
8	Charles Devlin and John McKim.....	2 25	50	2,103 00
9	James J. Jones and John J. McQuade.....	1 63	10	1,444 84
10	James Baird.....	2 23	20	1,995 64
11	Patrick Farley.....	2 20	20	1,969 60
12	R. & J. Cunningham.....	2 10	40	1,942 80
13	Cornelius Smith.....	1 90	30	1,739 20
14	John B. Devlin.....	1 30	10	1,158 40
15	John H. McCabe.....	1 99	10	1,757 82
16	Gilbert Palmer.....	2 67	25	2,392 56
17	Daniel Gallagher.....	1 75	20	1,579 00
18	John W. Manning.....	3 60	25	3,199 80
19	James Everard.....	1 59	35	1,485 12
20	Richard H. Treacy.....	3 50	150	3 488 00

III.

The following proposals were received for the delivery of 750 cubic yards of broken trap-rock and 250 cubic yards of trap-rock screenings :

No.	Bidders.	Broken Trap-rock.	Trap-rock Screenings.	Total.
1	John A. Bouker.....	\$2 15	\$1 65	\$2,025 00
2	James J. Jones and John J. McQuade...	1 95	1 95	1,950 00
3	John B. Devlin.....	2 20	2 20	2,200 00

Mr. Storrs, the bidders, and others who were present, then retired.

The following communications were presented and read :

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that Messrs. Gibb and O'Reilly offered to substitute Mr. Charles G. Mason in place of Mr. Timothy J. Campbell, as a surety for their faithful performance of the contract for re-flooring the Third Avenue Bridge, heretofore awarded to them.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 213.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. Charles G. Mason, of No. 356 East Fourth street, in said city, in the place of Mr. Timothy J. Campbell, as a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for re-flooring the roadway of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem River, heretofore awarded to Messrs. Gibb and O'Reilly.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

The Gilbert Elevated Railway Co.

From the Counsel to the Corporation in reply to the request of the Department for advice as to the authority and jurisdiction of the Department to grant the request of the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company for permission to place the columns of its railroad on the sidewalk of Reservoir Square, in which he states as follows, viz. :

“ The question as to the right of the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company to construct an elevated railroad in Sixth Avenue is a difficult and complicated one, in reference to which conflicting decisions have been rendered by the courts of this city. I am informed that a case was some time since argued before the Court of Appeals, the decision of which will, in all probability, finally decide said question, and I understand that an early decision is looked for.

“ Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that, as I am informed, the Gilbert Elevated Railway has been restrained by injunction from proceeding with the work referred to in your letter, it would seem to be a waste of time and labor for me to examine the very numerous and complicated questions which have been raised in regard to the rights of said railway, or to give any opinion in relation thereto. It is proper for me to say, however, that the right of the Gilbert Elevated Railway to construct its railroad in Sixth Avenue and upon the sidewalk of Reservoir Square, does not depend upon the consent of the Park Department. If such right exists, it is by virtue of various acts of the Legislature, and any rights or powers conferred by such acts can be exercised without the consent of the Park Department.”

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 157.)

Filed.

Elton Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, in reply to the Department as to whether the construction of fire cisterns in Elton Avenue can be omitted from the work of the contractor, in which he states as follows, viz. :

“ Under ordinary circumstances, the Department cannot, as I have heretofore had occasion to advise, materially modify a contract made at public letting. The present case is a very extraordinary and unusual one, growing out of the annexation to the city of a part of Westchester County, and the opening of a new street.

“ If the fire cisterns in question are constructed, the expense thereof will have to be assessed upon the property benefited by the improvement of Elton Avenue.

“ If it be true that such cisterns are obsolete and useless, the expense of constructing them would be money thrown away. Moreover, owing to the opening of the street, and the removal of the church, which will be made necessary thereby, the contract cannot be literally carried out by erecting new cisterns in the location where the old ones were, and connecting them with the roof of said church.

“ Under these circumstances, I think the Department can legally, and without risk of vitiating the assessment for the work, permit the contractor to omit the rebuilding of such cisterns, provided, as suggested in your letter, he will consent to make a proper deduction from the contract-price of the work.

“ It is hardly necessary for me to suggest that, if the construction of such cisterns is omitted, the Department should see to it that such a deduction is made from the contract-price as will prevent any question hereafter arising as to whether such deduction was sufficiently large.”

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 211.)

Filed.

Also from the Engineer in charge of said work reporting that, under the circumstances, \$600 would be a proper deduction to make from the contract-price, if the fire-cisterns are omitted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Engineer in charge be authorized to allow the contractor for regulating and grading Elton Avenue, to omit the construction of the fire-cisterns in said avenue, on condition that he agrees to a deduction of \$600 from his contract-price for said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Union Square Urinal.

From the Health Department calling the attention of the Department to certain alterations and repairs required in the urinal at the Cottage in Union Square.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks reporting upon said communication, and stating that he had made the repairs mentioned, but that the $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch supply pipe to the urinal is connected with a $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch tap to the Croton water main in the street.

That this is not sufficient to allow a full flow of water, and recommending that a second $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch tap be connected with the supply pipe, the cost of which he estimates at \$30.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be

directed to have a second $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch tap from the Croton water main connected with the supply pipe.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Railroad Crossing at Fordham.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that he had met the Superintendent of the Harlem Railroad Company, as directed by the Board, and consulted with him as to the best means to prevent accidents at the crossing of Kings Bridge Road and Pelham Avenue. That the only certain protection to the public will be effected by carrying out the plan of streets filed January 3d, 1877, but that the necessary legal proceedings for acquiring title to the land, &c., will occupy considerable time. That in the mean time the Superintendent of the railroad company has promised to place and keep a flag-man at Pelham Avenue crossing.

(Minutes, August 22, 1877, p. 242.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History

From the Superintending Architect, submitting a preliminary study for a temporary bridge to the entrance on the south end of the Museum of Natural History building, the cost of which he estimates at from \$4,000 to \$4,500.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said preliminary study be approved, and that when it is also approved by the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit specifications and working drawings for same.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Manhattan Square.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting plans and specifications for a temporary roadway, &c., on Manhattan Square, to afford an approach from Eighth Avenue and Seventy-seventh street to the entrance on the south end of the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, August 22, 1877, p. 241.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said plans and specifications be approved, and that the work be done on orders issued by the Treasurer.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Swedish School House.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting that the foundations for the Swedish School House are completed ; and asking for the instructions of the Board concerning the further erection of the building.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 165.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent be directed to proceed with the erection and completion of said building.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, on behalf of the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the Department would order the following items of extra work in connection with the Museum of Natural History building, at a cost not exceeding the figures set opposite each item, namely :

Plumbing.

Changing position of washstand in office, second floor.....	\$15 00
Putting in galvanized cast iron zinc wash basin in student's room, attic story.....	50 00
Furnishing and putting up four marble slabs in urinals, attic story.....	55 00

Carpenter's Work.

Casing tanks in water closet, attic story.....	15 00
Extra sheet iron coverings for cases in attic story.....	48 00
Putting facia around circular stair well hole.....	26 00

Mason's Work.

Patching plastering behind cases, attic story.....	15 00
Extra mason work around engine in cellar, steps flagged, &c.....	150 00
Patching around well hole, circular stairway.....	10 00

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that none of the above items are provided for in outstanding contracts.

The PRESIDENT moved that said items of extra work be ordered; and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, asking for a payment of \$1,000 on account of their contract for heating and ventilating the Museum of Art building.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that they be allowed a payment not exceeding \$600 on account.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 153.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of said Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company on account of their said contract, and not exceeding \$600.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. James Brady, assignee of Mr. Joseph C. Brady, asking for a payment of \$6,000 on account of his contract for the carpenter's work of the Museum of Art building.

Also from the Superintending Architect recommending that Mr. Brady be allowed a payment to that amount.

(Minutes, Aug. 1, 1877, p. 191.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate on account of said contract, and not exceeding \$6,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Strippel & Son, asking for a payment on account of their contract for the construction of cases for the Museum of Natural History building.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that Messrs. Strippel & Son be paid \$2,500 on account.

(Minutes, April 11, 1877, p. 744.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of said Strippel & Son, on account of their contract, and not exceeding \$2,500.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

John Richardson.

Wm. Flannigan.

From the Disbursing Clerk forwarding two certificates of amounts due to former laborers on the Parks as follows. viz:

John Richardson, double team, December 8th to 21st, 1872..... \$16 32

Wm. Flannigan, laborer, December 10th to 24th, 1870..... 10 50

Referred to the Treasurer for his report.

Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors for the improvement of Riverside Avenue, with reference to the manner in which the Superintending Engineer requires the upper portion of the retaining wall to be built.

(Minutes, Aug. 8, 1877, p. 214.)

Referred to the President to report.

Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors for the im-

provement of Riverside Avenue, with reference to the plans for receiving basins which the Superintending Engineer has prepared.

Referred to the President to report.

Filling for Manhattan Square.

From Mr. John Mulholland, offering to deliver filling in Manhattan Square at the following prices, viz:

Earth filling, 17 cents per cubic yard.

Stone " 14 " " "

Filed.

Wm. H. Cooney.

From Mr. James J. Slevin, and others recommending Wm. H. Cooney for a position on the police force.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report.

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

American District Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$14 66
Annin & Co., repairs to flag.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	10 00
Bell, Thomas, repairs to harness.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	6 85
Boote, Edwd., tiling.....	Museum Nat. Hist.	3,961 60
Colgate & Co., laundry soap.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	6 00
Central Gas Light Co., gas—bridges....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Imp. and Maint.	60 00
Cook, Ebenezer, sponges.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	24 38
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	38 19

Decker, Nicholas H., and Geo. W. Quintard, labor and materials.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave.	\$11,830 16
Early & Lane, pail, brooms and matches.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$0 75
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	20 50
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		21 25
Frazer, L. F., use of patent.....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Imp. and Maint.	25 00
Foster & Co., meat and vegetables.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	253 50
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	62 50
Gordon, Robt., treasurer, expenses Mu- seum of Art.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	538 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter, gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	25 85
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, August....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$12 50
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Imp. and Maint.	50 00
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		62 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness and ma- terials	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 38
Handibode & Johnson, coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	82 00
Hoyt, J. B., & Co., belting, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	28 25
Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, labor and materials.....	Brook Av. Sewer.	7,625 70
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$79 85
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	50
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	19 88
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Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials.....	City Parks Imp. Fund.....		\$12 80
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$22 50	
	Harlem R. B. Rep., Imp. and Maint.	45 00	
			67 50
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		17 00
Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		3 50
Lester Oil Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$60 75	
	Harlem R. B. Rep., Impt. and Maint. &c.....	27 00	
			87 75
Maloney, Bernard, trenching.....	Mus. Nat. History,		150 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbg. matls.	Mus. Nat. History, City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$10 20	
	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....	71 5 00	
			15 91
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas. expenses			
Museum Natural History.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		781 96
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., Gas August.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		4 38
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		7 08
Mullane, John, corn, oats, &c., &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		280 20
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, August.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		315 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter, gas.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		2 25
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, August.....	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....		331 50
O'Donnell, Frank A., laying pipes.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		502 85

Prentice, James, levelling rod.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$16 00
Post & McCord, iron work.....	Museum of Art...	3,008 88
Rogers, H. A., hardware	City Parks Impt. Fund	\$3 68
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and Maint. &c.....	15
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	12 62
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		16 45
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	16 00
Scott, D., fish.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	20 15
Van Riper, Chas., plow points and paint.	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	7 93
Willing & Co., repairs to gauge.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	3 50
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		<u>\$32,469 99</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,943 66
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	137 91
Harlem river bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance.....	207 15
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	74 69
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	520 04
Museum of Natural History.....	6,121 80
Museum of Art.....	3,008 88
Improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue.....	11,830 16
Brook Avenue sewer.....	7,625 70
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	<u>\$32,469 99</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-two thousand four hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
 " JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, September 12th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Denman Place.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communications of Messrs. Allison & Shaw and Mr. James R. Angell, attorneys, requesting that the certificate for the work on Denman Place be issued, verbally reported that he had examined the contract for the work on Denman Place, and the various assignments for the same, and that Henry Schmidt and Frank Beck are now the assignees of the original contractor, James Finegan, and are entitled to receive the certificate for the work.

(Minutes, Aug. 29, 1877, p. 250.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Audit of Certificate. Denman Place.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following certificate of the late En-

gineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the first day of January, 1874, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

CONTRACTOR.	IMPROVEMENT.	No. OF CERTIFICATE.	AMOUNT.
Henry Schmidt and Frank Beck, Assignees of James Finegan.	Regulating and Grading of Denman Place from Concord Avenue to Union Avenue.	Fifth and final.	\$3,564 57

Dated New York, Sept. 12th, 1877.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The certificate of the late Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the 1st day of January, 1874, set forth in the report of the Auditing Committee this day presented to the Board, has been examined and audited by the Commissioners of this Department ;

Resolved, That the said Commissionners approve, and they do hereby approve, the work and amount certified by the said late Engineer in said certificate ; and that the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to prepare the certificate to be delivered to the contractors mentioned in said report, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, and in accordance with the said certificate of the said late Engineer, and submit the same to the Commissioners of this Department for their signatures.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Audit of Engineer's Fees on Works in late Town of Morrisania.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined and audited the following bill of Mr. E. C. Morrison, the late Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the 1st day of January, 1874, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

IMPROVEMENT.	
Regulating and grading Denman Place, from Concord Avenue to Union Avenue.....	\$89 85

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*.
Jas. F. WENMAN } *Committee.*

Dated New York, Sept. 12, 1877.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned bill of the late Engineer in charge of said improvement, and that the amount thereof be certified to the Finance Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Police trials, Gate Keeper Wm. Love and Special Patrolman S. W. Conklin.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had tried the following officers of the police force on the following complaints, viz :

Gate Keeper Wm. Love, charged with conversing with a citizen at his gate for three quarters of an hour on the 24th August, 1877.

Special Patrolman S. W. Conklin, charged by Mr. A. V. Trust, with being rough and abusive in his manner to a gentleman in Union Square on August 31, 1877.

That he found Gate Keeper Love guilty of the charges preferred against him, and recommended that he be fined two days' pay.

That Special Patrolman Conklin was not guilty; that the complaint was made by a stranger and not by the gentleman himself.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the report of the President be accepted and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Estimate for 1878.

The PRESIDENT reported that he was ready to present a draft of the Departmental Estimate for 1878.

(Minutes, Aug. 1, 1877, p. 190.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject of the Departmental Estimates for 1878 be laid over and their consideration taken up at a special meeting, to be held on September 13th, 1877, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Third Avenue Bridge Gates.

The PRESIDENT presented the authority from Mr. Lawrence F. Frazee, patentee of "Frazee's patent ferry gates," for the Department to construct, put up and use on Third Avenue

Bridge, four of his patent improvements on gates, and moved that it be filed.

(Minutes, August 22, 1877, p. 234.)

Adopted.

Carpenters in the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had, on the 5th inst., authorized the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to employ Andrew J. Francis and Henry Mangan as carpenters.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the action of the President be approved, and that said Andrew J. Francis and Henry Mangan be appointed carpenters in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards from the 5th September inst.

(Minutes Aug. 29, 1877, p. 255.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Transfers to pay judgments.

The PRESIDENT offered the preambles and resolution :

Whereas, certain employés, hereinafter named, of this Department have recovered judgments against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for salary and wages due them ; and

Whereas, the fund for the payment of judgments is exhausted ; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer the sum of \$2,478.00 from the appropriation for " Maintenance and government of parks and places," 1874, for the purposes of which it is not

required, to an appropriation to pay the following judgments, with interest, viz. :

DATE OF JUDGMENT.	NAME.	AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT.
1877.		
July 6.....	Frederick Law Olmsted.....	\$1,322 22
" ".....	Frederick Law Olmsted.....	737 57
August 23.....	John Beckett.....	48 91
" ".....	John McLaughlin.....	48 91
" ".....	William L. Fischer.....	73 54
" ".....	John Watkins.....	61 22
" ".....	Charles B. Trimble.....	87 33
" ".....	Henry Carpenter.....	48 90

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Morse Statue.

The PRESIDENT presented a plan for the reduction in size of the plinth, and pedestal of the Morse statue, as requested by Mr. M. J. Power, and moved that Mr. Power be authorized to remove the statue, for the purpose of reducing the width of the plinth and rebronzing the statue, at his own expense, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for the reduction of the pedestal in accordance with said plan.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 111.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Maintenance of Parks, &c.

Transfers of Balances for 1877.

The PRESIDENT stated that it is necessary to reduce the present rate of expenditure for the maintenance of the Parks, as the appropriation is being exceeded, and that there are small balances on some other accounts which, with the concurrence of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, can be transferred to the maintenance appropriation.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said subject be laid over.

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 12.15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Thursday, the 13th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

On motion of the President, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 12th inst. was dispensed with.

Estimates for 1878.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred by the Board at the meeting held on the 1st day of August, 1877, to prepare and submit a draft of the estimates for 1878, presented the following as the departmental estimates for that year, and recommended that it be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

(Minutes, September 20, 1876, p. 295 and Sept. 12, 1877, p. 279.)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.

Salaries.

To pay entirely the salaries of the president, clerks, engineers, architects, landscape architects, and all other employés of the Department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, and laborers, and their foremen employed in the work of maintenance, and excepting also salaries paid under other distinct appropriations in this apportionment.....

\$45,000

(Secs. 83 and 112, Ch. 335, Laws of 1873.)

Police.

For all expenses connected with the force of keepers of the Central Park, and the several parks, squares, and places of the city, including the salaries and pay of the captain, lieutenant, sergeants, patrolmen, post and gatekeepers, night watchmen, and tailors..... \$90,000

(Sec. 6, Ch. 290, Laws of 1871.)

Maintenance of Parks and Places.

Including wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers, &c., employed on works of maintenance and also the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory..... \$210,000

(Sec. 5, Ch. 26, Laws of 1865.)

(Ch. 595, " 1869.)

(Sec. 83, Ch. 335, " 1873.)

Note.—This includes certain fixed sums, such as

1. Gas, from \$15,000 to..... \$25,000

according to the number of lamps erected which are kept lighted. The lighting of these lamps should properly be included in the contracts of the Gas Commission.

Office rent, Union Square..... 5,000

2. Certain payments which are necessary for men in permanent places or in buildings, whose labor is necessary in order to put the working force in the field.

This includes the persons in charge of the buildings, such as the Arsenal, the urinals and the ladies' cottages and the offices of the Department; the men employed in the stables and in charge of the animals in the zoological collection and sheep-fold; the blacksmiths, harness makers, plumbers, and mechanical engineers.

It includes, also, fuel for all the buildings and food for all the animals.

This can now be reduced to about..... 50,000

It has heretofore, and within three or four years, cost more than twice that sum.

It has been reduced to the lowest practicable amount.

The above payments must all be met before the work in the field, which is the effective work of the department, can be carried on.

3. This last is the real work of the Parks, and where the money reaches its proper object and produces results of permanent value.

- It includes the following:
 - Roads and bridle roads.
 - Walks.
 - Turf and borders.
 - Planting trees and shrubs.
 - Skating ponds and ice.

- Green-houses.
- Transverse roads.
- Drainage.
- Repairs of buildings.
- Seats and signs.
- Lakes and water.

From 1872 to 1876 an average of \$17,000 a month was expended on the above items.

In 1876, an average of \$7,700.

In 1877, " " 7,500.

The result of this reduction has been that much of the proper work of the parks has been necessarily neglected, such as the turf and the trees, and some of the roads and walks. The buildings also need extensive repairs for the same reason.

Every year's delay in expenditure for these purposes will increase the amount to be expended to restore them to good order.

On the most careful consideration, at least..... 130,000 will be necessary for the year 1878.

Any reduction from this amount will require a much larger expenditure hereafter.

\$210,000

Museums.

For the keeping, preservation, and exhibition of the collections of the American Museum of National History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art 30,000
 (Sec. 7, Ch. 756, Laws of 1873.)

Harlem River Bridges.

For the repairs, improvement and maintenance of existing bridges over the Harlem River.
 Third Avenue Bridge,
 Central Bridge,
 Farmers' Bridge,
 Kings Bridge..... \$7,000 00
 The present Central Bridge is in a dangerous condition..
 (Sec. 3, Ch. 534, Laws 1871.)

Note.—It will be more economical and advantageous to reconstruct the two shore spans of the Central Bridge of iron rather than repair and support the present wooden structure.

If this is done \$25,000 must be added to the estimate.

If this is not done the repairs in wood to the Central Bridge will cost \$4,000 00.

We ask for one of these amounts.

Maintenance of Streets, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

For the maintenance and government of public places, roads, avenues and bridges in the 23d and 24th Wards, including the salaries and wages of all persons employed in the work \$50,000 00
(Sec. 14, Ch. 329, Laws 1874.)

Note.—This includes 136 miles of streets and roads, and about 100 interior bridges, and provides for work on the new plan of making the repairs permanent by the use of stone for road material.

Bronx River Bridges.

For repairing and maintaining the bridges over the Bronx River, in 23d and 24th Wards. \$2,500 00
(Sec. 14, Ch. 329, Laws 1874.)

These bridges are all dilapidated, dangerous and liable to fall. Four of them should be rebuilt of iron if the Westchester authorities concur.

If this is done, for the city's half of the expense, \$7,500 must be added.

Surveying, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, and the north end of the Island.

For surveying, laying out, and monumenting the 23d and 24th Wards and the north end of the Island (north of 155th Street), including the salaries and wages of all persons employed in the work \$40,000 00
(Sec. 14, Ch. 329, Laws 1874.)
(Ch. 604, " 1874.)

The maps of a large portion of the territory have been finally adopted, and those for the remainder are nearly ready. This renders the monumenting of the whole district necessary.

Music.

Music for the Central Park. \$5,000 00

If music is to be provided for the smaller City Parks this amount must be increased.

Total \$479,500 00

SPECIAL ITEMS.

The following are necessary works, and have in previous years been presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportion-

ment. They can be postponed, if the Board of Estimate and Apportionment judge best.

City Hall Park Pavement.

For all the walks, not including the carriageway in front of the City Hall, running from Broadway to Chatham street.

Total area of walks in this park, sq. feet	122,828
Deducting the old pavement in good order, sq. feet.....	23,844
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	98,984
And deducting the Gunther pavement laid under the appropriation of 1876, sq. feet.....	43,549
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Leaving to be paved, sq. feet.....	55,435

The estimate of the cost is \$17,000.

This can be done in part, in successive years, to the extent of any appropriation made for it year by year.

Sea Wall at the Battery.

The construction of the exterior wall is defective, so that the water washes through and undermines the wall and the sidewalk.

The wall should be repaired and protected by an outside pavement, and the sidewalk should be relaid.

This can be done in part, in successive years, to the extent of any appropriation made for it year by year.

The estimated cost of completely repairing the wall is \$20,000.

Tax Maps of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

For preparation and making of maps for the use of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, including salaries and wages for persons immediately employed on the work.

(Ch. 411, Laws 1876.)

The old maps now in use are very defective. Some land escapes taxation, and some is taxed on inaccurate statements of area.

The estimate for one year's work is \$11,000. The maps, at that rate, would be completed in two years.

For Celebration of Independence Day, 1878.

No appropriation was made last year. If the celebration is renewed it will require the expenditure of \$7,500.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that each item in the proposed estimates be considered separately.

Adopted.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the amount for Salaries be fixed at \$35,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore.—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the amount for Police be fixed at \$80,000.

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the amount for Maintenance of Parks and Places be fixed at \$175,000.

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the amount for Maintenance of Parks and Places be fixed at \$195,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins—2.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the amount for Maintenance of Parks and Places be fixed at \$210,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman—2.

Commissioner WETMORE then moved that the amount for maintenance of Parks and Places be fixed at \$200,000.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the amount for Museums be fixed at \$20,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the amount for Harlem River Bridges be fixed at \$7,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the amount for Mainten-

ance of Streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be fixed at \$26,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the amount for Maintenance of Streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be fixed at \$40,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

The PRESIDENT moved that the amount for Bronx River Bridges, be fixed at \$2,500.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the amount for Surveying, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the north end of the island, be fixed at \$10,000.

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

Aye—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Commissioner WETMORE then moved that the amount for Surveying, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the north end of the island, be fixed at \$30,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the amount for Music be fixed at \$4,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that all the special items be placed as a statement at the end of the estimates, but that no specific amounts be asked for them.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the draft departmental estimates presented by the President with the notes added to the different items and as modified by the action of the Board, be approved and that they be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and to the Board of Aldermen.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 5 o'clock, P.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 12th and 13th insts., were read and approved.

Bridge over Harlem River.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposals heretofore received for the construction of a bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, be not opened, and that all proceedings in reference to said proposals be postponed indefinitely.

(Minutes, August 15, 1877, p. 217.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department an-

nounced to those present, and to those of the bidders who desired to be present, that the proposals for the construction of the iron bridge over the Harlem River, at the intersection of Madison Avenue and One hundred and thirty-ninth Street, would not be opened, and that all proceedings in reference to said proposals were postponed indefinitely.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Third Avenue Bridge.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that Messrs, Gibb and O'Reilly offered to substitute Mr. Nickolaus Schoen in place of Mr. Henry Smith, as a surety for their faithful performance of the contract for reflooring the Third Avenue Bridge, heretofore awarded to them.

(Minutes, September 12th, 1877, p. 264.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. Nickolaus Schoen, of No. 56 Avenue D., in said city, in the place of Mr. Henry Smith, as a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for reflooring the roadway of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem River, heretofore awarded to Messrs. Gibb and O'Reilly.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Rent of Offices, 1876.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with a copy of the following resolution adopted by that Board, on the 10th September, 1877, namely :

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks

and Places," 1875, which is in excess of the amount required for the objects and purposes thereof, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," 1876, which is insufficient.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 163.)

Filed.

Horace Loomis.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding the resignation of Mr. Horace Loomis, Assistant Engineer.

(Minutes, August 29, 1877, p. 258.)

Accepted.

144th Street, 23d Ward.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, forwarding a letter from Mr. James H. Welsh, complaining that, on account of One hundred and forty-fourth Street, east of Willis Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward not being curbed and guttered and the flagging on the sidewalk not being laid, the water floods the basements of his houses on that street.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be filed, and that Mr. Welsh be informed that the work which he desires to have done, must first be directed by ordinance of the Common Council.

Adopted.

John O'Connel, J. Dowd.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that John O'Connel, laborer, and J. Dowd, teamster, had been absent from work for three days, and applied to be restored.

The PRESIDENT moved that John O'Connel and J. Dowd be restored.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Elton Avenue.

From the Engineer in charge of Elton Avenue improvement, stating that the contractor will not agree to make a deduction of \$600 from the contract price of said work, on account of the omission of the fire cisterns.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 265.)

Referred to the President to report.

Exchange of sheep and animals.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that a Mr. L. M. Blakely has offered such animals as may be selected for the Menagerie in exchange for three ewes from the flock on Central Park.

Also that he can exchange a gray wolf for three monkeys, which are required in the Menagerie.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the exchange of the gray wolf for three monkeys be authorized, but not that of the ewes.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, submitting a plan and specifications for casing the five main ribs in the central hall of the

Museum of Art building with galvanized iron, the estimated cost of which he states to be \$6,000.

Endorsed on said communication is the following :

“ Approved for the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of
“ Art. “ (Signed) THEODORE WESTON.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said plan and specifications be approved and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals for said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Van Horn & Fogazzi, asking for a payment on account of their contract for the painting of the Museum of Natural History building.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that Messrs. Van Horn & Fogazzi be paid \$1,375 on account.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of Messrs. Van Horn & Fogazzi, on account of their contract, and not exceeding \$1,375.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,
—4.

Sewer connections on Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. R. M. Waters, asking permission to connect a six-

inch drain pipe with the surface drain pipe now being laid down on Riverside Avenue.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the drainage system on said avenue is not intended nor suitable for the reception of house drainage and sewerage.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that Mr. Waters' application be declined and that he be informed that the drainage system in Riverside Avenue is not intended nor suitable for such connections, and that the authority to grant permits and to make connections with street sewers in that portion of the city is vested in the Department of Public Works.

Adopted.

Hunt's Point Road, 23d Ward.

From Mr. Fredk. E. Ives and other property owners and residents of Hunt's Point, calling attention to the condition of Hunt's Point Road, and requesting that it be put in proper order before the winter.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for his report.

C. Borger.

From Mr. C. Borger, requesting permission to sell fruit, candies, &c., at Eighth Avenue and Sixtieth Street.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the permission requested be refused.

Adopted.

Applications for positions.

The following applications for positions were received and ordered to be filed :

From Mr. E. Bleyer, for a position as inspector.

From Mr. W. M. Smith, for the position of steam engineer.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Angell & Blake Mfg. Co., heating, etc....	Museum of Art..	\$540 00
Brady, Jos. C., carpenter's work.....	Museum of Art..	5,400 00
Croft, Wm. F., building foundation.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	193 00
Fischer, W. L., travelling expenses.....	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.....	22 99
Grant, W. H., interest on salary.....	Surveying, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, '74.....	93 40
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mus. Nat. Hist.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	367 75
Morton & Chesley, work on cases.....	Museum Nat. Hist.	316 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, drinking fountain.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	136 04
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co. gas, meter..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	19 50
Strippel & Son, cases.....	Museum of Nat. History.....	2,250 00
Van Horn & Fogazzi, painting.....	Museum of Natural History.....	1,375 00
Van Horn & Fogazzi, painting.....	Museum of Natural History.....	195 00
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		\$10,908 68
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RECAPITULATION.

Museum of Art.....	\$5,940 00
Museum of Natural History.....	4,136 00
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	410 24

City Parks Improvement Fund.....	329 04	
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, '74.....	93 40	
		\$10,908 68

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand nine hundred and eight dollars and sixty-eight cents.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, September 19, 1877.

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks.

In Account with James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

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1877.

Aug. 15.—By balance.....	\$926 67	
“ 15 to } Cash received from licenses, pound, grass, &c..	1,304 58	
Sept. 19. }		\$2,231 25

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Aug. 15 to } To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$2,231 25
Sept. 19. }	

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,
 Treasurer, D.P.P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1877,

9.30 A.M.

Wm. E. Beames.

The PRESIDENT then presented a copy of a writ of *certiorari* issued from the Superior Court, in the matter of "*The People of the State of New York, ex rel. Wm. E. Beames vs. The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York,*" which had been served on him, directing that a return be made of all proceedings relating to the removal of said Wm. E. Beames, late a clerk in this Department. He also presented a copy of various extracts from the minutes in relation to the matter, and moved that they be forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation as a statement for the return of the Commissioners.

(Minutes, Jan, 31, 1876, p. 566.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the application and bill of Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, for commissions on the amount of work done on the Museum of Art building, by the park force or otherwise, outside the contract work, verbally reported his opinion that Mr. Vaux was entitled to his commissions on the cost of the building, whether the work was done by contract or otherwise, but that he was not entitled to commissions on the cost of the excavations made by the park force at the site of the building, and before its construction was commenced.

(Minutes. Aug. 22, 1877. p. 237.)

Mr. C. VAUX, Architect, was then received, and explained the reasons why he considered himself entitled to commissions on the total cost of the building, including the excavations.

He then retired.

Commissioner WETMORE then moved that the report of the President and said subject be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Maintenance of Parks, &c. Transfer of balances for 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of the reduction of expenses of the maintenance of parks and places, and the transfer of surplus balances to that appropriation, as presented in his report, be taken up.

(Minutes, Sept. 12, 1877, p. 282.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimates and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to transfer to the appropriation for "Maintenance of the parks and places, for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics, and laborers employed on the work of maintenance, &c.," 1877, and from the following appropriations, the undermentioned sums, which are in excess of the amounts required, namely :

"Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, improvements and maintenance," 1877.....	\$1,167 00
"Police—salaries of captain, lieutenant," &c., &c., 1877.....	6,228 00
"Music—Central Park," 1877.....	180 00

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Mowers.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that all the mowers employed on the parks be discharged.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 80.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—1.

Gravel.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase four boat loads of screened gravel for the parks, as it is required.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 66.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—1.

Lakes in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to report as to the nature and cause of the green stuff floating in the Central Park lakes, and as to whether any means can be used to avoid it otherwise than by an additional supply of water. Also to consider and report at what cost and with what prospect of value an artesian well could be provided, and whether any other means can be adopted to increase the supply of water, not involving drawing from the Croton Reservoirs.

Adopted.

Police.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the consideration of the report which he had presented on the reorganization of the police force be taken up.

(Minutes, August 29, 1877, p. 255.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No.—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the following named officers in the police force be, and hereby are, transferred from the positions and ranks which they now hold to that of gate keepers, viz :

Michael McGinnis, Richard W. Morgan, Thomas Mulligan, Lawrence Moorecroft, Patrick Sheran, George P. Schaff, John Steinert, Patrick Burns, Martin Philbin, James Valles, John Pye and John Kelly.

Resolved, That the following named officers in the police force be, and hereby are, transferred from the positions of gate-keepers to that of patrolmen, viz :

Daniel W. Bull, M. C. Cunningham, James Higgins, Reuben E. Hewitt, James Larkins, George W. Pyne, James Sterling, Francis McLoughlin, Peter McCusker, James Ferris, Patrick Nevins and Thomas Ulings.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

P. Loeffell, W. F. Leonard, P. Sheran.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Post-keepers Philip Loeffell and W. F. Leonard, and gate-keeper Patrick Sheran have been for many years in the service of the Department, but are now ill and unable to perform duty ;

Resolved, That they be, and hereby are, granted leave of absence, with half pay, 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—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Isaac Evans.

The PRESIDENT presented a return to the order of *certiorari* in the case of Mr. Isaac Evans, which had been prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 241.)

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, The Department has submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation the minutes of the proceedings of the Department having relation to the removal of Isaac Evans ; and

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has prepared and sent to this Department a return to the writ of *certiorari* issued by the Supreme Court in the matter of " The People, &c.," *ex rel.* Isaac Evans, relator, *against* The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, respondents :

Resolved, That the President of the Department be, and hereby is, authorized to sign and certify said return on behalf of and for said Board of Commissioners.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Henry Koster.

The PRESIDENT presented a return to the order of *certiorari* in the case of Mr. Henry Koster, which had been prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 241.)

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, The Department has submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation the minutes of the proceedings of the Department, having relation to the removal of Henry Koster ; and

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has prepared and sent to this Department a return to the writ of *certiorari* issued by the Superior Court in the matter of " The People, &c., *ex*

rel, Henry Koster, relator, *against* The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, respondents.”

Resolved, That the President of the Department be, and hereby is, authorized to sign and certify said return on behalf of and for said Board of Commissioners.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Sewer in Mott Avenue.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 9) of Mr. Patrick Mulholland for the construction of sewers in Mott Avenue, One hundred and forty-fourth Street and One hundred and thirty-eighth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be, and hereby is, awarded to Mr. Patrick Mulholland therefore, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 262.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Sewer in 3d Avenue, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 14) of Mr. John B. Devlin for the construction of a sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract therefore be, and hereby is, awarded to Mr. John B. Devlin, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 12, 1877, p. 263.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Broken Trap-rock and Screenings.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. James J. Jones and John J. McQuade for the delivery of 750 cubic yards of broken trap-rock and 250 cubic yards of trap-rock screenings be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract therefore be, and hereby is, awarded to Messrs. James J. Jones and John J. McQuade, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Sept. 12, 1877, p. 263).

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

Mr. T. W. Rollins, the contractor for the iron work of the Museum of Natural History building, was then received, and he stated that when he commenced the work on said building, in 1874, Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, told him that if he would build the temporary wooden bridge to the building, which he required for his own use, in such a manner that the Department could use it thereafter, he would be allowed \$100 for it. That he did construct such a bridge, and upon drawings furnished to him by the Architect.

The Superintending Architect was then received, and he stated that he understood that Mr. Vaux had made some such

promise to Mr. Rollins, but that the bridge which Mr. Rollins constructed, although perhaps a little stronger than that which he required for his own use, was not of any use to the Department, and will now have to be removed. That he directed the foremen of carpenters to make an examination of the bridge, and an estimate of its cost, and that he had informed him that its outside cost could not have exceeded \$130. That, under the circumstances, he did not feel justified in recommending the Board to allow Mr. Rollins anything for said bridge.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. T. W. Rollins be allowed the sum of \$100 for the erection of the temporary bridge at the south end of the Museum of Natural History 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—Commissioners Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Board adjourned at 12:30 o'clock P.M., to meet on Wednesday, October 3d, 1877, at 9 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th day of September were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Jerome Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, with a copy of the following preamble and resolution, which were approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 21st of September, 1877, viz. :

Whereas, Central Avenue was intended and is almost exclusively used as a pleasure drive, but by reason of the dust that constantly arises from passing vehicles the original intention is perverted, and a drive thereon is now anything but pleasant or agreeable; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, requested to have the roadway of Central Avenue, from Central Bridge to the Kingsbridge road, sprinkled with water, in order to prevent annoyance from dust by persons driving on said avenue.

Filed.

Stocks and Bonds for 1877.

From the Comptroller of the city, requesting that he be furnished with an estimate of the amount of money which the Department will require during the remainder of the present year for expenditures from the proceeds of stocks and bonds.

The PRESIDENT stated that the whole of the funds provided for the construction, &c., of the Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History buildings by Sec. 2, Chap. 290, Laws of 1871, and Chap. 351, Laws of 1875, will be required this year, and that about \$10,000 of the City Parks Improvement Fund, provided by Chap. 608, Laws of 1875, will be necessary during the remainder of the year, and he moved that the Comptroller of the city be so informed.

Adopted.

Fountains.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting that all the fountains in the parks, except the Bethesda Fountain in Central Park, be stopped, on account of the falling off of the water supply occasioned by the continued drought.

(Minutes, Sept. 6, 1876, p. 271.)

The PRESIDENT stated that on receipt of said communication he had immediately given directions to have the request of the Commissioner of Public Works complied with, and moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Museums of Art and Natural History Stock.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 19th of September, 1877, viz. :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Museums of Art and Natural History Stock," authorized by Chapter 290, Laws of 1871, amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars, in full of requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated September 9, 1875.

(Minutes, Aug. 1, 1877, p. 188.)

Filed.

Lakes in Central Park.

From the Health Department, in relation to the condition of the lakes in Central Park.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 303.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Health Department be informed that this Department has the subject of cleaning the waters of the lakes under consideration, and that said communication be filed.

Adopted.

Gardeners.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending that the gardening force employed on the parks be not reduced.

(Minutes, Sept. 19th, 1877, p. 302.)

Filed.

Central Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that it is necessary to relay the first course of planking on the approaches to Central Bridge over Harlem River, as it is decayed to a considerable extent, and estimating the cost of doing so at from \$750 to \$800.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 55.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said planking relaid, at a cost not exceeding \$800.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

144th Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the ordinance for setting curb and gutter stones on One hundred and forty-fourth Street, between Third and College Avenues, was reported favorably in the Board of Aldermen.

That it is found that in unpaved streets, where curb and

gutter-stones are set, they are very frequently undermined and caused to settle by the water in heavy rains, and that this evil is prevented by laying a strip of stone block pavement, about three feet in width, outside of the gutter stones.

That College Avenue, as laid out, crosses this street, and provision should be made for cross-walks, and he recommends that the Board of Aldermen be requested to amend the ordinance before passing it, so as to include the items of work above mentioned.

(Minutes, Aug. 29th, 1877, p. 247.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board of Aldermen be requested to amend said ordinance, as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Adopted.

Jerome Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that he required four extra teams and two additional steam engineers, to enable him to water Jerome Avenue during the present race days at Jerome Park.

(Minutes, Oct. 3d, 1877, p. 309.)

The PRESIDENT reported that he had issued orders on the 25th September, for four extra teams, and had directed the Superintendent of Parks to detail to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards two men who are capable of acting as steam engineers.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President be approved.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Wm. Leslie.

From Mr. Wm. Leslie, axeman, applying for an increase of pay.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 87.)

Laid over.

Cistern under sidewalk.

From Mr. Wm. R. Beal, President of the Central Gas Light Co., requesting permission to construct a cistern under the sidewalk in front of the property of said company, at the corner of One hundred and thirty-ninth Street and Locust Avenue.

Referred to the President to report.

Sewer in Mott Avenue.

From Mr. Patrick Mulholland, accepting the contract for the construction of sewers in Mott Avenue, One hundred and forty-fourth Street, and One hundred and thirty-eighth Street.

(Minutes, Sept. 19, 1877, p. 306.)

Filed.

Sewer in Third Avenue.

From Mr. John B. Devlin, accepting the contract for the construction of a sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 306.)

Filed.

Broken Trap-rock and Screenings.

From Messrs. James J. Jones and John J. McQuade, accepting the contract for the delivery of 750 cubic yards of broken trap-rock and 250 cubic yards of trap-rock screenings.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 307.)

Filed.

R. L. Cooke.

From the Reverend W. H. Cooke, son of the late R. L. Cooke, formerly employed as a division engineer by this

Department, making application for compensation for his father's services from February 7th, 1877, to August 10th, 1877, during which time he worked for, but was not employed by, this Department.

(Minutes, February 7th, 1877, p. 605.)

Laid over.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Theodore Roosevelt and Wm. A. Haines, the committee on plans of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of the general designs for the temporary bridge to the south entrance of the Museum of Natural History building, but requesting that the frame be covered with galvanized iron, that the sides and ceilings be plastered, that the flooring be made of plain and encaustic tiles, and that the exterior of the whole structure be of galvanized iron, provided the total cost does not exceed \$6,000.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 267.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the additional works to said bridge be approved, and that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare the plans and specifications accordingly, and so that the whole cost of the structure will not exceed \$6,000.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore — 4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, stating that his opinion, and that of such of the trustees of said Museum as he had been able to see, is

adverse to the claim of Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, for commissions on the cost of the excavations at the site of the Museum of Art building.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 301.)

Laid over.

Central Park.

From Mr. Willis Van Winkle, requesting that the hour of closing Central Park during the winter months, be fixed at 11 o'clock, P. M. instead of 9 o'clock P. M.

Filed.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From Mr. John J. Crane, calling the attention of the Department to the work of the construction of the sewer in Brook Avenue, and requesting that the low and marshy land where the Mill Brook runs and the bed of the brook itself, be filled in and levelled off.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

American Asphalt.

From Mr. Geo. W. Wingate, requesting permission for the American Asphalt Company to lay down a portion of the sidewalk on Union Square with American asphalt.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Landscape Architect, with instructions to consult with Mr. Wingate and report whether it is not practicable to allow said company to lay down the whole of the sidewalks round one of the smaller parks.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co., assignees of the contractors for the construction of cases for the Museum of

Natural History building, asking for a payment of \$10,000 on account.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that Messrs. Morton, Chesley & Co. have finished their contract with the exception of about \$500 worth of work ; and recommending that they be paid \$10,000 on account, as there will still remain a balance of \$1,800 unpaid.

(Minutes, Aug. 15, 1877, p. 222.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate on account and in favor of the contractors for the construction of cases for the Museum of Natural History building, and not exceeding \$10,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Applications.

The following applications for positions in the Department, were received and ordered to be filed, viz. :

From Mr. Charles Crary, in behalf of John Coombs, for a position on the police force.

From Mr. F. J. Twomey in behalf of same.

From Mr. E. Kilpatrick and others in behalf of same.

From His Honor the Mayor and others, in behalf of John O'Neil, for a position on the police force.

From Mr. Andrew Martin, in behalf of James P. Sullivan, for a position on the police force.

From Messrs. Wm. and John O'Brien, in behalf of Gate Keeper L. Delany, for the position of patrolman.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bertine, Edwin R., Am. Ensign.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$12 50
Boote, Edwd., tiling.....	Museum of Nat. History.....	2,980 80
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., iron wire.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$9 70
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	3 47
		<hr/> 13 17
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards...	\$51 50
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	858 29
		<hr/> 909 79
Devlin, Chas., repairs to Kings Bridge..	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	898 58
Edwards, Chas. A., agent, rubber hose..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	60 75
Egan K., & Co., waste.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$5 00
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	5 00
		<hr/> 10 00
Ghetti, Antonio, cutting letters.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	19 05
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	62 50
Handibode & Johnson, coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	45 00
Holbrook, E. F. & Bro., glass.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	31 35
Jube, John P. & Co., carriage materials..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	175 81

Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter, gas..	Maint and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		\$51 50
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P, 1876....		30 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses			
Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		916 24
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas L. Co., gas			
August.....	Maint and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		227 38
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., labor.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		11 00
Rollins, T. W., temporary bridge.....	Museum Natural		
	Hist.....		100 00
Rogers, H. A., hardware, spikes, etc....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	\$23 70	
	Surveying, laying		
	out, &c., 23d and		
	24th Wards....	12 00	
	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	41 02	
			76 72
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum Natural		
	Hist.....		709 81
Wheatly, R. R., oats and hay.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....		90 75
			<u>\$7,432 20</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,593 75
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,017 74
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	903 58
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	82 55
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	14 47
Museum of Natural History.....	3,790 11
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1876.....	30 00
	<u>\$7,432 20</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-four hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

New York, October 3d, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.	CR.		
Sept. 19. } to Oct. 3d. }	By cash rec'd from licenses and permits,.....	37 38	\$37 38
	DR.		
Oct. 3d. To balance.....		37 38	\$37 38
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(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, October 3d, 1877, 9.30 A. M.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Commissioner STEBBINS, who was appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes :

The committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, James F. Wenman, Esq., up to and including July 31, 1877, respectfully reports that he has examined and audited said accounts, and finds the same correct, the balance to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, being twenty (\$20) dollars.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,
Auditing Committee.

New York, September 25, 1877.

(Minutes, August 1, 1877, p. 203.)

Laborers for Monumenting.

The PRESIDENT reported that on September 12th ulto., he had authorized the Civil and Topographical Engineer to employ Richard Gambling and George Robinson as laborers to assist in setting monuments in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President be confirmed, and that the pay of said laborers be fixed at \$1.50 per day each, until this date.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said Richard Gambling and George Robinson be, and hereby are, appointed laborers to assist the Civil and Topographical Engineer in setting monuments in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that their pay be fixed at \$1.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Board on the 27th day of September, 1876, and entered on page 311 of the minutes of proceedings, authorizing the Civil and Topographical Engineer to employ two laborers whenever he requires their services for the purpose of monumenting the streets and avenues, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Sewers in Mott avenue, &c.

Sewer in Third avenue, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. E. B. Van Winkle be, and hereby is, appointed City Surveyor for the following works, the contracts for which have been awarded to the undermentioned contractors, viz. :

1. Sewers in Mott avenue, 144th street and 138th street. Contractor, P. Mulholland.
2. Sewer in Third avenue and 143d street. Contractor, J. B. Devlin.

(Minutes, Oct. 3, 1877, p. 313.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

George S. Greene.

The PRESIDENT stated that as the prosecution of the work of constructing the bridge over Harlem River at the intersection of Madison Avenue and 139th Street was postponed indefinitely, in consequence of the omission of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to act on the subject, it was necessary for the Board to take action in regard to the position and pay of General George S. Greene, who was appointed Engineer in charge of the construction of said bridge, and he recommended that General Green be notified thereof.

(Minutes, January 24 and Sept. 19, 1877, pp. 567 and 293.)

General George S. Greene was then received and informed that it was proposed to remove him from the office of Engineer in charge of the construction of said bridge, on account of the suspension of the prosecution of the work, and he was allowed an opportunity of making an explanation in relation thereto. He then addressed the Board, and stated that under the circumstances of the non-prosecution of the construction of said bridge he could not expect the Department to retain him in that position, but he stated that he should consider himself entitled to pay up to this date. He then retired.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That General George S. Greene, Engineer in charge of the construction of the bridge over Harlem River, at Madison Avenue and 139th Street, be and hereby is suspended without pay, until the further order of the Board; and that the subject of what, if any, pay should be allowed to General Greene from August 1st, 1877, to this date, be referred to Commissioner Stebbins to 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—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Offices for Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT reported that, as directed by the Board on the 8th of August last, application had been made to the Board of Aldermen to authorize the lease of the offices occupied by the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. That, as appears from the official report of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, published in the *City Record*, the following report of the Committee on Law Department, was presented to the Board of Aldermen on the 28th day of September, 1877, and adopted, viz.:

The Committee on Law Department, to whom was referred the annexed communication from the Department of Public Parks, with an opinion of the Counsel

to the Corporation in relation to the power of the departments to lease their offices, and a form of agreement between the Mayor, &c., by the Department of Public Parks and Ebenezer Valentine and William Briggs, for lease of premises at Fordham, now occupied by the said Department, respectfully

REPORT:

That the subject is not a new one, having engaged the attention of our Committee and your Honorable body in the early part of the present year, when resolutions were passed directing the Department of Parks to vacate the premises it now occupies (and which it recommends the city to lease), and to occupy others equally well adapted for the use of the Department, and far more convenient for persons desiring to transact business with it, which is now occupied, and for which the city pays an annual rental, and by which the city would effect an annual saving of four hundred dollars.

The report will be found on pages 204 and 205 of the proceedings of this Board at the meeting of April 26, 1877, to which your Committee respectfully beg leave to refer. No valid reason has been or can be given by the Park Department, that would justify your Honorable body in reversing the directions then given, or that would warrant the Common Council in contradicting, by its action, the facts therein contained. Had the Park Commissioners obeyed the provisions of the resolutions then passed, instead of seeking the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, upon provisions of the Charter that are simple in themselves and easily comprehended, the difficulty that now besets them would have been avoided in a great measure, and your Committee would have been spared the necessity of again occupying the time of your Honorable body with a subject that had previously been acted upon, and which was then regarded as having been finally disposed of, so far at least as the Common Council was concerned. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the papers be ordered on file.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS, } Committee on
 GEORGE HALL. } Law Department.

(Minutes, Aug. 8, 1877, p. 208.)

Laid over.

Special Patrolmen.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time of the employment of the eight special patrolmen authorized by the Board on the 6th day of June, 1877, be, and hereby is, extended and continued from the 1st of October to and including the 31st day of October, 1877.

(Minutes, Aug. 1, 1877, p. 198.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Telegraph Line.

Commissioner WENMAN, to whom was referred the subject of renewing the agreement with the Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., for the telegraph lines between this office and the Central

Park, reported verbally that he had seen the officers of the company, and he recommended that the agreement be renewed from October 1st to December 31st, 1877, on the same terms and conditions as the former agreement, and that the President be authorized to sign such an agreement on behalf of the Department.

(Minutes, July 25th, 1877, p. 185.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Construction of Drains in 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT presented an assignment from Mr. Michael Noonan, contractor for the construction of drains in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to the Bulls Head Bank, and moved that a copy of said assignment be filed with the contract, and that the original be transmitted to the Finance Department.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 155.)

Adopted.

Jerome Avenue.

The Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was then received, and stated that he found it impossible to water Jerome Avenue, and only employ the men and teams for eight hours each day, and that he had been obliged to require them to work over time. He then retired.

Commissioner STEBBINS then moved that the subject of allowing extra time and pay to the laborers, teams, &c., employed in watering Jerome Avenue, be referred to the President with power.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 312.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Wm. E. Beames.

The PRESIDENT presented a return to the writ of *certiorari* in the case of Mr. William E. Beames, which had been prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 301.)

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, The Department has submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation the minutes of the proceedings of the Department having relation to the removal of William E. Beames; and

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has prepared and sent to this Department a return to the writ of *certiorari* issued by the Superior Court, in the matter of "The People, &c., *ex rel* William E. Beames, relator, against the the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, respondents,"

Resolved, That the President of the Department be, and hereby is, authorized to sign and certify said return on behalf of and for said Board of Commissioners.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore,
—4.

Thomas F. Goodwin.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Thomas F. Goodwin, stone cutter, who had been employed on an order issued by the Treasurer on the 15th September last, for the purpose of altering the pedestal of the statue of Morse, be placed and paid on the

pay roll from said date until the work he was employed for is completed, at the rate allowed to stone cutters.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 281.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Mineral Spa.

The PRESIDENT stated that it would be advantageous to use the building occupied as a Mineral Spa, in Central Park, by Mr. Carl Schultz, for other purposes, and that Mr. Carl Schultz, the licensee offered to surrender his license, if permitted to erect another and more suitable house at the junction of the drives, opposite the southwest end of the Mall, at his own expense, to be repaid to him by a credit on his license fees of a new license to be granted him for five years. The President then presented a design for said house, which Mr. Schultz had submitted to him.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said subject be laid over.
Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Wenman, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, to meet on Wednesday the 17th October, 1877, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1877.

SPECIAL MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met, pursuant to the following call of the President :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 Union Square (East),
8th October, 1877.

Mr. Wm. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking action upon the report of the Auditing Committee.

Respectfully,
(Sgd.) Wm. R. MARTIN,
President Dep. Pub. Parks.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 3d inst. was dispensed with.

By unanimous consent of all the Commissioners present, the following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Theodore Roosevelt and William A. Haines, on behalf of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the order for settees for the Museum of Natural History building be given to Messrs. Andrews & Co., on condition

that they supply all that are required in the building for \$950, and of the patterns which they shall select.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 120.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue his order for the said settees in the form requested by Messrs. Roosevelt and Haines.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Plants, &c., belonging to Messrs. Shook & Gilmore.

From Messrs. Shook & Gilmore, requesting permission to place certain plants, trees, etc., in Central Park for safe-keeping, at their own expense and risk.

(Minutes, Sept. 27, 1876, p. 309.)

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be granted to Messrs. Shook & Gilmore to place said plants, trees, etc., at Mount St. Vincent, in Central Park, during the coming winter, at their own risk and without expense to the Department.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that Assistant Engineer F. A. Calkins has prepared plans for grading and draining the grounds around the Museum of Art building, and has reported to him that there will be needed for the purpose from 1,100 to 1,200 cubic yards of mould, and recommending that this material be purchased and delivered at the ground as soon as possible.

(Minutes, August 8, 1877, p. 210.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase 1,100 cubic yards of mould, to be delivered at the Museum of Art building.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

Bouker, John A., trap-rock and screenings.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$4,580 49
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. & M.....	60 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber and timber....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. & M.....	\$187 04
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	81 04
		<hr/> 268 08
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards...	92 45
Devlin, Jno. B., garden mould.....	City Parks Impt. Fund	950 00
Decker, Nich. H. & Geo. W. Quintard, labor and matls.	Impt. and Const. Riverside Drive	8,233 40
Jones, Chas. & Thos. P. McQuade, labor and matls.....	Brook Ave. Sewer	10,449 33
Foster & Co., meat and vegetables.....	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....	235 75

Harmer, Hays & Co., harness matls....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	\$10 50	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	3 50	
		<hr/>	\$14 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		28 60
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas Sept.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	\$12 50	
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Impt. &		
	M.....	50 00	
		<hr/>	62 50
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	\$83 40	
	Maint., etc., 23d &		
	24th Wards....	13 70	
		<hr/>	97 10
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	\$15 62	
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Impt. and		
	M.....	6 25	
	Museum Natural		
	History	3 13	
		<hr/>	25 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing			
matls.....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	\$10 42	
	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	15 78	
		<hr/>	26 20
Manhattan Gas Light Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		13 44
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas Sept...	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		4 38
Mulcahy & Hopkins, boiler iron.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		6 44
Murphy & Nesbit, hard brick.....	Museum Natural		
	History.....	\$6 50	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund....	6 50	
		<hr/>	13 00

New York Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$24 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas Sept...	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	316 58
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., limited, gas light.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	283 75
N Y. Gas Light Co., gas, Sept.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	331 50
Noonan, Michael, labor and materials...	Drainage district in 24th Ward, bounded by Ford- ham & Pelham Aves., &c.....	1,107 20
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mu- seum of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	546 00
Riley, James, hauling stone	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	25 80
Rogers, H. A., hardware	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$42 00 50
Shepperd, F., sprinklers and repairs...	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	42 50 35 95
Shepperd, G. S., repairs to pipes.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	1 00
Scott, David, fish	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	11 70
Young, Chas. C., crackers.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	8 00
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		\$27,844 14
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,898 44
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	4,793 90
Museum of Natural History.....	9 63

Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	\$303 29
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	92 45
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	956 50
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	10,449 33
Improvement and Construction Riverside Drive.....	8,233 40
Drainage District 24th Ward, bounded by Fordham and Pelham Avenues, etc.....	1,167 20
	<u>—————\$27,844 14</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and forty-four dollars and fourteen cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
Committee.

New York, October 10th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman,
 —3.

Geo. S. Greene.

Commissioner STEBBINS, to whom was referred the subject of what, if any, pay should be allowed to General George S. Greene, from August 1st to October 3d, 1877, reported verbally, that he had consulted with the Comptroller of the City, in relation to the matter, and with his approval, he recommended that the pay-rolls of General Greene, up to and including October 3d, 1877, at the rate of \$4,000 per annum, be certified and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

(Minutes, Oct. 3, 1877, p. 321.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the report of Commissioner Stebbins be received and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

John Richardson. Wm. Flannigan.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the certificates of amounts due to John Richardson and William Flannigan, reported verbally, in favor of paying said certificates, and charging same to the City Parks Improvement Fund.

(Minutes, Sept. 12, 1877, p. 271)

The PRESIDENT moved that the report of the Treasurer be received and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman—3.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

Museum of Art.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., Mr. Henry J. Storrs, General Clerk in the Finance Department, attended on behalf of the Comptroller of the City, who had been duly notified, and the meeting being open to the public, the President, in the presence of Mr. Storrs and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals, which had been received, in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for 1,100 square yards of cloth to be hung in the picture galleries of the Museum of Art building.

(Minutes, Aug. 29, 1877, p. 246.)

The following proposal was received :

No.	BIDDER.	PRICE PER SQUARE YARD.
1.	Arnold, Constable & Co	\$1.60

Mr. Storrs, the bidder, and others who were present then retired,

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 1) of Messrs. Arnold, Constable & Co., for the delivery of 1,100 square yards of cloth, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract therefor, be, and hereby is, awarded to Messrs. Arnold, Constable & Co., and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.

American Museum of Natural History.

The following named gentlemen were then received as a committee from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History, viz. :

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt.
Mr. Robert Hoe, Jr.
Mr. H. G. Marquand.
Mr. D. Huntington.

They addressed the Board on the subject of the appropriation for the care, preservation and exhibition of the collections of the Museums during 1878, and, in view of the additional cost and expense to which they will be subjected on account of removal from the buildings which they at present occupy to the new buildings, they urged the necessity of the Department asking for the full amount allowed by law, viz., \$30,000.

They then retired.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the action of the Board on the 13th day of September ultimo, fixing the amount for the Museums at \$20,000, for 1878, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, September 13, 1877, p. 289.)

Adopted.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Committee from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History have been heard and have presented sufficient reasons for providing a larger sum than \$20,000 for the care, preservation and exhibition of the collections of said Museums during the year 1878.

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to increase the amount for Museums, in the departmental estimate of this Department for 1878, from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Police Trial. Adolph Klein, Gate Keeper.

The PRESIDENT reported that Mrs. Sarah Higgins, wife of patrolman James Higgins, had made a complaint against gate keeper Adolph Klein, for having insulted her and used improper language to her while he was on duty on the morning of Sunday, September, 2d 1877.

That he had investigated the charge and examined the witnesses, and that he found gate-keeper Klein guilty of the charge of insulting Mrs. Higgins, and he recommended that he be reprimanded and fined five days' pay.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said report be received and the recommendation of the President adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS then requested permission to retire from the meeting, owing to pressing private engagements.

His request was granted, and he then left the meeting.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 3d and 10th instants were then read and approved.

The following communications were then presented and read.

Willis Avenue and 144th Street.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of Willis Avenue, and recommending that a sewer be constructed in said avenue, between One hundred and fortieth and One hundred and forty-seventh Streets, with receiving basins at the various street corners, and in One hundred and forty-fourth street between Willis Avenue and Brook avenue, and, as a temporary relief, that the various street crossings of Willis Avenue, between said streets, be paved, the roadway filled with fresh earth, and the street gutters cleaned, so that surface waste water shall be readily discharged therefrom.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting thereon, and stating that it is now too late in the season to commence the construction of sewers, but that the work can be undertaken in the spring.

That he has the plans for the drainage and sewerage of said district nearly completed, and will submit them to the Board at an early date.

That laying crosswalks in the avenue would be a convenience, and would be desirable, if the owners of the property which would be assessed for the work petition for it, but that such crossings are not necessary from a sanitary point of view.

Also from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that the locality in question receives the drainage and storm water from a considerable area, and that until receiving basins are built it is impossible to keep the avenue in repair.

Filed.

City Hall Park.

From the Fire Department, requesting permission to erect a brick addition to the west side of the building used as quarters of Hook and Ladder Company No. 18, located in City Hall Park, of the following dimensions, viz., seven feet wide, twenty-eight feet long, and thirteen feet high.

Also for permission to lay a walk from a door in said addition to the walk leading to Chambers street.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the permission requested by the Fire Department be granted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Transfers to pay Judgments.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with a copy of the following report, which was adopted by that Board on the 28th September, ultimo, viz. :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. }
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }
 September 28, 1877. }

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

The preamble and resolutions of the Department of Public Parks, dated September 12, 1877, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the sum of \$2,478 from the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places," 1874, to an appropriation to pay certain judgments obtained against the city for that amount, having been referred to the Comptroller, I respectfully report that a transfer from an unexpected balance of appropriation of

that year should not, in my opinion, be made, as the balance on the books does not represent money actually in the treasury.

For the payment of said judgments other arrangements are now under consideration.

(Signed) Very respectfully,
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 280.)

Filed.

Sewers in Mott Avenue, &c.

From the COMPTROLLER of the City, stating that Mr. Patrick Mulholland, to whom the contract for the construction of the sewers in Mott Avenue, &c., was awarded, desired to substitute Mr. John Mulholland as a surety thereon in place of Mr. Edward Mahon.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. John Mulholland, of Seventy-third Street, between First and Second Avenues, in said city, in the place of Mr. Edward Mahon, as a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for the construction of sewers in Mott Avenue, One hundred and forty-fourth street and One hundred and thirty-eighth Street, heretofore awarded to Mr. Patrick Mulholland.

(Minutes, Oct. 3, 1877, p. 321.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Elton Avenue.

From the Engineer in charge of Elton Avenue improvement, revising his estimate of the deduction to be made from the contract price of said work if the fire-cisterns are omitted, and stating that the sum of \$225 would be a proper deduction.

Also from Mr. Michael O'Neil, the surviving contractor for said work, agreeing to a deduction of \$225.

(Minutes, Sept. 19, 1877, p. 296.)

The PRESIDENT then presented an agreement which had been prepared for a modification of the contract for the improvement of said avenue, providing for the omission of the fire-cisterns, and a deduction of \$225 from the contract-price.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the agreement presented by the President be approved, and that he be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

James J. McGovern.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of James J. McGovern, to be restored to his position as a painter.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that James J. McGovern, painter, be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

F. C. A. Hecker.

From Mr. F. C. A. Hecker, clerk, resigning his position in the Department.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said resignation be accepted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Art. Metropolitan Museum of Art.

From Mr. John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, asking that the action of the Board in relation to the appropriation for the Museums for 1878 be re-considered.

Also that the grounds around the Museum of Art building be graded this season.

(Minutes, Oct. 10 and 17, 1877, pp. 328 and 336.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Theodore Roosevelt and William A. Haines, the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that orders be given for the following items of extras, at a cost not exceeding the amounts set opposite to each item, viz. :

1. One (1) pair of sash doors, with circular head and 1½ in. bead casing around door opening to cellar.....	\$18 00
2. One (1) platform for elevator to rest upon in cellar, to be made of studs and plank.....	10 00
3. Wrought iron window guards at north and south ends of cellar....	36 00
4. Whitewashing ceiling and walls of cellar.....	75 50
5. Eight (8) gas jets, with all necessary pipes and connections.....	25 00
6. Casing soil pipes in corners of large rooms and curator's rooms with black walnut, and all plastering in connection with it to be repaired.....	60 00
7. Two (2) radiators in ladies' and gentlemen's toilet rooms on north end of building, with all necessary cutting and repairing after cutting all pipes, connections, &c., complete.....	120 00
8. Four (4) sets of fire tools for grates in curator's room.....	40 00
9. Six hundred (600) cubic yards filling to cover soil pipe from water closet at north end of building to sewer.....	100 00
10. Fill up with 12½ in. brick-work two large openings in large flue in cellar.....	20 00
11. Furniture, as follows:	
Chairs—3 of No. 126 Gardiner's list, mahogany.....	} 362 00
" 1 of No. 124 " " ".....	
" 4 of Gardiner's, East Lake Tilt.....	
" 2 of No. 165 Gardiner's list.....	
" 63 of No. 163 Gardiner's list.....	
700 rubbers and fitting same.....	
12. One (1) light of glass for gallery case.....	40 00
13. Draw pulls for desk cases.....	50 00
14. Sixty (60) brass locks, with lock catch for old cases, attic story and curator's rooms.....	60 00
15. Wooden ceiling for cases in library and curator's rooms, to be covered with No. 26 sheet iron, and painted two coats.....	48 00
16. Bookcase in curator's room, gallery story (south side of old material to be furnished west side new material).....	125 00

17. Burglar-proof safe (Herring's or Marvin's).....	\$350 00
18. Painting all new divisions and shelving in old cases two coats, and old parts of cases, one coat.....	95 00
19. Thirteen (13) lights of plate glass, old cases attic story.....	72 00
20. Five (5) iron guards for doors of elevator.....	25 00

The PRESIDENT moved that said several items of work be ordered, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

John Hyslop.

From Mr. John Hyslop, stating that he has a claim for work done, in ventilating the offices of the Department in 1873.

(Minutes, April 24, 1872, p. 371.)

Filed.

Police Uniform.

From Mr. Wm. C. Kibble, Agent of the American Waterproofing and Manufacturing Company, calling the attention of the Department to the advantage of having the uniforms of the police made waterproof by the process employed by his company.

Referred to Commissioner Wenman.

Riverside Avenue Area Walls.

From Mr. D. F. Tiemann, asking permission to build an area wall around his property fronting on Riverside Avenue, and that same be placed five or six feet inside of the line of the avenue.

Filed.

Lincoln Avenue and 135th Street.

From Mr. John Hartmeyer, requesting that a receiving basin

be constructed at the junction of Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-fifth Street.

The PRESIDENT stated, that at the request of the Board of Health the Department had instructed the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to build a receiving basin at that point, but as the cost of said work is to be paid by assessment on the adjoining property, it should have been directed to be executed by contract.

He then moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for the construction of a receiving basin at the junction of Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-fifth Street.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 69.)

Adopted.

Gauging the Water in Streams of 23d and 24th Wards.

From Messrs. T. G. Ellis and J. H. Shedd, a Committee appointed by the American Society of Civil Engineers, requesting that the Department would co-operate with them by instituting, in connection with the Meteorological Observatory, a series of gaugings of the streams in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Director of the Observatory for their report.

Stands for Sale of Fruit, &c., on the Battery.

From Brevet-Colonel T. G. Baylor, U.S.A., requesting that Mrs. Dolberry be allowed to retain her stand for the sale of fruit, &c., on the Battery Park.

(Minutes, August 29, 1877, p. 251.)

Filed.

Applications.

The following applications were received and ordered to be filed, viz. :

- From Mr. E. C. Ecclesine and others, on behalf of Michael Murphy, for a position on the police force.
- From Mr. W. M. Smith, on behalf of himself, for the position of Steam Engineer of the Museum of Natural History building.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Am. Veterinary Hospital, services.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. & P.	\$101 00
Am. Dist. Telg. Co., rent and services...	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. & P.	13 36
Bell, Thos., repairs to harness.....	Maint., &c., 23d & 24th Wards....	3 00
Bien, Julius, maps	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	65 00
Berrian, S. L., floodgate and frame	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	6 00
Bouker, John A., trap rock and screen- ings.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	489 85
Boote, Edwd., tiling.....	Mus. Nat. History,	2,980 80
Clafin, H. B. & Co., silesia	Maint. and Govmt' P. and P.	16 35
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	80 14
Decker, Thompson W., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	14 64
Devlin, Chas., removing house and build- ing foundation.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	1,586 00
Early & Lane, stove polish and baskets..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	19 50

Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$12 59
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards....	13 30
Labagh, W. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 64
McDermolt, P., plumbing.....	Mus. Nat. History,	1,745 00
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	7 80
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas meter..	Maint. and Govmt't P. and P.....	51 97
Morton & Chesley, additions and altera- tions to cases, &c.....	Mus. Nat. History,	2,384 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grate-bars, stoves, &c.....	Mus. Nat. History, Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....	\$3 52 30 03
		<hr/> 33 55
Perris & Browne, insurance maps.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	100 00
Pierce, F. O. & Co., paints, brimstone, &c.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	\$0 88
	Harlem R. B. Rep. Imp. and M....	0 16
	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	25 75
		<hr/> 26 79
Reeves, Robert C., seed.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	5 00
Strippel & Son, cases.....	Mus. Nat. History,	2,952 45
Smith, Edwd., carpenter work.....	Mus. Nat. History,	322 00
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P....	12 48
Van Dewater, J. W., repairing chairs...	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	6 00
Van Riper, Chas., spikes and oil.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	6 90

Watson Mfg. Co., cases.....	Mus. Nat. History,	\$10,000 00
Young, Chas. C., bread, Aug.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	56 00
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		\$23,117 11

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Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$378 11
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	599 19
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	165 88
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,586 00
Harlem River Bridge, repairs, impt. and maint.....	00 16
Museum Natural History.....	20,387 77
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	\$23,117 11
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars and eleven cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,
Auditing Committee.

New York, October 17, 1877.

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

Boggs, Samuel T., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	\$37 00
Flannigan, Wm., labor.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	10 50
Croes, J. James R., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	30 25
Cooke, Robt. L., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	144 34

Cox, Matthew, interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws, 1874.....	\$37 00
Cushing, G. A., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws, 1874	70 51
Brown, Fred., W., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	13 52
Fox, Thomas, interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	37 00
Greiffenburg, F., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	36 92
Haight, S. S., interest	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	28 09
Heusner, Emil L., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	19 58
Richardson, John, labor	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	16 32
Schott, C. Ridgely, interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	66 27
Smith, Saml. B., interest.....	Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874.....	15 38
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		\$562 68

•RECAPITULATION.

Laying out, Monumenting, &c., Chap. 604, Laws 1874....	\$535 86	
City-Parks Improvement Fund.....	26 82	
		\$562 68

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of five hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty-eight cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 JAS. F. WENMAN. } *Committee.*

New York, October 17th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
Oct. 3	By balance		\$37 38
Oct. 3 } to 17. }	" cash received from permits and licenses..		729 02
			\$766 40
		DR.	
Oct. 3 } to 17. }	To this amount paid into City Treasury.....		\$37 38
Oct. 17	" balance.....		729 02
			\$766 40

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1877,
 9:30 A. M.

Cottage on Union Square.

Grand Army of the Republic.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that on the 15th instant he had given permission to a committee from the Grand Army of the Republic to use a room in the cottage on Union Square for two weeks, for the purpose of arranging and selling tickets for an entertainment, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the construction of the Soldiers' Home, and he moved that his action be approved.

Adopted.

Plants, &c., belonging to Messrs. Shook & Gilmore.

The PRESIDENT reported that on consultation with the Superintendent of Parks and Superintending Gardener, he had ascertained that the Department had not room for any plants other than its own, and that he had so notified Messrs. Shook & Gilmore, and moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, October 10, 1877, p. 328.)

Adopted,

Museum of Art.

The Landscape Architect verbally reported that it is absolutely necessary to have the sewerage, drainage and grading round the Museum of Art building done this season, and he presented two plans therefor.

(Minutes, Aug. 8, and Oct. 17, 1877, pp. 210 and 342.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the said plans, so far as they relate to sewerage, drainage and grading, be approved, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the work done by the park force, at a cost not exceeding \$2,500.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Stonecutter for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards required the services of a stonecutter for four days, and moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for the employment of a stonecutter for that length of time, and at the rate of pay of \$3 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT presented the report to his Honor the Mayor for the three months ending the 30th September, 1877.

(Minutes, August 1, 1877, p. 204.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said report be approved, and that the PRESIDENT be authorized to sign and to transmit the same to his Honor the Mayor.

Adopted.

Construction of Drains in 24th Ward.

The PRESIDENT stated that the assignment from Mr. Michael Noonan to the Bull's Head Bank, presented to the Board on the 3d inst., was defective, and he presented a second assignment which Mr. Noonan had executed to said bank of the moneys due and to grow due on his contract for said work, and he moved that a copy of said assignment be filed with the contract and the original be transmitted to the Finance Department.

(Minutes, Oct. 3, 1877, p. 324.)

Adopted.

Cottage on Union Square

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to

have two suitable lamps erected on the north platform of the cottage in Union Square.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Michael McLaughlin.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Michael McLaughlin be appointed a gate keeper on the police force, when examined and reported on favorably by the Police Surgeon.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Theodore Kitchell.

Patrick McCarthy.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Theodore Kitchell and Patrick McCarthy be, and hereby are, appointed laborers on the park force.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

Releases by Contractors.
Remission of Penalties in Contracts.

From the COMPTROLLER of the city, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
October 22, 1877.

Hon. Wm. R. MARTIN,
President Dept. of Pub. Parks:

SIR:—I am in receipt of estimates in favor of Watson Manufacturing Company, Morton Chesley & Co., Assignees; Edward Boote; P. McDermott; and Strippel & Son; for work done under contracts on the Museum of Natural History. To each is appended a special release, which sets forth that in consideration of the payments to be made, and the remission of all penalties to which the contractor is liable, by the Department of Parks, the contractor releases the city from all claims and demands for extra work, arising out of or connected with the contract, and the Commissioners in certifying to the correctness of the voucher make the signing of such release by the contractor a condition of payment. Any claim for extra work can only arise under these contracts by means of a written agreement between the parties, without which agreement no extra price shall be allowed on account thereof.

The power to remit the penalty of any contract is vested alone in the Finance Department (See Sec. 31, Charter 1873), and the assumption of that power by the Department of Parks would be a violation of that instrument.

These estimates should be recalled, and the place of the conditional certificate be supplied by the regular certificate prescribed by this Department.

If, in the opinion of the Commissioners governing the Park Department, there should be reasons for the remission of any penalties incurred under a contract, the facts should be submitted to this Department, as a means of judging of the equity of the claim.

Respectfully,

(Signed) JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

(Minutes, March 1st, 1876, p. 650.)

Referred to the President to report.

155th Street, Denman Place, &c.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of

An unpaved street, viz., One hundred and fifty-fifth Street, between Elton and Courtland Avenues.

An unpaved street, viz., Denman Place, between Union and Concord Avenues.

Sidewalk, about 500 feet north of the junction of Broadway and Church Street.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for his report.

Museum of Natural History Stock.

City Parks Improvement Fund Stock.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with copies of the following resolutions, adopted by that Board on the 16th instant, viz. :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the provisions of section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "Consolidated Stock of the City of New York," as authorized by chapter 351, Laws of 1875, and in pursuance of a requisition of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, dated June 2, 1875, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," as authorized by chapter 608, Laws of 1875, on account of a requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated December 8, 1876, twenty-five thousand dollars.

(Minutes, Feby. 14, and Oct. 3, 1877, p. 607 and 310.)

Filed.

Telegraph Line to Gate House of Croton Aqueduct.

From the Fire Department, requesting permission to run a telegraph wire from Fifth Avenue and Eighty-fifth Street to the gate house of the Croton Aqueduct in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the permission requested by the Fire Department be granted on the following conditions, viz. :

That the telegraph wire be run from Fifth Avenue through Transverse road No. 3 to a point opposite the said gate house, and that it be then run over the Central Park to the gate house in such manner as the Superintendent of Parks shall direct.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Patrick Murphy.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of Patrick Murphy, a laborer, who had been off work for more than three days on account of sickness, to be restored.

The PRESIDENT moved that said Patrick Murphy be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

House on Morningside Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that nearly all of the sidings have been stripped from the frame of an old

house on Morningside Park, formerly known as the Garside House. That all the doors and windows have been carried away and also some of the minor partitions, and that what remains of the house is of no value.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to have what remains of said house removed, if he can do so without expense to the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Michael McLaughlin.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon Michael McLaughlin, in which he states that “upon the whole his physical condition is satisfactory.”

(Minutes, October 17, 1877, p. 352.)

The PRESIDENT stated that on receipt of the surgeon's report he had, in accordance with the action of the Board at the last meeting, placed Michael McLaughlin on duty as a gate keeper, and he moved that said report be filed.

Adopted.

Philip Loeffell.

From the Lieutenant, and also from the Police Surgeon, reporting the death of Park Keeper Philip Loeffell.

(Minutes, Sept. 19, 1877, p. 304)

Filed.

Broken Trap-rock and Screenings.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that a portion of the broken trap-rock and screenings which were purchased on contract from Messrs.

Jones & McQuade, and intended for Mott Avenue, is delivered at the dock, but that he has been informed by Mr. M. C. Turner, to whom permission was given by the Board to regulate and grade Mott Avenue; that he is unable, on account of want of funds, to proceed with that work so as to prepare the avenue to receive the trap-rock and screenings; and asking whether he shall use the material on other roads, where it is also needed.

(Minutes, Aug. 8, 1877, p. 212.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the subject of the disposal of said broken trap-rock and screenings be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, submitting an amended bill for commissions on the cost of work done by the park force, &c., including excavations, for the Museum of Art building.

(Minutes, Sept. 19, 1877, p. 301.)

Laid over.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, recommending that an order be issued for the painting of the exterior brickwork of the Museum of Art building, at a cost not exceeding \$400.

Endorsed on said communication is the following :

“ Approved for Trustees of Met. Museum of Art.

“ (Signed,)

THEODORE WESTON,

“ Oct. 23, 1877.”

The PRESIDENT moved that the painting of the exterior walls of said building be directed, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Riverside Avenue.

From the Superintending Engineer on the work of the construction and improvement of Riverside Avenue, reporting that the contractors are proceeding very slowly with the work, and that it is evident they will not have it completed within the time limited by the contract.

Filed.

From Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors for said work, claiming that the abutments for the bridge on said work are extra work, and stating that they proceed to build same under protest.

Also from the Superintending Engineer of said work, reporting upon said communication, in which he says :

“I fail to see any just cause for complaint or real grounds on which to base a claim for additional compensation, which would necessarily follow if this was considered as ‘extra work.’”

Filed.

Also from Messrs. Decker & Quintard, contractors, applying for an extension of their time for the completion of the work for one year.

The PRESIDENT stated that upon investigation he was satisfied that the time limited by the contract for the work was too short to enable it to be done properly, and he moved that the time for the completion of the work of constructing and im-

proving Riverside Avenue be extended until July 1st, 1878, upon the following conditions, viz. :

1st. That the Counsel to the Corporation advises the Department that it has the authority to extend the time for the completion of said work, and remit the penalties prescribed by the contract.

2d. That the contractors finish the work up to the sub-grade this year.

3d. That the sureties for the contractors consent to said extension.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

News Stand at 6th Avenue and 35th Street.

From Mr. Henry Salisbury, requesting permission to place a newspaper stand on the sidewalk of the Park at Sixth Avenue and Thirty-fifth Street.

Referred to the President.

Stands on Battery Park.

From Brevet Colonel T. G. Baylor, U. S. A., and also from Mr. Otto Hemken, requesting that Mrs. Dolberry be allowed to retain her stand for the sale of fruit, &c., on the Battery Park.

(Minutes, October 17, 1877, p. 344.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Ames' Plow Company, plow point.	Maint. &c. 23d and 24th Wards	\$3 60
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	94 35
Colgate & Co., castile soap.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$3 58
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.	27
		<hr/> 3 85
Darragh, Robt. L., labor and material. . .	Museum of Art.	85 00
Devlin, Jno. B., mould.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	57 00
Gibb, D. F. and Patrick O Rielly, labor and materials.	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.	1,608 67
Hawes, John, bread, Sept.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	58 27
Kelso Bros., coal.	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P.	67 50
Keuffel & Esser, drawing matls.	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$37 76
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	11 76
		<hr/> 49 52
Morton & Chesley, labor and materials. .	Museum of Nat. History	100 00
Mullane, John, hay, straw, oats, &c. . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	391 63
Rogers, H. A., steel brooms, spikes and hardware.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$46 75
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.	30 25
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	27 20
	Museum of Art.	6 00
		<hr/> 110 20

Salamander Works, sewer pipe.	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	\$11 70
Slattery, John, monuments.	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	350 00
Seligman, Henry & Co., disinfectant.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	3 84
Ward & Peloubet, ordinances.	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	6 00
Wetmore & Co., iron.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	21 42
		\$3,022 55

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$592 99
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	109 65
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.	1,639 19
Surveying, laying out, etc., 22d and 24th Wards.	393 76
City Parks Improvement Fund.	95 96
Museum of Art.	91 00
Museum of Natural History.	100 00
	\$3,022 55

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand and twenty-two dollars and fifty-five cents.

(Sgd.) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 24th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Police trials. Patrolmen John Smith and Wm. Monaghan.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had investigated charges against patrolmen John Smith and Wm. Monaghan, the first for neglect of duty in riding on a Park carriage while on duty; and the latter for arresting a Mr. Charles Ludemann without reasonable grounds; that he found that in both cases the officers were not guilty, and he recommended that the complaints be dismissed.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the report of the President be adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Denman Place.

The PRESIDENT reported that the late Board of Trustees of the former town of Morrisania had neglected to appoint commissioners to assess the expense of regulating and grading Denman Place, from Concord Avenue to Union Avenue, and it, therefore, became the duty of this Department, in conjunction with the Counsel to the Corporation, to appoint them.

He then presented the following appointment of Messrs. Leo C. Dessar, Philip Ebling and Lorenzo Zuegner, as such Commissioners, signed by the Counsel to the Corporation, and he moved that same be signed by the Commissioners of this Department, that it be then filed, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of it to each of said Commissioners.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 276.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

APPOINTMENT.

Whereas, The late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania duly authorized and executed a contract for the work hereafter mentioned, but did not appoint Commissioners to apportion and assess the expenses thereof, as directed by Sections 47 and 48, Chapter 277, Laws 1864.

Therefore, we, the undersigned Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority in us vested by Section 9, Chapter 329 Laws of 1874, appoint

Leo C. Dessar,
Philip Ebling,
Lorenzo Zuegner,

all of New York City, and owners of a freehold estate liable to taxation therein, and who are not interested in or affected by said work or improvement, Commissioners to assess the expenses of the following mentioned work or improvement, viz.: Regulating and grading Denman Place, from Concord Avenue to Union Avenue.

Dated this twenty-fourth October, 1877.

(Sigd.)	WM. R. MARTIN,	} Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.
"	H. G. STEBBINS,	
"	JAS. F. WENMAN,	
"	WM. C. WETMORE,	
"	WM. C. WHITNEY,	Counsel to the Corporation.

Sewers in Mott Avenue, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Josiah A. Briggs be, and hereby is, appointed an inspector upon the work of construction of sewers in Mott Avenue, One hundred and forty-fourth Street and One hundred and thirty-eighth Street, and that his pay be fixed at \$3.00 per day.

(Minutes, Oct. 17, 1877, p. 340.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Sewer in Third Avenue, &c.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That James Lynch be, and hereby is, appointed an inspector upon the work of construction of a sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street, and that his pay be fixed at \$3.00 per day.

(Minutes, Oct. 3, 1877, p. 313.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Maintenance of Parks.

The PRESIDENT called up the subject of the maintenance of Parks, &c., and the necessity of the reduction of the expenses, when—

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be requested to prepare and present at the next meeting of the Board, a plan for the reduction of the expenses of the maintenance of the Parks for the remainder of the year, so as to keep within the appropriation for that purpose.

(Minutes, Sept. 19, 1877, p. 302.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 31st inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

Riverside Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that the Department has the power and authority to extend the time for the completion of the work of constructing and improving Riverside Avenue.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p. 358.)

Filed.

Elevated Railway. Beach street Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company had broken up the sidewalk on the West Broadway side of Beach Street Park.

Filed.

One hundred and fifty-fifth Street.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the communication of the Health Department in relation to the condition of One hundred and fifty-fifth Street, between Elton and Courtland Avenues, and stating that a ditch, through private property, at this place, if properly opened, would remedy the defect. If not, that it will be necessary to construct a sewer through One hundred and fifty-fifth Street and Elton Avenue.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the natural outlet for the water from the locality is by said ditch through private property. That the street which will take the water eventually, is Melrose Avenue, but that it is not yet opened. That to carry the water to Elton Avenue, the grade of which is five feet higher than One hundred and fifty-fifth Street, and to a point low enough, it would require a cutting through solid rock 600 feet long, and part of the way 18 feet deep. That the remedy at present appears to be for the Health Department to compel the owner of the land, between One hundred and fifty-fifth Street and One hundred and fifty-fourth Street, to keep the ditch or drain free from obstructions.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p 354.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be filed, and that the Health Department be notified.

Adopted.

Sidewalk at Broadway and Church Street.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the communication of the Health Department in relation to a hole in the sidewalk about 500 feet north of the junction of Broadway and Church Street, and stating that the defect is caused by a branch of Tibbitt's brook washing the sidewalk. That the property is owned by Mr.

Van Courtland, who claims that the sidewalk fronts on a navigable stream, and that, therefore, it is not his duty to repair it.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p. 354.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Culvert at Bittner's Lane.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that he had examined the condition of a culvert on Bittner's Lane, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, near Riverdale Station, which is out of repair, and that he estimated that it would cost \$732.50 to repair it.

Filed.

Jerome Avenue.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that there would be an extra race-day at Jerome Park, on the 3d of November next, and that if the Department desire to have the avenue watered on that day, he will require the services of four extra teams for two days.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 324.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed not to water Jerome Avenue on said extra race day.

Adopted.

W. F. Leonard.

From the Police Surgeon and Lieutenant reporting that Post Keeper, Wm. F. Leonard, died on the 25th inst.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 304.)

Filed.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From Messrs. Jones and McQuade, contractors, for the construction of Brook Avenue Sewer, requesting permission to

continue all branches of the work as long as the weather will permit.

Referred to the President with power.

Reservoir Square Urinal.

At this point the order of business was suspended, and

Dr. E. P. Fowler,
Dr. H. P. Farnham,
Dr. W. Gill Wylie,
Dr. Seneca D. Powell, and
Mr. Robert Irwin,

were received. They stated that they all resided or owned houses on West Fortieth Street, opposite Reservoir Square. That the urinal situated near the southeast corner of said square is a nuisance to the neighborhood, and is only made use of by low characters who conduct themselves in a disgraceful manner, exposing their persons and indulging in even more obscene practices for the purpose of attracting attention and annoying those who live in the vicinity. They requested that the urinal be removed from the square, and they handed in a communication to the foregoing effect.

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

They then retired.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

As directed by the Board on the 20th June, 1877, the owners of property in the Central District of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, lying east of Jerome Avenue and west of Third Avenue and the Harlem Railroad and extending from One hundred and sixty-fifth Street to Woodlawn Cemetery, were received and heard in relation to the map laying out said district as submitted by the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 123.)

About one hundred owners of property attended.

The following petitions asking for modifications of the proposed map were presented.

From Mr. David Sullivan and sixty-seven other owners of property, asking that no change be made in Railroad Avenue as it now exists; that Myrtle Avenue be opened from Valentine Avenue to Kingsbridge Road, and that no avenue be opened between Railroad Avenue and Washington Avenue.

From Mr. H. H. Dundon on behalf of himself and other owners of property, requesting that Prospect Avenue be extended to Kingsbridge Road.

From Mr. H. H. Dundon, on behalf of himself and other owners of property requesting that First Street in Fordham, south of Kingsbridge Road, be continued from Virginia Street to Thomas Avenue in direct line, and not as proposed, stopping short at Virginia Street with a turn to the north.

From Mr. A. B. Tappen, requesting that no road be laid down on the north of his lots at the junction of Kingsbridge and Williamsbridge Roads; that Jacob Street be not extended across his land to Marion Avenue; that a road known as Third Avenue be not extended through his lots at the north-west corner of Marion Avenue and Ridge Street, and that fewer streets and roads be laid out than are shown on the proposed map.

Mr. Wm. Cauldwell, Mr. R. Richards, Mr. R. Coddington, Mr. A. A. Kirkham, Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. S. J. Wyckoff, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Hammond, who were present, objected to the proposed alteration in Railroad Avenue and Myrtle Avenue and the proposed new Street between Railroad Avenue and Washington Avenue.

Dr. E. H. Carter and Mrs. Griffin, objected to the closing of Worth Street, and the laying out of a new Street west of it.

Mrs. Denicke objected to One hundred and sixty-eighth Street and Third Avenue.

Mr. A. Robertson objected to Avenue A.

Mr. M. W. Collins objected to the widening of Valentine Avenue and Tiebout Avenue, and also to a street proposed to be laid out from Valentine Avenue to Tiebout Avenue.

Mr. C. Petcher objected to an avenue proposed to be laid out two hundred feet east of Jerome Avenue.

Mr. J. Hayward objected to the laying out of a park at Waverly Street.

Mrs. Vreeland objected to the laying out of any parks.

Mr. Richard Wirdman and seventeen other owners of property stated that they were in favor of the proposed alteration of Railroad Avenue, and approved of the map and plan as submitted.

They all then retired, and the Board resumed.

Commissioner STEBBINS left the meeting at this point.

The following additional communications were then presented and read :

Sewer in 3d Avenue and 143d Street.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that Mr. John B. Devlin desired to substitute Mr. Matthew Baird as a surety upon his proposal for the construction of a sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street in place of Mr. Charles Devlin.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York hereby consent to the substitution of Mr. Matthew Baird, of No. 306 East Fifty-seventh street, in said city, in the place of Mr. Charles Devlin, as a surety for the faithful performance of the contract for the construction of a sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street, heretofore awarded to Mr. John B. Devlin.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 321.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs. Decker and Quintard, contractors for the work

of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, requesting that the house on said avenue, purchased by Mr. Luke Welsh, and situated between Eighty-sixth and Eighty-seventh Streets, be removed, as it is in the way of the trestle.

Filed.

Lincoln Avenue and 135th Street. Receiving Basin.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan and specifications for a receiving basin at the northeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-fifth Street.

(Minutes, Oct, 17, 1877, p. 343.)

The PRESIDENT, moved that said specifications and plan be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to obtain estimates for said work and submit them to the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

James Meehan.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding, with his recommendation, the application of Foreman McGovern for the restoration of James Meehan, a laborer, who had been absent for more than three days on account of sickness.

The PRESIDENT moved that James Meehan be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Museum of Art.

From the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, applying

for a further payment on account of the final payment on their contract for heating and ventilating the Museum of Art building.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 270.)

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting thereon, and recommending that no further payment be made until the whole work is completed.

Filed.

Applications.

The following applications for positions in the Department were received, and ordered to be filed :

From the E. P. Gleason Manufacturing Company, recommending Mr. James Cunningham as a steam engineer.

From Mr. James Cunningham, applying for the position of steam engineer.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Campbell & Co., binding digest.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		\$1 25
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps. Impt., and		
	M		304 30
Cook, Ebenezer, chamois and bottles....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$7 50	
	Surveying Lay-		
	ing out, etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards.	3 00	
			10 50
Darragh, Robt. S., labor.....	Museum of Art...		850 00
Devlin, Jno. B., labor and materials....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		995 00
Devlin, John B., labor and material....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		898 45

Early & Lane, brooms and matches.....	Harlem R.B.,Reps.		
	Impt. and M...	\$0 80	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	18 45	
			\$19 25
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Harlem R.B.,Reps.		
	Impt., and M..	\$4 75	
	Mus. Nat. History.		
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	22 50	
			27 25
Lyons & Bunn, labor and materials....	Mus. Natl. History		176 00
Mott, J. L., iron works, leaders, grates, &c.....	Museum of Art	\$35 00	
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Rep. Impt., and		
	M.....	5 50	
	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.....	15 45	
			55 95
Pitt, W. A., plumbing and material....	Maint. and Govmt		
	P and P.....	\$149 00	
	Mus. Nat. History.	359 30	
			508 30
Slattery, John, cutting letters.....	Surveying, Lay- ing out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards		52 15
Van Tassell & Kearney, harness.	Maint. and Govmt		
	P. and P.....		25 00
			<u>\$3,923 40</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$239 15
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, impt. and maint.....	315 35
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	55 15
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,893 45
Museum of Art.....	885 00
Museum Natural History.....	535 30
	<u>\$3,923 40</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-nine hundred and twenty three dollars and forty cents.

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, October 31st, 1877]

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Releases by Contractors.

Remission of Penalties in Contracts.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller of the City, in relation to the releases attached to the estimates of certain contractors and remission of penalties by the Department, presented and read a reply which he had prepared, pointing out that the only penalties prescribed in the contracts, are expressly stated to be "*at the option of the Department of Public Parks,*" and that until the Department exercises its option, no penalties arise.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p. 353.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said reply be approved and transmitted to the Finance Department.

Adopted.

Manhattan Square.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report:

To the Department of Public Parks:

On the 22d August last, the Department adopted resolutions declaring that it was advisable to have the northern portion of Manhattan Square graded and regulated, and directing that if the owners of property advance sufficient funds for the purpose, the work be proceeded with; and also referring any arrangements which Mr. S. B. Ruggles and Mr. Jas. F. Ruggles might propose, to the undersigned to report upon.

Since that time Mr. S. B. Ruggles and Mr. Marshall O. Roberts have deposited their checks with the Department for \$115.00 and \$185.00 respectively, to pay for the regulating and smooth-

ing off and removal of loose rocks from the portions opposite their lots to the following extent, viz: 125 feet frontage by 75 feet deep, and 225 feet frontage by 75 feet deep.

The work has been done by Mr. J. B. Devlin, contractor, in accordance with the annexed specifications, which is certified to by the Assistant Engineer in charge, whose certificate is hereto annexed.

Mr. S. B. Ruggles has personally expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the work has been executed, and has stated that he will endeavor to obtain from the other owners of lots on the north of the Square the amounts which will be sufficient to similarly improve the whole northern strip to the width of 75 feet.

I recommend that the checks of Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Roberts be paid over to Mr. Devlin for the work he has done, and that a similar course be pursued with regard to the rest of the northern portion of the said Square, whenever the property owners deposit a sufficient amount to pay therefor, which amount should be reimbursed to them in the manner stated in the resolution of the Board of August 22d, 1877.

(Signed)

WM. R. MARTIN,
President Department of Public Parks.

(Minutes, August 22, 1877, p. 244.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the report of the President be received and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Maintenance of Parks.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred to prepare and present a plan for the reduction of the expenses of the maintenance of the parks for the remainder of the year presented a statement showing the balance of the appropriation for maintenance of parks and the fixed and necessary items which would have to be paid, and he recommended that the Board adopt the following resolution, namely:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be, and hereby

is, directed to place all men employed on the laboring force of the Maintenance of Parks and Places, including mechanics, on half time until further order, excepting foremen, men employed in the Menagerie, in the Stables, in the Museums and other buildings.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p. 364.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the report of the President be received and that the resolution recommended by him be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Maintenance of Parks.

Transfers of Balances for 1877.

The PRESIDENT moved that the resolution adopted on the 19th September, 1877, requesting a transfer of balances of certain appropriations for the year 1877 be reconsidered.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877. p. 302.)

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor, namely :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to transfer to the appropriation for "Maintenance of the Parks and Places, for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers employed on the work of maintenance, &c.," 1877, and from the following appropriations, the undermentioned sums, which are in excess of the amounts required, namely :

Policies—salaries of captain, lieutenants, &c., 1877.....	\$5,618 72
Music—Central Park, 1877.....	180 00

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

Special Patrolmen.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the time of the employment of the eight special patrolmen authorized by the Board on the 6th day of June, 1877, be, and hereby is, extended and continued from the 1st day of November to and including the 30th day of November, 1877.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 323.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 7th November, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ STEBBINS.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 31st October, 1877, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Morris Avenue and 151st Street.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of the street-crossing at Morris Avenue and One hundred and fifty-first Street.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer, for his report.

Gauging Water in Streams of 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the communication of the Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers, requesting that a series of gaugings of the streams in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be made by this Department, and stating that the making of such gaugings would furnish information of the greatest importance

to engineers and municipal authorities, in the determination of questions relating to water supply and drainage.

That such gaugings can be made at Tibbett's Brook, Mill Brook, and Bronx River.

That the construction of the apparatus for the measurement of these streams would cost about \$300.

That the work might fairly be considered as essential to the proper preparation of plans for sewerage and drainage, and that the cost would, in that case, be chargeable to the fund for surveying, laying out, and monumenting.

Also from the Director of the Observatory, stating that he will furnish copies of any of the registers of the Observatory which may be desired in connection with the gauging of the streams.

(Minutes, Oct. 17, 1877, p. 344.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board specifications for the construction of a suitable apparatus for gauging the water flow in the streams of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, together with an estimate of the expense.

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that said subject and resolution be laid over.

Adopted.

Sidewalk at Broadway and Church Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the sidewalk at Broadway and Church Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, is a part of a highway, and not a street, and that therefore it is the duty of the Department to repair it.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 366.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be directed to have the hole in the sidewalk at that locality, and which had been complained of by the Health Department, repaired,

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Landscape Architect and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, in relation to the proposed plan for laying out the central district of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards lying east of Jerome Avenue and West of Third Avenue and the Harlem Railroad.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 368.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said communication be received and printed as a document of the Board.

(See Document No. 76).

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

Ayes — Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore—4.

Trees and Shrubs.

From Mr. F. L. Olmsted, offering the Department a collection of about fifty trees and shrubs, on condition that they be removed by the Department from Flushing, L. I., to the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that said donation be accepted with the thanks of the Department, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to send the necessary teams to remove said trees and shrubs.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the plan for laying out the West Farms' district, embracing the territory between Third Avenue and the Bronx River, north of the Boston Road, is ready for examination.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to notify all known owners of property in the territory between Third Avenue and the Bronx River, north of the Boston Road, that they are invited to examine the plans for said district ; and that then the said owners of property be further notified to attend before the Board when they will be heard in relation to the adoption of said plans.

Adopted.

Culvert at Bittner's Lane.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that he had consulted with Mr. R. C. Martin, who lives near the culvert on Bittner's Lane, which is out of repair, and that Mr. Martin is of opinion he can make such repairs to it as will prevent any further injury for some time to come, at a cost of about \$150.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 367.)

Commissioner STEBBINS moved that the President be authorized to make arrangements for the repair of said culvert on Bittner's Lane at a cost not exceeding \$150.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

Lions on Exhibition in Menagerie.

From Mr. John H. Van Valen, stating that he has paid for the feed of a pair of lions, which he has placed on exhibition in the menagerie, for the last eighteen months, and asking the Department to provide the food for them in future.

Filed.

Thos. Farrell, P. Shannon, P. Holmes.

From Thomas Farrell, Peter Shannon and Philip Holmes, stating that they had worked in the menagerie from November 20, 1876, to March 11, 1877, without compensation, and asking to be paid for that time.

(Minutes, March 10th and 28th, 1877, pp. 673 and 707.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the application of said Thomas Farrell, Peter Shannon and Philip Holmes be refused.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Campbell & Co., subs. to digest.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$5 00
Claffin, H. B., & Co., linen thread.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	4 06
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	110 49

Criskey, W. V., & Co., potash	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		\$2 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		186 00
Decker, Thompson W., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		7 44
Devlin, Jno. B., making approaches.....	City Parks Impt, Fund.....		989 00
Forsyth, John, labor.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		38 50
Foster & Co., meat.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		261 62
Fox, Geo., & Son, boiler iron.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		40 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness materials.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		10 00
Handibode & Johnson, coal.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		5 00
Healy, J., labor.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		38 50
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$43 10	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	28 11	
	Museum of Nat. History.....	1 00	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	1 20	
		<hr/>	73 41
Moffat, David, & Co., leather and sheep- skins.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		11 35
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		1,250 00
Pierce, F. O., & Co., paints, whiting, &c.	Museum of Nat. History.....	\$5 00	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 15	
		<hr/>	8 15

Rogers, H. A., files.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$13	85
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	24	00
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			\$37 85
Slote & Janes, interest tables.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		10 00
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		18 51
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			<u>\$3,101 88</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,673	08
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1,202	20
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	110	49
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	110	11
Museum of Natural History.....	6	00
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		<u>\$3,101 88</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-one hundred and one dollars and eighty-eight cents.

New York, November 7th, 1877.

(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS, } *Auditing*
 " JAS. F. WENMAN. } *Committee.*

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

Treasurer's Report.

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

*Department of Public Parks in account with**James F. Wenman, Treasurer.*

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Oct. 17.	By balance	\$729 02	
Oct. 17	} " cash received from grass pound and permits	152 00	
to			
Nov. 7.			
			\$881 02

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Oct. 17	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$881 02	
to			
Nov. 7.			
			\$881 02

(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, November 7, 1877.

9.30 A. M.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the application of Messrs. Jones and McQuade for permission to continue all branches of the work on Brook Avenue Sewer as long as the weather will permit, reported verbally that the terms of the contract forbid any masonry to be built between November 1st and April 1st, and that he had directed the contractors not to put in any new foundation work, but to complete that which is already under way, and during the rest of the working season to devote themselves to levelling off the surplus earth and rock on the parts of the sewer which have been built ; and he moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 367.)

Adopted.

Reservoir Square Urinal.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Urinal on Reservoir Square, and the paths leading to it, be closed until further order.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 368.)

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the amended bill for commissions in connection with the construction of the Museum of Art building, presented to the Board on the 24th October, 1877, by Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, and amounting to the sum of \$1,288.21 be, and the same is hereby approved and authorized to be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

(Minutes, Oct. 24, 1877, p. 357.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore

—4.

Maintenance of Roads, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT reported that the balance remaining of the appropriation for the Maintenance of the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards during this year, only amounted to \$1,393.06, and that the pay roll of the laborers, &c., employed amounted to \$1,932.00 per month. He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be, and hereby is, directed to place all the carpenters, laborers and teams employed on the work of Maintenance of the Roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards on half time, except the laborer employed as a stable man.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Stebbins, Wenman, Wetmore
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WETMORE.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned, without transacting any business, to meet on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 9 o'clock A. M.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

Before reading the minutes of the previous meetings, Samuel Conover, Esq., who had been duly appointed a Commissioner in the place of ex-Commissioner H. G. Stebbins, presented his certificate of appointment.

The PRESIDENT moved that said certificate be entered at length on the minutes, and then returned to Commissioner Conover.

Adopted.

The following is a copy of the certificate :

Certificate of Appointment.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF NEW YORK.

I, SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor of the City of New York, by virtue of the power conferred by Section 25 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, being "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30th, 1873, do hereby appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen,

SAMUEL CONOVER,

To be a member of the Board of the Department of Public Parks for a full term, in place of Henry G. Stebbins, whose term of office has expired.

And in pursuance of said power, I do hereby issue this Certificate of Appointment and have caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed hereto, this sixteenth day of November, 1877.

(Signed,)

SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor of the City of New York.

[SEAL]

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 7th and 14th insts., were then read and approved.

The following communications were then presented, and read :

Laborers whose pay had been deducted.

From the Comptroller of the city, stating that Lawrence Phillips has made application to the Finance Department to be paid \$25.60, for services rendered to this Department as a laborer, from March 24th to April 21st, 1877.

The PRESIDENT stated that said Lawrence Phillips and three other laborers had worked on Riverside Avenue, during the above mentioned period, and that their pay for the time they had so worked had been withheld.

He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Finance Department be, and hereby is, requested to charge the amounts hereafter stated and set opposite the names of the undermentioned laborers, who were returned upon the laborers' pay-rolls, ending on the 7th and 21st days of April, 1877, to the fund retained under the provisions of Section H of the Contract for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, and the supplemental agreement in relation thereto, dated November 29th, 1876, viz. :

NAME.	AMOUNT DUE ON PAY-ROLL OF APRIL 7TH, 1877.	AMOUNT DUE ON PAY-ROLL OF APRIL 21ST, 1877.
James McGuire.....	\$16 00	\$6 40
Lawrence Phillips.....	19 20	6 40
James Nugent.....	19 20	6 40
H. Armstrong.....	18 40	6 40

(Minutes June 27, 1877, p. 136.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Streets at site of late Parade Ground.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, calling the attention of the Department to the advisability of re-establishing the lines of streets on the site of the late Parade Ground.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting thereon, and stating that no streets had ever yet been legally established on the site of said late Parade Ground.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 158.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be filed, and that a copy of the latter be forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

Parade Ground.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, asking whether the boundaries of the late Parade Ground, as shown on the map presented to the Board on the 16th October, 1872, and on the map subsequently filed by the Department in the Department of Public Works are the same.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the map presented to the Board on the 16th October, 1872, cannot now be found, but that his recollection is, that no change was made in the boundaries.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 158.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be filed and a copy of the latter forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Adopted.

Denman Place.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the complaint of the Health Department in reference to the condition of Denman Place in the Twenty-third Ward, in which they state that the grade is too low to allow the street to be properly drained by the present culvert; that raising the grade or compelling the owner of the property east of Tinton Avenue to keep a small brook which runs through his land, and which is the only outlet for the water of the district, free from obstructions, would remedy the difficulty.

That the drainage of the whole district is retarded by the failure of the Board of Aldermen to act upon the request of the Commissioner of Public Works to transfer the construction of drains in the vicinity to this Department.

Filed.

Andrew McCauley.

From the Police Surgeon and the Lieutenant, announcing the death of special patrolman Andrew McCauley, on the 11th inst.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 377.)

Filed.

Parker McCuen.

From the Lieutenant, reporting that police tailor Parker McCuen has been absent for $70\frac{1}{2}$ days on account of sickness, but that being now recovered, he desires to return to duty.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 58.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said Parker McCuen be restored to his position as police tailor.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, recommending that a two-inch lead pipe be laid from the west drive in Central Park to the Museum of Art Building, for the purpose of supplying water to the boilers in the building, and estimating the cost of the work at \$380.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to have said pipe laid as recommended.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt of the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the Department would have the following extra work done, at a cost not exceeding the figures set opposite each item, viz. :

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| 1. Extra tiling on ground floor in place of water closets removed, and shifting and altering borders around wash-basin and closets, including all other extra work, complete..... | \$725 00 |
| 2. Furnishing brackets, standards and shelves for 3 "A" cases and 2 "B" cases. "B" cases to have backs, and second and third shelves to have inclined brackets..... | 683 00 |
| 3. Black walnut base for two (2) cases containing rare monkeys.. | 40 00 |
| 4. Black walnut base for large Moa Birds and Irish Deer skeleton, | 70 00 |
| 5. Two (2) "A" cases on second floor, in place of closets removed to north end of building, part of material to be furnished from cases in Arsenal..... | 1,400 00 |

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that none of said items are included in any of the previous contracts.

The PRESIDENT moved that said several extra items of work be

approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, of the Building Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that a footpath for passengers be laid from Eighth Avenue to the Museum of Natural History Building.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting that the length of the sidewalk requested is 520 feet ; that the cost per foot for a walk four feet wide of plank is twenty-five cents, and of blue stone fifty-four cents.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to have a plank walk laid as requested ; that such old material, suitable for the purpose, as may be on hand be used, and that the cost thereof be charged to the fund for the construction of said Museum of Natural History Building.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. R. L. Stuart, President of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the Department detail

from its police a sufficient force to protect the Museum of Natural History Building and the collections it contains.

Filed.

“Foster” House, Riverside Park.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting that the house on Riverside Park which the Department lately removed from the line of Riverside Avenue, and which is known as the “Foster” House, is in need of repairs, which he recommends to be made to an extent, the estimated cost of which is \$150.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to have said house repaired in the manner recommended, and at a cost not exceeding \$150, which shall be charged to the City Parks Improvement Fund.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

J. Johnson, R. Barnwell, L. Phillips.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the following named mechanics and laborer be restored to work, they having been absent for more than three days, viz. : John Johnson, mason ; Robert Barnwell, painter ; and Lawrence Phillips, laborer.

The PRESIDENT moved that said mechanics and laborer be restored to their several positions.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting specifications and working drawings for the temporary bridge to the entrance on the south end of the Museum of Natural History Building.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 314.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said specifications and drawings be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals for same.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Lincoln Av. and 135th St. Receiving Basin.

From the Secretary, submitting the form of contract for the receiving basin at the northeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-fifth Street, together with four proposals which had been received for the work.

The PRESIDENT then opened said proposals, which were as follows :

No.	NAME.	AMOUNT.	DAYS, AT \$3 PER DAY.	TOTAL.
1.	John J. McQuade.....	\$185	2	\$191
2.	Green Wright.....	220	15	265
3.	John B. Devlin.....	150	5	165
4.	John Mulholland.....	180	6	198

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of Mr. John B. Devlin to construct a receiving basin and sewer connection at the northeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and

thirty-fifth Street be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract therefor be, and hereby is, awarded to said J. B. Devlin ; and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, October 31, 1877, p. 371.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. James Brady, assignee of the contractor for the carpenter work of the Museum of Art Building, requesting that he be paid \$12,000 on account of said contract.

Also from the Superintending Architect, reporting thereon, and stating that the greater portion of the work required by said contract is completed, and that the balance remaining due on said contract after a payment of \$12,000, is amply large to secure the Department.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 156.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of said contractor, to an amount not exceeding \$12,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Plants.

From Mr. C. S. Sargent, Director of the Botanic Garden of Harvard University, donating a number of plants to the Department.

The PRESIDENT moved that the thanks of the Department be tendered to Mr. Sargent for the donation.

Adopted.

Sun Bear.

From Mr. C. P. Thayer, General Agent of the United States Express Co., offering to donate to the Department a Calcutta Sun Bear, which has been on exhibition at the Menagerie for some time.

The PRESIDENT moved that said donation be accepted, and the thanks of the Department tendered therefor.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Calvert Vaux, presenting a bill for \$197.12, for commissions on the amount of work done by the parks force in 1872 and 1873, in the preparation of foundations for the Museum of Natural History Building.

Filed.

Roadway at Plaza, 59th Street and 5th Avenue.

From Mr. Jacob Weeks, complaining of the condition of the roadway west of the Plaza at Fifty-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue.

Filed.

Patrolman Jas. Sterling.

From Mr. Oliver Stevens, District Attorney of Boston, Massachusetts, requesting that patrolman Jas. Sterling be given leave of absence to attend as a witness in court at Boston.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the President be authorized to grant the leave of absence requested.

Adopted.

California Tree.

From Mr. Martin Vivian, offering to place a section of a California Tree in Central Park, and donate it to the Depart-

ment, if allowed to establish a stand beside it for the sale of relics, pamphlets, soda water, &c.

Also from the Landscape Architect, reporting adversely to granting the privileges asked by Mr. Vivian.

The PRESIDENT moved that the offer of Mr. Vivian be declined.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Morton & Chesley, complaining that their bills for extras in the Museum of Natural History building are not paid at the Finance Department.

Referred to the President.

Applications.

The following applications were received and ordered to be filed, viz. :

- From Sylvanus Warren, for the position of Steam Engineer.
- From Mr. John Mitchell and others, on behalf of Milton J. Mangam, for a position on the Police Force.
- From Special Patrolman S. H. Conklin, for the position of Patrolman.
- From Messrs. Henry Smith & Co. and others, on behalf of Daniel Firm for a position on the Police Force.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Am. Dist. Telg. Co., rent and services...	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. & P.....	\$20 46
Beeber, M. & Co., gloves, police.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	75 00
Boote, Edwd., tiling.....	Mus. Nat. History,	2,980 80
Central Gas Light Co., gas, Oct.....	Harlem R. B.,	
	Reps., Imp. &	
	M.....	60 00
Central Gas Light Co., coal.....	Maint. &c., 23d &	
	24th Wards....	12 15

Decker, Nich. H. & Geo. W. Quintard, labor and matls.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave.	\$6,994 16
Gordon, Robert, Acting Treasurer, ex- penses Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P....	3,997 80
Handibode & Johnson, coal.....	Maint., &c., 23d & 24th Wards....	45 00
Handibode, P., coal and wood.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	135 00
	Surveying, laying out, 23d & 24th Wards....	4 62
		<hr/> 139 62
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas Oct.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	47 81
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	12 50
		<hr/> 60 31
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	34 64
Jones, Charles, and Thomas P. McQuade, labor and matl.....	Brook Av. Sewer.	6,622 86
Knowles, L. J., pump fittings.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	44
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas Oct....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	4 38
Mullane, John, hay, corn, oats, and to- bacco.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	401 40
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas L. Co., gas Oct.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	216 75
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas Oct....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	317 50
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, Oct.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	331 50
N. Y. Gas Light Co., meter gas	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 16

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N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		\$28 25
Pierce, F. O. & Co., potash and oil.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$1 25	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund....	12 00	
		<hr/>	13 25
Post & McCord, iron work.....	Mus. of Art.....		6,630 68
Rogers, H. A., spikes and fire irons.	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	\$12 75	
	Museum Natural		
	History	30 00	
		<hr/>	42 75
Sheppard, F., reps. to sprinklers.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....		11 60
Scott, D., fish	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		12 09
Strippel & Son, cases.....	Museum of Nat.		
	History.....		702 45
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum of Art..		1,288 21
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			\$31,046 21
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government, Parks and Places.....	\$5,591 12
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and maint....	107 81
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	81 50
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 62
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	12 00
Museum of Art.....	7,918 89
Museum of Natural History.....	3,713 25
Improvement and Construction Riverside Avenue.....	6,994 16
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	6,622 86
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	\$31,046 21
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-one thousand and forty-six dollars and twenty-one cents.

(Signed)

HENRY G. STEBBINS, } Auditing
JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.

New York, November 15th, 1877.

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

Bell, Thomas, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	\$1 00
Corbett, J., laborer.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	204 00
Coleman, John, labor.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	190 00
Conklin, W. A., medicines.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	17 30
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber, &c.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	64 79
Cummings, Mike, labor.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	36 50
Donvan, J. V., labor and material.....	Museum of Nat. History.....	1,435 00
Duffy, Patrick, labor.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	239 00
Dunne, Thomas, labor.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	240 00
Early & Lane, brooms.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$17 50
	Harlem R.B.,Reps. Impt. and M...	50
		18 00
Gugisperg, P., labor.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	8 00
Keuffel & Esser, rubber straight edge and paints.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$2 00
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	7 00
		9 00
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	137 50
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	19 42
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	34 00

McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., solder, &c...	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards..	\$0 23	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 65	
		<hr/>	\$7 88
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		69 40
Murphy & Nesbit, cement.....	Museum of Art..		60 00
Reeves, Robt. C., plough shares and castings.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	\$11 13	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 25	
		<hr/>	13 38
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....		16 00
Scotfield, Geo., roofing.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards		9 50
Thompson, James, labor.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards..		240 00
Van Ripper, Chas., spikes and oil.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards..		25 50
Westeregeln Carnalit Cheml. Co., disinfec- tant.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.....		3 81
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			<u>\$3,098 98</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$290 83
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,305 65
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	50
Museum of Natural History.....	1,435 00
Museum of Art.....	60 00
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	7 00
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	<u>\$3,098 98</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three thousand and ninety-eight dollars and ninety-eight cents.

(Sgd.) JAS. F. WENMAN, } Auditing
SAML. CONOVER, } Committee.

NEW YORK, November 21st, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks.

In Account with James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

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Nov. 7 to 21st.	} By Cash received from permits and licenses....	\$364 91	
		—————	\$364 91

DR.

Nov. 21st.—To balance.....	\$364 91	
	—————	\$364 91

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21st, 1877,

9.30 A.M.

Maintenance of Roads, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, that owing to a storm having damaged the roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, he had directed the order of the 7th inst., placing certain mechanics and laborers on half-time, to be suspended until the 14th inst. ; on which day he also directed that the general Foreman and Messenger be placed on half-time, and that all laborers (except the laborer employed in the stables) carpenters and teams, not required on unavoidable work, be suspend-

ed until further orders; and that the steam roller be stopped and the men employed in connection with it suspended, as soon as the stone now being delivered on Mott Avenue is rolled, and he moved that his action be approved by the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 7, 1877, p. 387.)

Adopted.

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to prepare and insert advertisements for proposals for supplying illuminating material to, and lighting, cleaning, reglazing, &c., all or any portion of the public lamps on the public parks, squares, places, and bridges, under the control of this Department, from January 1st, to April 30th, 1878, both days inclusive.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The TREASURER stated that he had been unable to obtain estimates for the following mentioned items of work on the Museum of Natural History, at figures near the amounts fixed by the Board on the 17th Oct. last, viz. :

Wrought iron window guards, at north and south ends of cellar.....	\$36 00
Five (5) iron guards for doors of elevator.....	25 00

That the lowest estimate he could get for the first item is, \$105, and for the second, \$40.

(Minutes, Oct. 17, 1877, p. 342.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for said items of work, at a cost not exceeding \$105, and \$40 respectively.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Gates at Third Avenue Bridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that the gates at Third Avenue Bridge were erected, but that their length is so great that it is necessary to have two additional rollers and one post on each gate, the estimated cost of which is \$70.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said additional rollers and posts for said gates be ordered.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1877, p. 234.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Bird Houses.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That bird houses, at a cost not exceeding \$100, and of a pattern to be approved of by the Landscape Architect, be constructed and placed upon the trees in the smaller city parks, and that the cost thereof be charged to the City Parks Improvement Fund.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Manhattan Square.

The PRESIDENT stated that on the portion of the north end of Manhattan Square, which the adjoining property owners are arranging to provide the money for shaping and smoothing off, there is a quantity of granite, flagging, &c., which had been placed there from time to time by this Department, that the Superintendent of Parks estimates it would cost \$250 to remove it, and that the property owners are desirous to know whether the Department will remove it.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the subject of the removal of said granite, flagging, &c., be laid over.

(Minutes, October 31, 1877, p. 374.)

Adopted.

Planting in Central Park.

The Landscape Architect, who was present, reported verbally that it was desirable at this time of the year to plant that portion of the Central Park at One hundred and tenth Street, and between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, and also the portion along Eighth Avenue north of Seventy-fourth Street, and he recommended that an expenditure of \$500 be authorized for this purpose.

Laid over.

Lost articles found in the Parks.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to make such disposition as he shall deem proper of the articles found in the parks, and which now remain unclaimed in the custody of the Property Clerk.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore Conover

Auditing Committee.

Special Committee of Organization of Police Force.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Commissioner Conover be appointed a member of the Auditing Committee and also a member of the Special Committee on the reorganization of the Police force, in place of ex-Commissioner Stebbins.

(Minutes, Dec. 20th, 1876, and January 10th, 1877, pp.491 and 536.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Commissioner's Badge.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that a badge for Commissioner Conover be authorized to be purchased.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10.30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 28th instant, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 21st inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Maintenance of Parks,—Transfer of Balances for 1877.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that Board on the 15th inst., viz. :

Resolved. That the sum of five thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy-two cents be, and the same is her-by, transferred from the following appropriations to the Department of Public Parks, for 1877, the same being in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

“ Police—Salaries of,” etc.....	\$5,618 72
Music—Central Park.....	180 00
Total.....	<u>\$5,798 72</u>

—to the appropriation for said Department, for 1877, entitled, “ Maintenance of the Parks and Places—Wages,” etc., which is insufficient.

(Minutes, October 31, 1877, p. 376.)

Filed.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the work of grading and draining round the Museum of Art Building

will be completed on the first of next month, when it will be necessary to suspend the laborers employed on it, unless the Board desires other construction work to be proceeded with; and recommending that the roads and paths from the East Drive in Central Park to said Museum Building be completed.

(Minutes, October 17, 1877, p. 350.)

Filed.

Riverside Avenue.

From the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue Construction, requesting instructions whether he shall deduct from his estimate for the month of November, the penalty to which the contractors are liable for the non-completion of the work within the time stipulated.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p. 358.)

Laid over.

Laborers whose pay had been deducted.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that the Finance Department had paid the four laborers whose pay had been deducted on the pay-rolls of April 7th and 21st, 1877, as requested at the last meeting of the Board.

(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 392.)

Filed.

Trees in the Parks.

From Mr. R. M. Strebeigh, Secretary of the New York Municipal Society, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, adopted by that society on the 19th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the attention of the Park Commissioners be called to the need of supplying new trees, in places where trees have died, in the parks and grounds under their charge.

Filed.

Mass Meeting in Tompkins Square.

From Mr. Hugh B. Brown, President of the Executive Committee of the Greenback Labor Party of the City of New York, and others, asking permission to hold a Mass Meeting in the

interest of the unemployed workmen of the city, some time during the month of December.

Referred to the President with power.

Fordham Property Owners' Association.

From Mr. John B. Shea, Corresponding Secretary of the "Fordham Property Owners' Association," notifying the Department of the existence of said association, and of the names of its officers.

Filed.

Laying-out the 23d and 24th Wards.

The following communications in relation to the proposed plan for laying-out the Central District of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, lying east of Jerome Avenue and west of Third Avenue and the Harlem Railroad, and extending from One hundred and sixty-fifth Street to Woodlawn Cemetery, were received and ordered to be filed, namely :

From Mr. John Chapman, objecting to a new street between Washington and Railroad Avenues.

From Mr. C. Brophy, and fourteen other owners of property, objecting to the proposed change in Railroad Avenue.

From Mr. H. E. Droz, objecting to the closing of Myrtle Avenue and the opening of a new avenue between that avenue and Brook Avenue.

From Mr. Richard Richards, objecting to the proposed change of Prospect Avenue and Worth Avenue, and to the new street to take the place of the latter.

From Dr. E. H. Carter, and fifteen other owners of property, objecting to the closing of Worth Avenue and the laying out of a new street to take its place.

From Mr. W. W. Niles, approving of the proposed plan, and requesting that it be adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Brady, Joseph C., carpenter work.....	Museum of Art...	\$10,800 00	
Cottier, John, repairs to dock.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards		3 00
De Grauw, Aymar & Co., packing.....	Harlem R.B.Reps., Impt.and Maint. &c.....		2 05
Hawes, John, bread.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		61 33
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Museum Natural History.....		34 67
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$75 00	
	Harlem R.B.Reps., Impt.and Maint. &c.....	4 50	
	Museum of Art..	6 00	
			85 50
Labagh, W. O., salt.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		8 89
Lyons & Bunn, mason work.....	Museum Natural History.....		20 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing matsl.....	Museum of Art... Harlem R.B.Reps., Impt.and Maint. &c.....	\$12 50	
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			18 61
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grates, &c.....	Museum Natural History.....	\$1 00	
	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	19 90	
			20 90

Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$20 00
O'Neil, M., quarried rock.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	74 00
Shaw & Venn, painting.....	Museum of Art... Museum Natural History.....	\$350 00 160 00
		510 00
Smith, Elward, carpenter work.....	Museum Natural History.....	1,022 12
Wheatly, R. R., oats and hay.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	45 45
		\$12,724 57

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$185 17
Harlem river bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance.....	9 66
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	119 45
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	3 00
Museum of Art.....	11,169 50
Museum of Natural History.....	1,237 79
	\$12,724 57

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
SAM'L CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, November 27th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover

American Museum of Natural History.

The President, to whom was referred the draft of a proposed agreement or contract with the American Museum of Natural History for the occupation by it of the building erected on Manhattan Square, reported verbally that he had considered the same with the officers and counsel of the American Museum of Natural History, and with their approval submitted the following proposed agreement ; namely :

THIS AGREEMENT, made and concluded on the first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, between the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, the party of the first part, and the AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, party of the second part, Witnesseth :

Preamble.

Whereas, by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 22d, 1876, entitled "An Act in relation to the powers and duties of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in connection with the American Museum of Natural History, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art," the said party of the first part is authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the said party of the second part for the occupation by it of the buildings erected or to be erected on that portion of the Central Park in the City of New York, known as Manhattan square, and for transferring thereto and establishing and maintaining therein its museum, library and collections, and carrying out the objects and purposes of said party of the second part ; and,

Whereas, a building contemplated by said act has now been erected and nearly completed and equipped in a manner suitable for the purposes of said Museum, as provided in the first section of the Act of May 15, 1875, known as Chapter 351, of the Laws of 1875, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therein the said Museum, as provided by the said last named act, and by the Act of April 5, 1871, known as Chapter 290, of the Laws of 1871 ; and,

Whereas, it is desired as well by the said party of the first part, as by the said party of the second part, that, immediately upon the completion and equipment of said building, the said party of the second part should be established therein, and should transfer thereto its Museum, Library and Collections, and carry out the objects and purposes of the said party of the second part.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by and between the said parties as follows, viz.:

First.—That the said party of the first part has granted and demised and let, and doth, by these presents, grant, demise and let, unto the said party of the second part, the said buildings and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to have and to hold the same so long as the said party of the second part shall continue to carry out the objects and purposes defined in its charter, or such other objects and purposes as by any future amendment of said charter may be authorized; and shall faithfully keep, perform, and observe the covenants and conditions herein contained on its part to be kept, performed, and observed, or until the said building shall be surrendered by the said party of the second part, as hereinafter provided.

Demise of building.

Secondly.—That neither the party of the first part, its successor or successors, nor the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, shall be in any manner chargeable or liable for the preservation of the said building or the property of the party of the second part which may be placed therein, against fire, or for any damage or injury that may be caused by fire to the said property; but it is agreed that, damages as aforesaid excepted, the said party of the first part will keep said building, from time to time, in repair.

Preservation of property.

Thirdly.—That as soon after the completion and equipment of said building as practicable, said party of the second part shall transfer to, and place and arrange in, said building, its museum, library, and collections, or such portion thereof as can be properly displayed to the public therein, and shall have and enjoy the exclusive use of the whole of said building, subject to the provisions herein contained, and the rules and regulations herein prescribed, during the continuance of the term hereby granted, or until a surrender thereof, as herein provided.

Immediate occupation.

Fourthly.—That said building, Museum, Library, and Collections therein, shall, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, and on all legal or public holidays, be kept open and accessible to the public, free of charge, from nine o'clock A. M. until half an hour before sunset; but on the remaining days of the week the same shall be only open for exhibition to such persons, upon such terms as the said party of the second part shall from time to time direct. But all professors, teachers or students of the public schools of the City of New York, or other institutions of learning in said city, in which instruction is given free of charge, shall be admitted to all the advantages afforded by the said party of the second part, through its Museum, Library, apparatus, and collections, or otherwise, for study, research and investigation, free

Exhibition days.

Advantages to Professors, Students, etc.

of any charge therefor, and to the same extent and on the same terms and conditions as any other persons are admitted to such advantages, as aforesaid.

Collection to remain the property of the Museum.

Fifthly.—That the Museum, Library and collections, and all other property of the said party of the second part, which shall or may be placed in said building, shall continue to be and remain absolutely the property of said party of the second part, and neither the said party of the first part nor the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, shall by reason of said property being placed in said building, or continuing therein, have any right, title, property or interest therein; nor shall the said party of the second part, by reason of its occupation and use of said building under this agreement, acquire, or be deemed to have any right, title, property or interest therein, except so far as expressly granted by this agreement.

The building to remain the property of the city.

Annual report.

Sixthly.—That the said party of the second part shall, on, or before, the first day of May, in every year, during the continuance of this agreement, submit to the said party of the first part, its successor, or successors, a detailed printed report of the operations and transactions of the said party of the second part, and all its receipts and payments, for the year ending with the 31st day of December next preceding.

Right of visitation.

Seventhly.—That said party of the first part, through its officers, shall have, at all times, access to every part of said building for general visitation and supervision, and also for the purpose of the performance of the duties devolved upon it by the laws of the State of New York, or of the City of New York. That the police powers and supervision of said party of the first part shall extend in, through and about said building. That the said party of the second part may appoint, direct, control and remove all persons employed within said building, and in and about the care of said building, and the museum, library and collections therein contained.

Surrender of building by Museum.

Eighthly.—That said party of the second part may, at any time, after the expiration of six months' notice in writing to said party of the first part, its successor or successors, or to the Mayor of the City of New York, of its intention so to do, quit and surrender the said premises and remove all its property therefrom; and upon and after such notice, the said party of the second part, shall and will, at the expiration of the said six months, quietly and peaceably yield up and surrender unto the said party of the first part and its successors all and singular the aforesaid demised premises. And it is expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that if the said party of the second part shall omit to do, perform, fulfill or keep any or either of the covenants, articles, clauses and agreements, matters and things herein contained,

Clause for re-entry.

which on its part are to be done, performed, fulfilled or kept, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, then and from thenceforth this grant and demise shall be utterly null and void. And in such case it shall and may be lawful for said Department to serve or cause to be served on the said party of the second part a notice in writing declaring that the said grant hereinbefore made has become utterly null and void, and thereupon the said party of the first part, its successor or successors, may re-enter, and shall again have, re-possess and enjoy the premises aforementioned, the same as in their first and former estate, and in like manner as though these presents had never been made, without let or hindrance of the said party of the second part, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ninthly.—And it is further expressly understood, and agreed, by, and between, the parties hereto, that this agreement may be wholly cancelled and annulled, or, from time to time, altered, or modified, as may be agreed, in writing, between the said parties, or their successors, anything herein contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Agreement
may be can-
celled or modi-
fied by consent.

In witness whereof the party of the first part hath caused this agreement to be executed by their President and Secretary, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of said Department adopted at a meeting held on the day of A. D. 1877, and the said party of the second part hath caused the same to be executed by their President, and their official seal affixed hereto, pursuant to a resolution of the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History adopted at a meeting held on the day of A. D. 1877.

Testatum.

In presence of:

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President Department of Public
Parks of the City of New York.

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Secretary Department of Public
Parks of the City of New York.

.....
President American Museum of
Natural History.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the consideration of said proposed agreement be laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Adopted.

Lincoln Avenue and 135th Street. Receiving Basin.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. E. B. Van Winkle be, and hereby is, appointed City Surveyor for the work of the construction of a receiving basin at Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-fifth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, the contract for which has been heretofore awarded to Mr. J. B. Devlin.

(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 398.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

F. Grieffenberg.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. F. Grieffenberg, who had been employed as a draughtsman in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, had been absent for some months, and that it was desirable to re-employ him to assist in the preparation of the maps for filing of the streets, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That F. Grieffenberg be, and hereby is, employed in the Department as a draughtsman until the 1st day of January, 1878 ; that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, and that he be detailed to the work of preparing the maps for filing of the district west of Jerome Avenue and south of the road leading from Mosholu to Williams Bridge in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

(Minutes, May 23 and July 11th, 1877, pp. 56 and 156.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Refreshments in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. C. Ryan, the licensee for the sale of refreshments in Central Park, requested permission to discontinue serving regular meals at Mount St. Vincent and the Casino, during the winter months.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the licensee for the sale of refreshments in Central Park be, and hereby is, authorized to discontinue serving regular meals at Mount St. Vincent and the Casino, during the winter months.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 78.)

Adopted.

Room for Surveyors on Brook Avenue Sewer.

The PRESIDENT submitted a bill of \$80 which Mr. Thomas Rae had presented, for the use of certain rooms in his house, at the corner of One hundred and thirteenth Street and Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, by the Engineer of Construction and his party, while making surveys for Brook Avenue sewer, during ten months, commencing July 1, 1876, and ending May 1, 1877.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said bill be referred to Commissioner Wenman to examine and report upon.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That the Lieutenant be directed to detail one police officer for duty at the Museum Natural History building.

(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 396.)

Adopted.

Harlem Bridge, Morrisania & Fordham R. R. Co. permitted to take earth from a Street.

The PRESIDENT stated that the street on the north side of Lot A, east of Delancy Place, Fordham, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, required to be lowered in grade, and that the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania & Fordham Railroad Company, being in need of filling, offered to take the earth from the street free of expense to the Department, and he moved that permission be granted to said railroad company to take earth from said street upon the following conditions, viz. :

1. That the street is at all times kept passable and in a condition not dangerous to travel.

2. That the work is done under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Ward in such manner, and to such extent as he shall direct.

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10:15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 5th December, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 28th ult. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Art—Skylights.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Architect, stating that it is desirable that the sub-skylights in the Museum of Art picture galleries should be carefully cleaned, and suggesting that the necessary order be given for the work.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting thereon, and stating that the work can be done by the Park Force at a cost not exceeding thirty (30) dollars.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said work executed by the Park Force, as recommended by the Architect.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Art—Heating.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the boilers and heating apparatus of the Museum of Art Building are ready, and that it is necessary to employ an engineer and helper.

Received and filed.

Museum of Art—Progress of Work.

From Mr. Theodore Weston, on behalf of the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, expressing their desire to have the work completed. Also, requesting that water connection be made to enable the steam-heating apparatus to be operated ; and further, to be furnished with a statement showing the amount of the balance which will remain to the credit of the Special Museum Fund, after all the existing contracts are fully paid and discharged.

From the Superintending Architect, stating that the works remaining to be completed under the present contracts are : the carpenter's, plasterer's, painter's and heating contractor's works, all of which will be finished as soon as the tiling is completed, which has been delayed by the contractor therefor, and that the water connection had been made.

(Minutes, Nov. 21, 1877, p. 395.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had caused the information requested by Mr. Weston to be given him, and moved that said communication be received and filed.

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History—Extra Work.

From Mr. Theo. Roosevelt, on behalf of the Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the following specified items of extra work be ordered at prices not exceeding the sums set opposite each item :

1. Covering with leather the iron shelves in library, as per sample at Museum.....	\$300
2. Filling out sides of library partitions.....	48
3. Frosting skylights in attic story.....	25
4. Arranging ash-pit in front of boiler.....	250
5. Eight window outside sashes for north end of building.....	40
6. One pair circular head doors for cellar, north side.....	15
7. Bronze sash fastenings for windows 3d and 4th stories (like those on 1st and 2d stories).....	50
8. Building coal-bin and slide.....	80
9. Closet for engineer.....	10
10. Closing ventilators under all windows throughout the building.....	100
11. Strips to separate collection of fossils as per sample in the Museum....	100

In his communication Mr. Roosevelt withdraws "Item No. 2—Furnishing brackets, standards and shelves for 3d, 4th and "2B" cases—\$633," mentioned in a communication of the Committee, dated October 23d, 1877, and requests the Department not to take any action thereon.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that none of the foregoing items requested by Mr. Roosevelt are either shown or mentioned on the drawings or specifications of existing contracts.

(Minutes, Nov. 21, 1877, p. 395.)

The PRESIDENT moved that such items of extra works, as requested, be approved, and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue the necessary orders therefor.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

R. L. Cooke, late Assistant Engineer.

From General George S. Greene, Engineer formerly in charge

of the construction of the proposed iron bridge over the Harlem River at One hundred and thirty-eighth Street, stating the facts with regard to the employment, services and pay of Mr. R. L. Cooke, deceased, late Assistant Engineer in his office.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 313.)

Filed.

Brook Avenue Sewer—Suspension of Inspectors.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that in consequence of the closing of work for the season on the Brook Avenue Sewer, the services of Lewis K. Osborn, James Chamberlain and Philanzo Edick, are no longer required, and recommending their suspension.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 101.)

The PRESIDENT, reported that on receiving the foregoing communication he had, on the 28th ult., suspended the above named inspectors, and he moved that his action 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—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Columbus Ryan—Skating Houses.

From Mr. Columbus Ryan, licensee for the sale of refreshments on Central Park, proposing to put up the skating houses in Central Park, provided that he be allowed to deduct the amount of the cost of erecting the same out of the money accruing under his agreement.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 78.)

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be granted to Mr. Ryan, to erect under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, the Skating Houses in the Central Park, for the coming season, the cost of such work to be paid by him and deducted from the moneys accruing to the Department under his agreement as

heretofore provided ; and in the erection of such bnildings he may be permitted to employ such carpenters and other members of the Park force, who are suspended, as he may desire, the same to be paid by him.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Thos. S. Dick—Pavement of Walk at Boat House.

The PRESIDENT presented a bill of Mr. Thos. S. Dick, amounting to the sum of \$150 for laying pavement on the walk near the Boat House, as directed by the Board, on August 1, 1877, with the certificate of the Superintending Architect, that the work has been done in a satisfactory manner. He thereupon moved that said bill be approved and transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

(Minutes, Aug. 1, 1877, p. 195.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Jas. R. Marvin—Assessment 3d Avenue Paving.

From Mr James R. Marvin, attorney, etc., enclosing written demands from Messrs. John Eichler and Michael Kuntz, requiring the Department to determine what portion of the expense of paving Third Avenue from Westchester Avenue to the northerly boundary of the Twenty-third Ward, shall be borne by the city, and the property owners respectively, and stating that these demands are made for the purpose of laying the

foundations for a mandamus in order to settle the legal questions involved in the paving of the avenue.

(Minutes, January 3, 1877, p. 511.)

The PRESIDENT stated that he had examined the legal questions involved in the papers presented by Mr. Marvin, and he moved that the Board decline to comply with the demands of Messrs. Eichler and Kuntz.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Lighting lamps with electricity.

From Mr. J. W. Bartlett, requesting permission to attach an electrical apparatus to the gasaliers on Fifth Avenue at Twenty-third and Twenty-Fourth streets, to the lamps standing on the west side of Madison Square, and to the lamps around Worth Monument.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 88.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. Bartlett be granted permission as requested, provided the work be done without expense to the city, or injury to the property thereof.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Reservoir Square—Telegraph Poles.

From Mr. D. H. Bates, General Superintendent of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, requesting permission to transfer to the south side of Reservoir Square, five poles belonging to said company, which are now standing on the

south side of West Fortieth Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the permission requested be granted.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

California Tree.

From Mr. A. M. Smith, offering to sell a section of a California tree.

(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 400.)

Referred to the American Museum of Natural History.

Application for employment.

From Hon. Smith Ely, Jr., Mayor, etc., on behalf of Patrick Walsh for employment.

Filed.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

Audit.

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

Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Museum Nat. Hist.	\$112 46
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	Museum of Art. . .	227 48
Draper, Danl., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	24 79
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. 23d and	
	24th Wards...	45 00
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	45 00
Kreischer, B. & Son, fire clay.....	Museum Nat. Hist.	2 25
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$71 95
	Maint. 23d and	
	24th Wards....	15 50
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		87 45

Jones, Jas. J. and John J. McQuade, trap-rock, &c.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	\$1,535 46
Maclay, Isaac W., interest.....	Surveying, laying-out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1874,	34 56
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Museum Nat. Hist. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$5 56 2 23
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	7 79 4 50
Wright, Green, earth.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	275 00
Wheatly, R. R., oats, hay and straw....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	50 75
Watson Mfg. Co., cases.....	Museum Nat. Hist.	1,800 00
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		\$4,252 49

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$143 97
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,926 21
Museum of Natural History.....	1,920 27
Museum of Art.....	227 48
Surveying, Laying out, 23d and 24th Wards, 1874.....	34 56
	<hr/> <hr/>
	\$4,252 49

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-two hundred and fifty-two dollars and forty-nine cents.

(Sigd.)

JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, December 5th, 1877.

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

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

1877.		CR.	
Nov. 21.	By balance		\$364 91
Nov. 21 to } Dec. 5. }	" cash received from permits and sale of sheep.....		534 45
			\$899 36
DR.			
Nov. 21 to } Dec. 5. }	To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$899 36
			\$899 36

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1877,

9:30 A. M.

American Museum of Natural History.

Mr. R. L. Stuart, President, Mr. Theodore Roosevelt and others Trustees, of the American Museum of Natural History, were then received and heard in relation to the draft agreement, submitted at the last meeting, for the occupation of the building known as the Museum of Natural History.

Messrs. Stuart and Roosevelt addressed the Board, and suggested certain changes in the agreement which were deemed advisable by the Trustees.

The delegation then withdrew and the Board resumed.

(Minutes, Nov. 28, 1877, p. 416.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the changes and amendments suggested on behalf of the Trustees, in the proposed agree-

ment, be referred to the President, and that the proposed agreement be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his 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—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 10.20 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 12th day of December, 1877, at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

GEO. C. COFFIN,
Asst. Sec'y D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.15 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.
“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Removal of a tree.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 5th instant, viz. :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to remove the dead oak tree which is on the sidewalk of the premises adjoining Public School No. 63 (Bathgate Farm), corner of Third Avenue and One hundred and seventy-third Street ; as it is an obstruction to the free uses of the sidewalk, and dangerous to the children in attendance at the public school, and others.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be directed to cut down and remove the tree mentioned in said resolution.

Adopted.

F. L. Olmsted

From the COMPTROLLER of the city stating that he had withheld for the present, the salary of Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Land-

scape Architect, for the reasons that he has been informed Mr. Olmsted renders little or no service in that capacity ; that his duties outside of the City of New York render his absence necessary and frequent, that he had been absent from his duties for twenty-six days during the month of October, and that the parks are in that state of completion that the services of an architect can be dispensed with ; and asking to be informed whether the employment of Mr. Olmsted is continuous, or whether, as is alleged, his absences from his duties are frequent and prolonged.

The PRESIDENT reported the facts and presented a reply which he had prepared to said communication.

Laid over.

Laborers, &c., in 23rd and 24th Wards.

From the COMPTROLLER of the city stating that he had withheld the pay of H. R. Searing, H. Reilly, John Meehan and James Dowd, who appear on the pay-roll of laborers, &c., employed on the maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the reason that he is informed these men are employed on construction work, and are not properly chargeable to maintenance, and asking to be informed of the circumstances connected with their employment.

Referred to the President to reply.

Agreements for License Services, &c.

From the COMPTROLLER of the city, requesting that he be furnished with copies of all contracts, leases or licences for boat service, donkey service, park and goat carriages, pony service, &c., &c., now in force.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that copies of said contracts, &c., be furnished to the Finance Department, as requested, and

that a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that the Department has authority to make said contracts, &c., in the form now used, be transmitted to the Finance Department at the same time.

(Minutes April 6, 1877, p. 772.)

Adopted.

Jerome Avenue Railing.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of this Department to the condition of the railing on the east side of Jerome Avenue, 700 feet south, and 800 feet north, of Ella Street Bridge in the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for his report.

Lawrence Delaney.

From the Police Surgeon and the Lieutenant, notifying the Department of the death of gate-keeper Lawrence Delaney, which took place on the 6th inst.

Filed.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Wm. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, congratulating the Department on the approaching completion of the Museum of Natural History building; stating that the President of the United States has consented to assist in the opening ceremonies on the 22d inst., and inviting the Department to a participation in the exercises.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the subject be referred to the President with power.

Adopted.

License to hire skates and chairs on ice in Central Park.

From Mr. August Braun, applying for a renewal of the license heretofore granted to him for hiring skates and chairs on the ice during the skating season in Central Park.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that a license to hire skates and chairs on the ice in Central Park during the winter season of 1877 and 1878 be granted to Mr. August Braun, on the same terms and conditions as the license which was granted to him for the last season, and that the President be authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, December 27th, 1876, p. 503.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Audit of Bills.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter all bills presented for payment be passed on separately by 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—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

American District Telegraph Co., rent and services, Nov.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$15 51
Central Gas Light Co., gas, Nov.	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.	60 00
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	100 03
Decker, Thompson W., milk.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	7 20
Dick, Thomas J., concrete paving.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	150 00
Donvan, J. V., labor and materials.	Museum of Nat. History.	432 00
Ehrichs, J. L., meat and vegetables.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	248 45
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, October.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	62 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	35 47
Heller & Bardel, commissioner's badge.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	32 50
Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, labor and materials.	Brook Av. Sewer.	7,539 03
Kelso Bros., coal.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	\$38 25
	Museum of Art.	4 25
		<hr/> 42 50
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.	4 30
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, lamps, &c.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	50 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Oct.	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.	4 38
Mullane, John, hay, oats, straw, etc.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	355 65

N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., gas, October.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P....	\$227 38
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, October....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	331 50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, Oct....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	317 50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	27 75
Noyes & Wines, iron work.....	Museum of Nat. History.....	71 00
Rogers, H. A., nails.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	\$2 75
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	6 00
	Museum of Art...	2 75
	Museum of Nat. History.....	5 50
		17 00
Scott, D., fish.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	11 70
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum of Art...	845 00
Van Tassel & Kearney, blankets.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	48 00
Wright, Green, quarried rock.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	57 40
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	53 60
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		<u>\$11,147 35</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,817 34
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	62 75
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	100 03
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	61 70
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	206 00

Museum of Art.....	\$852 00
Museum of Natural History.....	508 50
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	7,539 03
	————— \$11,147 35

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand one hundred and forty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
 " SAM'L. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, December 12th, 1877.

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

Devlin, J. B., limestone.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$832 50
Noonan, Michael, labor and materials....	Drainage District, 24th Ward, bounded by Fordham and Pelham A v e - n u e s , Kings- bridge Road, &c	1,172 72
		————— \$2,005 22

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$832 50
Drainage District 24th Ward, bounded by Fordham and Pelham Aves., &c.....	1,172 72
	————— \$2,005 22

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and five dollars and twenty-two cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
 SAM'L. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, December 12th, 1877.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now ap-

prove them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Estimates for 1878.

The PRESIDENT reported that the Commissioners had appeared by invitation before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 8th inst., and urged the necessity of their fixing the appropriations for 1878, for this Department at the amounts asked for in the Departmental estimates.

(Minutes Sept. 13, 1877, p. 283).

Museum of Art.

Wm. M. Smith.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Wm. M. Smith be, and hereby is, appointed Steam Engineer for the Museum of Art building, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

(Minutes, Oct. 17 and Dec. 5, 1877, p. 345 and 424).

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M. to meet on Saturday, the 15th inst., at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.
“ CONOVER.

On motion of the President the reading of the minutes of previous meeting, of the 12th instant, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Wm. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the Department would have the bridge at the south entrance to the Museum of Natural History Building repaired, a platform erected, and such other preparations as may appear necessary made, prior to the opening of the Museum.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks reporting what it is necessary to have done for the occasion.

(Minutes December 12, 1877 p. 435).

Referred to the President with power.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT recommended and moved that the penalties for the non-completion of the work of constructing Riverside Avenue by the 31st October, 1877, the time stipulated in the contract, be remitted up to the 1st December, 1877, and he stated that he desired to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the questions of extra works connected with the said contract before he made his report thereon.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 305).

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Decker, Nicholas H & } labor and materials. Improvement and	
Geo. W. Quintard. }	
	Construction
	Riverside Av.
	\$2,903 77
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	\$2,903 77
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Amounting to the sum of twenty nine hundred and three dollars and seventy-seven cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } Auditing
SAMUEL CONOVER. } Committee.

New York, December 15th, 1877.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the President moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 9. 30 o'clock A. M. to meet on Wednesday, the 19th instant at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1877.

REGULAR MEETING, 9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 12th and 15th insts. were read and approved.

Concrete Floor, Museum of Art.

Galvanized Iron Casing, &c., Museum of Art.

Lighting Lamps in the Park, &c.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the Comptroller of the city entered, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller, and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for the following works and supplies, viz. :

1. Concrete floors for the basement of the Museum of Art building.
(Minutes, August 29, 1877, p. 246.)
2. Galvanized iron and zinc casing for the arches and purlins of the central hall of the Museum of Art building.
(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 296.)
3. For furnishing illuminating material to and lighting, &c., all or any portion of the public lamps in the public parks and places, and on the bridges of the City of New York (except the ornamental lamps on the north side of Union Square), under the control of the Department of Public Parks, from the first day of January, 1878, until the 30th day of April, 1878, both days inclusive.
(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 407.)

The following estimates or proposals were received :

I.

CONCRETE FLOORS FOR BASEMENT OF THE MUSEUM OF ART BUILDING.

1. Hugh J. Reilly.....	\$2,638 00
2. John J. Schillinger.....	1,517 00
3. Charles Koster.....	1,647 00
4. James Reilly.....	4,295 00
5. Edward Lennon.....	1,820 00
6. Andrew Coyne & Peter Foy ..	2,474 00
7. Robert Montgomery.....	8,400 00
8. James Baird.....	1,600 00
9. Frederick W. Lawrence.....	1,370 00
10. James O. Friel.....	1,977 00

II.

GALVANIZED IRON AND ZINC CASING FOR ARCHES, &c., OF THE MUSEUM OF ART BUILDING.

1. Noyes & Wines.....	\$8,300 00
2. Fischer & Brother.....	4,285 00
3. John F. Starr, Jr.....	12,125 00
4. Martin Lydon & Philip Hahn.....	8,500 00
5. John D. Ottiwell.....	17,000 00

III.

FOR FURNISHING ILLUMINATING MATERIAL TO AND LIGHTING, &C.,
THE PUBLIC LAMPS.

BIDDERS.	For the illuminating material for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes, stand pipes, burners and other appliances which may be used for a like purpose, and cross-heads, lamp irons and lanterns thereto, and keeping each lamp and lamp-post in thorough repair, as required.	Illuminating Material proposed to be supplied.
1. The Harlem Gas-Light Company.....	\$7 90	Gas.
2. The New York Mutual Gas-Light Company...	4 70	Gas.
3. Metropolitan Gas-Light Company.....	6 90	Gas.
4. New York Gas-Light Company.....	6 00	Gas.

The portions of the city included in these proposals are as follows, viz.:

1ST.—THE HARLEM GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York bounded as follows:

By a line commencing at the intersection of the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street and the East River, running thence along the centre line of said Seventy-ninth Street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2, to the Hudson River; thence along said Hudson River to Spuyten Duyvil creek; thence along said creek to the Harlem River; thence along said Harlem River and through the draws in the Central and Third Avenue Bridges to the East River; thence along the East River to the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street, the place of beginning.

2ND. THE NEW YORK MUTUAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

Union Square, bounded by Fourth Avenue, Broadway, Fourteenth Street and Seventeenth street.

Madison Square, bounded by Madison Avenue, Broadway, Twenty-third Street and Twenty-sixth Street.

Tompkins Square, bounded by Avenue A, Avenue B, Seventh Street and Tenth Street.

Washington Square, bounded by Wooster Street, McDougal Street, Fourth Street and Waverly Place.

Jackson Square, bounded by Horatio Street, Greenwich and Eighth Avenues.

Cooper Institute Square, bounded by Third and Fourth Avenues and Seventh Street.

Worth Monument, bounded by Fifth Avenue, Broadway and Twenty-fifth Street.

Washington Monument, at junction of Fourth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-third Street.

Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street.

3RD. THE METROPOLITAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York bounded as follows :

On the south by the centre line of Thirty-fourth Street, on the north by the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2 in the Central Park; on the East by the East River, and on the West by the Hudson River.

4TH. THE NEW YORK GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

The district lying south of Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets, and between the East River and the North or Hudson River.

The Comptroller of the City then retired, and the Board resumed the order of business.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Concord Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, acknowledging the receipt of a proposed form of contract for the completion of the work of regulating and grading Concord Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward, which was transmitted to him for his approval.

Also acknowledging the receipt of various assignments of the original contract to Peter V. Clarke and others.

He then states as follows :

“ There is no doubt that these various assignments, agreements and consent vest in Mr. Peter V. Clarke the contract for the improvement of Concord Avenue, made by the old trustees of the Town of Morrisania with James Finnegan, with all the rights possessed by said Finnegan under that contract.

“ I think the proper course to be taken would be for the
“ Park Department to adopt and enter upon the records of the
“ Department a resolution reciting briefly the action heretofore
“ had by the Department, and rescinding the resolution adopted
“ in 1875, requiring Finnegan to discontinue all work under the
“ said contract, and also authorizing the assignee, Peter V.
“ Clarke, to proceed with and complete all work covered by the
“ said contract, which has not heretofore been done.”

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 168.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, on the 21st July, 1875, the Department adopted certain preambles and resolutions, declaring the work of regulating and grading Concord Avenue abandoned by the contractor, James Finnegan, and directing said contractor and his assignees to discontinue said work ;

And whereas, on the 18th July, 1877, the Department adopted a certain other preamble and resolution directing said work to be re-let;

And whereas, since the adoption of said last mentioned preamble and resolution Mr. Peter V. Clarke has obtained assignments of said contract, and proposes to proceed with and complete said work ;

And whereas, the Counsel to the Corporation has advised this Department that it can lawfully allow said Peter V. Clarke to proceed with said work, and has recommended that such course be adopted ;—

Therefore Resolved, That said preambles and resolutions above mentioned, and adopted on the 21st July, 1875, and 18th July, 1877 be, and hereby are, rescinded, and that said Peter V. Clarke be allowed and directed, as the assignee of said contract, to proceed with and complete said work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Bird Houses.

From the Landscape Architect reporting upon the descrip-

tion of bird house he recommends to be placed in the trees on the Parks.

(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 408.)

Filed.

Thomas F. Goodwin.

From the Superintendent of Parks forwarding the application of Mr. Thomas F. Goodwin for the position of stone cutter, recommending him for the position, and stating that the Department requires the services of a stone cutter at present.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said Thomas F. Goodwin be appointed a stone cutter from and after January 1st, 1878.

(Minutes, Oct. 3, 1877, p. 325.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Art.

John Maher.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that it is necessary to appoint a second steam engineer for the Museum of Art building, as one man cannot do all the work required.

(Minutes, Dec. 12, 1877, p. 440.)

Commissioner CONOVER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That John Maher be, and hereby is, appointed steam engineer for the Museum of Art building, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Jerome Avenue. Railing.

From the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards, reporting upon the condition of the railing on the east side of Jerome Avenue near Ella Street bridge.

(Minutes, Dec. 12, 1877, p. 435.)

Referred to the President.

Trees on Fordham Avenue.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that Mr. Alexander Bathgate has applied to him for permission to cut down and remove twenty-four trees, on the east side of Fordham Avenue, which stand on the line of the avenue as proposed to be widened; and also two trees on the west side of said avenue, one of which is dead, and the other leans over the roadway.

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be given to Mr. Bathgate, to remove the two trees on the west side of said avenue, and that action as regards the other trees be laid over.

Adopted.

Ellis Place.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that Mr. M. C. Turner, when regulating Mott Avenue, as heretofore permitted by the Department removed a quantity of earth from Ellis Place, and the streets leading to Cedar Street bridge. That Mr. Turner claimed that these streets are not public streets, the title to them being still in the owners of the adjoining property. That Mr. Turner has not repaired said streets so as to make them as passable as when he removed the earth from them.

(Minutes, Aug. 8, 1877, p. 212.)

Referred to the President to report.

Petrified Ham.

From Mr. Jonas P. Levy, offering to present to the Depart-

ment a "petrified ham" found near Wilmington, North Carolina, and supposed to have been part of the provisions of the North Carolina troops in 1775.

The PRESIDENT moved that said donation be accepted, and the thanks of the Department tendered to Mr. Levy therefor.

Adopted.

High Bridge Park Hotel.

From Mr. Charles Schedler, lessee of the High Bridge Park Hotel, requesting permission to transfer the lease of said Hotel to Mr. Herman Schall, and for said Schall to transfer same to Mrs. Bertha C. L. Schedler.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 379.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the consent of the Department be given for the transfer of said lease to Mr. Herman Schall, and by him to Mrs. Bertha C. L. Schedler.

Adopted.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. L. A. Rockwell, Chairman of the Local Improvement Committee of the "Central Association of the 24th Ward," forwarding a petition signed by about ninety owners of property, against the proposed changes in Railroad and Myrtle Avenues in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and the proposed new avenues between Railroad and Washington Avenues and between Myrtle and Webster Avenues.

(Minutes, Nov. 28, 1877, p. 413.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Gardner & Co., settees.....	Museum Natural History	\$948 02
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	8 50
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	77 60
Murphy & Nesbit, brick, plaster, and sand.....	Museum of Art.. City Parks Impt. Fund.... ..	\$17 90 119 60
		<hr/> 187 50
Slattery, John, cutting letters.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	24 50
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 33
Woolman, G. S., drawing materials.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	67 26
		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,266 71

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$80 93
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	91 76
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	119 60
Museum of Natural History.....	948 02
Museum of Art.....	17 90
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	8 50
	<hr/> \$1,266 71

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twelve hundred and sixty-six dollars and seventy-one cents.

(Sgd.) JAS. F. WENMAN, } Auditing
SAML. CONOVER, } Committee

NEW YORK, December 19th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks.

In Account with James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

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Dec. 5 to 19th.	} By Cash received from pound, grass and permits.	\$18 00

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Dec. 5 to 19th.	} To Cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$8 00
Dec. 19th.—	" balance in hand.....	10 00
		\$18 00

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, December 10, 1877,

9.30 A.M.

Museum of Natural History.

The TREASURER reported verbally that the lowest proposal he was able to obtain for the construction of 2 "A," cases for the Museum of Natural History, which were authorized by the Board on the 21st November, ulto., at a price not exceeding \$1,400, was \$1,550.

(Minutes, Nov. 21st, 1877, p. 395.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to order said cases at a price not exceeding \$1,550.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Police.

THE PRESIDENT presented the following report :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
36 Union Square (East). }
NEW YORK, 24th July, 1876.

The PRESIDENT, to whom the subject of the Police was referred by resolution of 21st June, 1876, in accordance therewith, respectfully reports :

He addressed a letter to the Faculty of the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, requesting them to designate one of their number to make the examination of the Police called for by the resolution ; that they replied designating Dr. John T. Darby. That Dr. Darby made the examination in connection with Dr. Barber, the Police Surgeon.

That their report is submitted herewith.

That it divides the force, including the sergeants, into three classes :

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| 1. The men fully capable..... | 19 |
| 2. The men not fully capable..... | 23 |
| 3. The men incapable..... | 32 |

The PRESIDENT submits the following recommendation :

First.—That the third class of men be dismissed.

Secondly.—That applications be received for admission to the police force. That an examination be had of all applicants, similar to the one held by Dr. Darby and Dr. Barber, testing the physical ability, moral character, and intelligence of the men.

Thirdly.—That the Examiners be required, out of all the applicants, to establish a high standard of excellence, and to include not more than fifty men in the first class.

Fourthly.—That out of this class, appointments be made to fill up the vacancies in the force.

Fifthly.—That for the men discharged, who are of good record and character, preference be given for places in the buildings in the Park, and for such other duties in the Department as they may be capable of performing.

Sixthly.—That the police force consist of a lieutenant and four sergeants, and a force of men, to be divided into park-keepers and gate-keepers, and that the watchmen and night watchmen, as may be required, be made a part of the police force.

The force will then consist of fifty-one men, fully capable, and twenty-three of the second class. Out of the whole force the four best men should be chosen for the sergeants.

By these measures the efficiency of the force will be increased through the greater physical vigor, activity and intelligence, and their capacity in the aggregate to do a greater amount of work.

This produces greater economy, for the Parks can then be policed with fewer men, and consequently at less expense.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WM. R. MARTIN.

(Minutes, July 23th, 1876, p. 210, and Nov. 21st, 1877, p. 410.)

Filed.

Police.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That four gate-keepers be appointed to fill vacancies in the police force.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Conover—2.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:15 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 26th instant, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.
“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.
“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Denman Place.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing the resignation of Mr. Leo C. Dessar, as a Commissioner to assess the expenses of regulating and grading Denman Place, and suggesting the name of Mr. Edward S. Bull, as a Commissioner in his place.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p. 362.)

Filed.

The PRESIDENT then moved that Mr. Edward S. Bull be appointed a Commissioner to assess the expenses of regulating and grading Denman Place from Concord Avenue to Union Avenue, in the place of Mr. Leo C. Dessar, resigned, and that the Commissioners sign the following appointment.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

The following appointment was then signed by all the Commissioners, viz :

APPOINTMENT.

Whereas, The late Board of Trustees of the town of Morrisania duly authorized and executed a contract for the work hereafter mentioned, but did not appoint Commissioners to apportion and assess the expenses thereof, as directed by Sections 47 and 48, Chapter 277, Laws of 1864.

And whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city did, on the 24th day of October, 1877, duly appoint, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, Leo C. Dessar, together with others, as such Commissioners.

And whereas, The said Leo C. Dessar has declined to accept said appointment and to act as such Commissioner,

Therefore, we, the undersigned, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, and the Counsel to the Corporation of said city, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority in us vested by said Section 9, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, appoint

EDWARD S. BULL,

of New York City, an owner of a freehold estate, liable to taxation therein, and who is not interested in or affected by said work or improvement, a Commissioner, in the place and stead of the said Leo C. Dessar, to assess the expenses of the following mentioned work or improvement, namely,

Regulating and grading Denman Place from Concord Avenue to Union Avenue.
Dated this 26th of December, 1877.

(Signed)

WM. R. MARTIN,
JAMES F. WENMAN,
WM. C. WETMORE,
SAMUEL CONOVER,

*Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks
of the City of New York.*

(Signed)

WM. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York.

F. L. Olmsted.

From Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect, requesting leave of absence for three months on account of the state of his health.

Also from Dr. J. L. Campbell, stating that Mr. Olmsted's health is in such a condition that it is absolutely necessary for

him to have entire cessation from work for two or three months.

(Minutes, December 12, 1877, p. 433),

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect, be granted leave of absence, without pay, for a period of three months from January 1st, 1878.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Map of Sewerage District in 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting five similar maps of a sewerage district in the Twenty-third Ward, east of Rider Avenue.

(Minutes, July 25, 1877, p. 181.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the map or plan for the sewerage district in the Twenty-third Ward lying east of Rider Avenue, south of 144th Street and west of Brook Avenue, entitled "Plan of Drainage for Sewerage District No. 32. In the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York," dated "New York, 24th December, 1877," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks" be, and hereby is, approved ; that it be filed, and that similar maps or plans be filed in the following offices, viz : The office of the Common Council, the office of the Comptroller of the City, the Health Department, and the Department of Public Works.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Restored Laborers, &c.

From the Disbursing Clerk, giving a list of laborers, &c., who have been reinstated, after an absence of three days, without the authority of the Board.

Laid over until the next meeting.

J. H. Van Riper.

From the Police Department, stating that James H. Van Riper, Mechanical Engineer, has been granted a certificate of qualification to take charge of a steam boiler and engine.

Filed.

Applications.

The following applications for positions in the Department were received and ordered to be filed :

From Mr. Luther Shafer and others on behalf of John B. Decker for a position on the Police Force.

From Mr. J. M. Peters on behalf of Mrs. Loeffel, for the position of ladies' maid in one of the Cottages on the Parks.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Bien, Julius, maps.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$65 00
Dudgeon, Richard, repairs to jack.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	7 75
Hazard Powder Company, powder.....	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards,	\$18 90
	City Parks Impt. Fund	78 75
		97 65

Kelso Bros., coal.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....	\$18	00
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	182	75
	Museum of Art...	212	50
	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards.	8	50
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			421 76
Pratt, Chas. & Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$9	00
	Harlem R. B. Reps.,		
	Imp. and Maint.	2	00
	Museum Natural		
	History.....	88	
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			11 88
Pierce, F. O. & Co., oil.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.....		9 60
Ridabock, F. A., gravel.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		986 93
Riley, James, carting.....	Maint., etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards.		38 32
Smith, Elward, labor and material.....	Museum Natural		
	History.....		258 50
Valentine & Briggs, rent of rooms.....	Maint., etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards.		480 00
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			\$2,377 13

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,178	63
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	544	72
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.....	73	50
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	106	35
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	2	00
Museum of Art.....	212	50
Museum Natural History.....	259	38
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		\$2,377 13

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three hundred and seventy-seven dollars and thirteen cents.

(Sgd.) JAS. F. WENMAN, } Auditing
SAML. CONOVER, } Committee.

New York, December 26th, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The TREASURER reported verbally that the lowest bid he was able to obtain for the work of closing the ventilators under the windows in the Museum of Natural History building is \$146, but that the Board, on the 5th inst., had limited the cost to \$100.

(Minutes, Dec. 5, 1877, p. 425).

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for said work at a price not exceeding \$146.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Rooms for Surveyors on Brook Avenue Sewer.

Commissioner WENMAN, to whom was referred the bill of Mr. Thomas Rae for the use of storerooms in his house situate at the corner of One hundred and thirty-eighth Street and Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, by the Engineer of Construction and his party, while making surveys for Brook Avenue Sewer, during the ten months commencing July 1, 1876, and ending May 1, 1877, verbally reported that said

rooms were necessary; that the amount of the bill (\$80) was reasonable and fair, and he recommended that it be paid.

(Minutes, Nov. 28, 1877, p. 421.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

American Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that the American Museum of Natural History had been opened to the public in the new Museum of Natural History building on the 22d inst, by the President of the United States, and that the following is the programme of the exercises on the occasion, viz. :

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MUSIC.

- 1. PRAYER.....By REV. WM. ADAMS, D. D.

MUSIC.

- 2. ADDRESSBy ROBERT L. STUART,
President of the Museum.
- 3. ADDRESS.....By WM. R. MARTIN,
President of the Department of Public Parks.
- 4. ADDRESSBy DR. C. W. ELIOT,
President of Harvard College.

MUSIC.

- 5. ADDRESS.....By Professor O. C. MARSH,
*President of the American Association for the
Advancement of Science.*
- 6. OPENING OF THE BUILDING....By the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Minutes, Dec. 15, 1877, p. 441.)

Museum of Art—Concrete Floors.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 9) of Mr. Frederick W. Lawrence, for the concrete floors for the basement of the Museum of Art building, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be, and hereby is, awarded to Mr. Frederick W. Lawrence therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 19, 1877. p. 446.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Museum of Art—Galvanized Iron, &c., Casing, &c.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 2) of Messrs. Fischer & Brother, for the galvanized iron and zinc casing for the arches and purlins of the central hall of the Museum of Art building be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract therefore be, and hereby is, awarded to said Messrs. Fischer & Brother, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 19, 1877. p. 446.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Lighting the Lamps in the Parks, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposals (Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4) of the Harlem Gas-Light Company, the New York Mutual Gas-Light Company, the Metropolitan Gas-Light Company and the New York Gas-Light Company, to light the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this

Department, with gas, from January 1st to April 30th, 1878, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bids for the several portions of the city mentioned in their proposals; that the contracts for said portions of the city be, and hereby are, awarded to said companies therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 19, 1877, p. 417.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Board adjourned at 10.15 A. M. to meet on Monday, the 31st inst., at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1877.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ CONOVER.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 26th inst. was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Museum of Art.

From Mr. F. W. Smith, contractor for laying the tiling in Museum of Art building, asking for a payment on account.

Also from the Superintending Architect recommending that no payment on account be made at present, as some of the work has not been done in accordance with the drawings.

Filed.

Museum of Art.

From the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company, contractors for the heating and ventilating work of the Museum of Art building, asking for a payment of \$1,200 on account.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company be paid \$800 on account.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized to prepare and submit an estimate on

account of the contract of the Angell & Blake Manufacturing Company for the heating and ventilating of the Museum of Art building, and not exceeding \$800.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Angell & Blake Manufacturing Co., labor		
and material.....Museum of Art		\$255 00
Boote, Edward, extra tiling.....Mus. Natl. History		725 00
Boote, Edward, tiling.....Mus. Natl. History		5,796 00
Dripps, M., atlas.....Surveying, laying		
out, etc., 23d and		
24th Wards....		30 00
Douglass, B. & Son, trees.....City Parks Impt.		
Fund.....		19 20
Dudgeon, Richard, chain pinion.....Maint., etc., 23d		
and 24th Wards.		11 50
Gardner & Co., chairs.....Mus. Natl. History		362 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of		
line and shades.....Maint. and Govm't		
P. & P.....		188 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., ticking.....Maint. and Govmt.		
P. & P.....		2 20
Horton, James, labor and material.....Harlem R.B.,Reps.		
Impt. and M..		70 00
Kelso Bros., coal.....Harlem R.B.,Reps.		
Impt., and M..	\$42 50	
Maint. and Govmt.		
P. and P.....		4 50
		<hr/> 47 00

Martin, R. C., repairs to culvert.	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....		\$44 25
Mahoney, John, plastering.....	Mus. Nat. History.		9 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing ma- terials.....	Museum of Art... Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$1 00 4 00	
		<hr/>	5 00
Martin, Jno. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Mus. Natl. History		5 84
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govm't P. & P.....		7 11
Rae, Thomas, rent.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1876	32 00 48 00	
		<hr/>	80 00
Ridabock, F. A., gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt P. & P.....		977 88
Rogers, H. A., hardware and nails....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... Mus. Natl. History	\$6 00 82 00	
		<hr/>	88 00
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		8 00
Shaw & Venn, painting.....	Mus. Natl. History		24 00
Van Riper, Chas., waste oil, etc.....	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards,		9 10
Van Riper, Chas., spikes.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....		6 00
		<hr/> <hr/>	\$8,770 58

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,198 19
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.	112 50
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	70 85
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	62 00

Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1876.	\$48 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.	19 20
Museum of Art.	256 00
Museum of Natural History.	7,003 84
	<hr/>
	\$8,770 58

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-seven hundred and seventy dollars and fifty-eight cents.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
SAM'L. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 31st, 1877.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

Appropriations for 1878.

Notices to Employés.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had made very large deductions from the departmental estimates for 1878, and recommended that the Board take action, as soon as possible, to reduce the expenses of the Department.

(Minutes, Dec. 12, 1877, p. 440.)

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President notify, in writing, all employés on the salary list and also instruct the Superintendent of Parks to notify all foremen and mechanics, that any action in relation to the reduction of salaries or removal of employés on account of the limited appropriations granted for 1878, which the Board may take shall take effect from the 1st January, 1878.

Adopted.

Gates on Third Avenue Bridge.

The PRESIDENT stated that the contractor for the construction and placing in position of the gates on Third Avenue Bridge did not complete the work within the time stipulated, and that in consequence the Board had the power to deduct from his contract price \$5 per day for each day he was so behind time. That he had ascertained that the delay was in some respects excusable, and that the Department had not suffered by the delay; and he moved that the penalties for such non-completion of the work within the time stipulated be remitted.

(Minutes, Nov. 21, 1877. p. 408.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

Gravel for the Parks.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase screened gravel for the parks, as follows, viz.: two boat loads for the first division, and one boat load for the second division of Central Park, each boat load not to exceed 250 cubic yards.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

Broken Stone for the 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase one hundred and twenty dollars worth of broken stone for the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

On motion of Commissioner Wenman, the Board adjourned at 9:45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 2d January, 1878, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2d, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 26th December, 1877, were read and approved.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 31st December, 1877, was dispensed with.

The following communications were presented and read :

Roadway at Plaza, 5th Avenue and 59th Street.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, with a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 26th ultimo, viz. :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and they are hereby, requested to cause the roadway west and north of the Circle or Plaza, west of Fifth Avenue, and between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets, to be repaired and put in good order, fit for public travel.

Filed.

Crosswalk on Third Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, with a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor, the Mayor, on the 26th ult., viz. :

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Third avenue, near One hundred and seventy-third street, in front of the entrance to Public School No. 63, under the direction of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that said avenue and street have never been legally named, and that it is questionable whether an assessment for the work would be valid on that account.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the President be requested to notify the Common Council that said avenue and street are not known by the names mentioned in said resolution, and request that the resolution and ordinance be amended.

Adopted.

Railroad Avenue, Twenty-third Ward.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of Railroad Avenue, south of One hundred and fifty-third Street, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Morris Avenue and 151st Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the communication of the Health Department, with relation to the condition of the street crossing at Morris Avenue and One hundred and fifty-first Street.

(Minutes, November 7, 1877, p. 379.)

Laid over.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the contractors for the construction of Brook Avenue sewer, propose to drive piles during the winter, and recommending that inspector James Chamberlain be assigned to duty on such days as his services may be required.

(Minutes, Dec. 5, 1877, p. 426.)

THE PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineer be, and hereby is, authorized to employ inspector James Chamberlain on the work of the construction of Brook Avenue

sewer, on such days during the winter, as he shall require his services.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

F. Greiffenberg.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the maps for filing of the district west of Jerome Avenue and south of the road leading from Mosholu to Williams Bridge in the Twenty-fourth Ward, are not yet completed, and requesting that the employment of Mr. F. Greiffenberg, draughtsman, be continued until January 15, 1878.

(Minutes, November 28, 1877, p. 420.)

Commissioner CONOVER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the time of the employment of Mr. F. Greiffenberg, draughtsman, be, and hereby is, extended until the 15th January, 1878, and that he be paid for such additional time at the rate of \$1,500 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—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

Third Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that application be made for the appointment of commissioners to acquire the title to Third Avenue, from Harlem Bridge to One hundred and and forty-seventh Street.

Laid over.

Fordham Avenue, Kingsbridge Road.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the introduction of Croton water into the Twenty-fourth Ward

along the Harlem Railroad line, and the consequent necessity for sewerage that district, make it important that Fordham Avenue and Kingsbridge Road from the Twenty-third Ward to Fordham should be opened to their established width, and recommending that application be made for the appointment of Commissioners to acquire the title to said avenue and road.

Laid over.

Museum of Art—Concrete Floors.

From Mr. F. W. Lawrence, accepting the award of the contract for concrete floors for the basement of the Museum of Art Building.

(Minutes, Dec. 26, 1877, p. 464.)

Filed.

Museum of Art—Galvanized Iron Casings, &c.

From Messrs. Fischer and Brother, accepting the award of the contract for the galvanized iron and zinc casing for the arches, &c., in the central hall of the Museum of Art Building.

(Minutes, Dec. 26, 1877, p. 464.)

Filed.

Drain at Kingsbridge Road and Marion Avenue.

From Mr. Franklin M. Berrian, asking permission to lay a drain from the northwest corner of Kingsbridge Road and Marion Avenue, across Marion Avenue to an open sewer or gutter on Kingsbridge Road.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Manhattan Square.

From Mr. J. B. Devlin, stating that he is the assignee of the claim of Messrs. McCaulay and Devlin for the delivery of filling on Manhattan Square in 1873, and asking that he be paid the amount of said claim.

(Minutes, December 23, 1874, p. 424.)

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The claim of Messrs. McCaulay and Devlin has been heretofore investigated and rejected by this Department ;

Resolved, That the claim now made by Mr. J. B. Devlin as the assignee of Messrs. McCaulay and Devlin, be, and hereby is, rejected.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

John Manning, Laborer.

From John Manning, laborer, stating that he was obliged to be absent from work since the 15th December, 1877, on account of a law suit, and asking to be reinstated.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that said John Manning be appointed a laborer upon the parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

Wm. J. Keeley.

From Mr. William J. Keeley, applying for the position of patrolman on the police force.

Filed.

Appropriations for 1878.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report upon the subject of the appropriations for 1878, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes, viz. :

(Minutes, Dec. 31, 1877, p. 470).

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
NEW YORK, January 2, 1878. }

To the Board of Commissioners :

The appropriations by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to this Department for the year 1878, are reduced largely below those for the previous years. The following table shows the comparisons :

EXPENDITURES.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	* 1877.	Appropriation. 1878.
Salaries.....	\$104,960 03	\$97,553 59	\$74,760 16	\$56,650 62	\$44,999 75	\$35,000
Police.....	89,659 62	97,712 18	96,141 36	86,778 08	84,229 19	75,000
Harlem River Bridges.....	8,048 18	19,537 82	32,436 82	19,838 92	14 876 38	7,000
Music.....	6,955 00	6,605 00	4,642 00	4,845 50	3,820 00	4,000
Independence Day.....	9,598 97	9,659 60	7,756 51	7,173 34	.....	.....
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. Surveying, laying out, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	†.....	40,126 05	49,983 48	44,394 82	39,850 88	25,000
Bronx River Bridges.....	†.....	56,201 49	34,326 29	23,963 55	19,960 02	10,000
Sea wall at Battery.....	.....	5,491 67	215 00	411 02	.....	.....
Pavement City Hall Park.....	.....	.....	.....	9,589 42	.....	.....
Lighting Parks 1872 and 1873.....	.....	55,772 78	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maintenance of Parks, &c.*.....	342,146 20	331,201 95	303,725 97	203,834 55	178,423 70	160,000
Totals.....	\$561,368 00	\$719,862 13	\$603,986 89	\$457,479 82	\$386,159 92	\$316,000
* Maintenance of Parks, &c., classified as follows:						
Class I, special objects.....	\$55,756 95	\$77,543 46	\$76,205 38	\$66,592 77	\$61,276 64	
Class II, permanent force.....	55,508 67	45,448 14	42,813 25	26,897 58	25,254 07	
Class III, force in field.....	230,880 58	208,210 35	184,706 64	110,344 20	91,892 99	
	\$342,146 20	\$331,201 95	\$303,725 97	\$203,834 55	\$178,423 70	\$160,000

† These accounts were not a charge upon the Maintenance Fund of the Department prior to 1874.

* Estimated for the last two weeks of the year.

Although the expenditure, in 1877, has been so much less than the amounts expended for the same purposes in previous years, the management has been so much more efficient and economical that the results produced and the condition of the parks compare favorably with those of any previous year.

The decrease of appropriation for 1878 will require a reduction, on an average, of twenty-five per cent. below the expenditure of 1877.

It presents the following questions :

I.—SALARIES. These must be reduced from \$45,000 to \$35,000.

I recommend that the disbursing office be abolished, on the ground that the services can be performed without cost to this Department by the paymaster in the Comptroller's office, and the work of making out the pay-rolls, and keeping the time, can be performed by the employees of the office in Union Square,

And also, that a proper apportionment of the work now performed by the salaried clerks, which belongs to construction should be charged to that account, a slight reduction of the salaries of those who remain will then bring this within the appropriation.

II.—POLICE. This force should be reduced to fifty men. If they are selected on the principles laid out in my recent report, so that every one of them is of the highest class of capability, their work will be done as well as it is now with eighty-five men. The saving made under this item we can ask to have transferred to some other item where the expenditure is more important.

III.—MUSEUMS. The amount of this appropriation is reduced to \$20,000, all of which will be needed by them.

IV.—GENERAL MAINTENANCE. This is the most important subject of expenditure, and yet a sharper reduction must be made than ever before.

I make the following recommendation :

That the lighting of the public parks be discontinued.

That, when the present lease of the office in Union Square expires, on 1st May next, the office of the Commissioners be removed to the Arsenal in Central Park.

That the coal, required by the Department, be purchased at wholesale, by the cargo.

That the number of female attendants be reduced, by closing the cottages on Washington square and at One hundred and tenth street and Sixth avenue, in Central Park.

That the force of blacksmiths, carpenters, painters, and other mechanics employed on maintenance work be reduced, in proportion to the decrease in the amount of work.

That the laboring force be reduced by discharging about fifty laborers and gardeners, so as to reduce expenditure during the winter months.

V.—HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES. This appropriation is merely sufficient for the pay of the men engaged in keeping the bridges in order, and in working the draws, but is not sufficient to make the repairs which may become necessary.

The Central Bridge is now in a hazardous condition, and cannot be relied on to stand for more than three months, when it will have to be closed.

The experience of past years shows that the draw of the Third Avenue Bridge is liable to break down from its own weight at any time, and that thorough repairs are required every year.

VI.—MAINTENANCE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS, INCLUDING BRONX RIVER BRIDGES. The expenditure here must also be greatly reduced. The amounts heretofore expended have been inadequate to keep in good order the 136 miles of roads in this district. The amount to be expended for road material and working the roads will have to be reduced in proportion to the reduction of the appropriation.

VII.—SURVEYING, LAYING OUT, &C., THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS. The great reduction here will be most disastrous to the interests of the City, and if money can be saved from any other appropriation, it will be most advantageous to apply it to this work.

The money expended here is of more value, in its results, to the city than any other expenditure made in the whole budget. Its purpose is to prepare plans for streets and drainage, so that, when there is any revival of prosperity, the natural growth of the city can settle within its own limits, and not be driven off, as it was between 1865 and 1870, to Brooklyn and New Jersey. If this is done there will be more persons within the city to pay taxes, and the tax valuations of the property will be increased as new buildings are erected upon the land.

About 83 per cent. of the city taxation is levied upon real estate, and of the amount on real estate 20 per cent. is above Fifty-ninth street and 80 per cent. below. If the portion above Fifty-ninth street is built up and the valuations increased be-

cause of productive buildings there will be more property to pay the taxes, and a reduction in the rate will follow. This will be beneficial not only to the city at large in giving a larger basis for taxation but to the down-town property owners by increasing the proportion paid by the up-town property owners.

In the system of laying out the upper portion of Manhattan Island in 1865, so little regard was had to economy in the plan, that the assessments up to 1875, when the street improvements were about half completed, amounted upon the land laid out to \$8,000,000 a square mile. It was impossible for any property to stand such a load of expense in preparing it for building, and the ruin of the property owners was inevitable. The tax valuations were advanced on the speculative values started by these projected improvements, and much of the best of the improved property in the vacant northern areas of the city is taxed for more than the rental value of the property.

This system of extravagance in plan has been subverted, and the new region north of Harlem River is now being laid out on a plan which will render it feasible for the property owners to carry out the improvements. Justice to them as well as the best interests of the city at large, require that these plans so essential to the growth of the city, should be completed without any delay.

During the recent discussions over the subject of the appropriations for this Department, in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Messrs. Bissinger, Williamson and Stebbins, ex-commissioners, sent in written opinions, which, though vague and indefinite, were assumed to mean that the Department could be administered at an expense that should not exceed \$250,000. Mr. Bissinger's office terminated 31st December, 1874; Mr. Williamson's on 1st May, 1876, and that of Mr. Stebbins on 23d October, 1877. They had each of them been in office as far back as 1873. If it can now be done for \$250,000, it could have been done then, and yet they spent for the items, corresponding to those for which the appropriations are now made, in 1873, the sum of \$561,368, not including any expenditure for work of any kind in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

They expended in 1874 the sum of	\$719,862.13
“ “ “ 1875 “	603,986.89

The Commissioners now in office have been those who have in fact carried on the Department in 1876 and 1877, with so much greater economy and equal efficiency, and they are willing to contrast their performance of their duty with that of the ex-commissioners, who say what they could do, and show that they did it not.

Respectfully,
(Signed)

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

Lost Articles found in the Parks.

The TREASURER reported that he had disposed of a portion of the unclaimed property found on the parks for the sum of \$29.55.

(Minutes, November 21st, 1877, p. 409.)

Manhattan Square.

The Landscape Architect presented the following report upon the improvement of Manhattan Square which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
OFFICE OF DESIGN AND SUPERINTENDENCE, }
NEW YORK, 2d January, 1878.

*To the Board of Commissioners of
the Department of Public Parks :*

Gentlemen,—The plan for the Museum of Natural History, adopted by the Board, contemplates an extended series of blocks, to be so disposed on Manhattan Square that they will eventually occupy, with their courts and approaches, nearly all of the ground. It is expected that the several blocks will be built in succession as the collections of the Museum shall require. If an additional block should be erected every five years, on an average, half the ground will be still unoccupied after a period of fifty years.

The ground is broken and rocky, with large and deep cavities, and some plan needs to be adopted to prevent its remaining an eyesore and a nuisance to the neighborhood.

To bring its surface up to the grades required by the building plan, a large additional supply of material is required.

The plan which I recommend provides for bringing in, at once, all of this material and so disposing of it as to leave a smooth but quietly undulating surface, having such form as would be most cheaply obtained, as illustrated in the diagram which I now exhibit. The grades to be ultimately required would then be obtained by local transfers of material, as block after block of the proposed buildings should be set about.

The cheapest material for filling up the depressions of the ground would now be rock, as it will be excavated for streets and cellars in the neighborhood, but it would be desirable that all such filling should be overlaid by a sufficient body of earth and soil to sustain turf and shrubbery. I assume that, for this purpose, three and one-half feet of crude earth and one foot of mould or surface soil would be required.

The following is an estimate of the cost of the operations thus proposed :

127,900 cubic yards rock filling at \$0.20.....	\$25,580
52,000 " " crude earth " 0.80.....	41,600
32,000 " " mould..... " 1.25.....	40,000
	\$107,180

It is probable that the required amounts could be obtained at the above prices in the course of three years. If there should be little building in the neighborhood, and the operations should be forced, the market value of filling would rise and higher prices necessarily be demanded.

The cost of suitable curbing and sidewalks upon all the exterior lines of the property, with approaches to the present building on the south side and grass plats and planting on the plan, already partly carried out, may be estimated as follows :

For curbing.....	\$ 4,900
" flagging.....	2,100
" a strong wooden picket fence.....	2,000
" approach roads and walks, Seventy-seventh street.	15,000
" contingencies.....	8,000
	\$32,000

SUMMARY.

For interior work.....	\$107,180
For exterior work.....	32,000
	\$139,180

A portion of the Central Park adjacent to Eighth avenue, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets, yet remains incomplete, waiting these proposed improvements on Manhattan Square. The work will include the construction of new approaches to the Seventy-ninth street transverse road and entrances to the park for carriages and foot-passengers at Seventy-seventh street, and at Eighty-first street.

An outline plan for the purpose is exhibited, which has already been provisionally adopted by the Department.

Whenever the work to be done on the Square is undertaken, it is very desirable that provision should be made for carrying out this plan on the Park.

Respectfully,
(Signed) FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Landscape Architect.

Telegraph Line.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the agreement with the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company to supply and keep in order the telegraph lines between the general office of this Department and the Central Park, be renewed from January 1st to April 30th, 1878, upon the same terms and conditions as the former agreement with said company, and that the President be authorized to sign such an agreement on behalf of the Department.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 323.)

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Conover—3.

On motion of Commissioner Wenman, the Board adjourned at 10:15 o'clock, A. M., to meet on Saturday the 5th inst., at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meetings of December 31st, 1877, and January 2d, 1878, were read and approved.

The following communication was presented and read :

Appropriations for 1878.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, informing the Department that the following appropriations had been made to this Department for the year 1878, namely :

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

For Salaries—To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects, and all other employees of the Department, excepting Mechanics, Gardeners and laborers, and their Foremen, employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, excepting, also, the Topographical Engineer and his Assistants in charge of surveying, monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer-in-charge of Public Places, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... \$35,000 00

Police—Salaries of Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeants, Patrolmen, Post and Gate Keepers and Night Watchmen.....	\$75,000 00	
For all supplies and for wages of Foremen, Gardeners, Mechanics and Laborers employed on works of maintenance, and including maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory....	140,000 00	
For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	20,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$270,000 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	7,000 00	
Music—Central Park.....	4,000 00	
Surveying, Laying-out and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of this Island.....	10,000 00	
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads, Avenues and Bridges, including Bridges over the Bronx River, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	<u>\$316,000 00</u>

(Minutes, January 2, 1878, p. 477.)

Filed.

Commissioner WENMAN then moved that the Board do now go into executive session.

Adopted.

Salaries, &c.

In executive session the subject of the salaries of the employés of the Department for 1878, and of such changes as it was necessary to make was then taken up.

Commissioner WENMAN proposed the following plan of reduction, viz. :

Wm. Irwin, Secretary.....	\$3,500 per annum.
Abolish the office of Asst. Secretary.....	
D. P. Lord, First Clerk.....	2,200 " "
J. C. Hawley, Clerk.....	1,200 " "
Wm. D. Beall, Clerk, discharge.....	
Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk.....	2,500 " "
Wm. R. Kingsland, Clerk, discharge.....	
Abolish the office of Design and Superintendence.....	
Julius Munckwitz, Superintendent.....	4,000 " "

A. Krause, Draughtsman.....	\$3 per day.
Julius Munckwitz, Jr., Draughtsman.....	2 50 "
W. A. Conklin, Director of Menagerie.....	1,500 per annum.
D. Draper, Director of Observatory.....	4,000 "
T. B. Ingram, Clerk.....	1,000 "
F. A. Calkins, Asst. Engineer.....	1,800 "
Otto Sibeth, Draughtsman.....	1,000 "

The PRESIDENT then proposed the following plan, viz :

Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, discharge.	
F. A. Calkins, Asst. Engineer.....	\$1,900 per annum.
Otto Sibeth, Draughtsman.....	1,200 "
A. Krause,	3 per day.
J. Munckwitz, Jr.....	2 50 "

The salaries of these last four mentioned employés to be charged to the fund for "City Parks Improvement" when employed on construction work—estimated at one half their salaries—the remainder of their salaries to be charged to the appropriation for salaries.

This will reduce the amount payable from the salary appropriation, about \$5,400.

A proportionate decrease of all the salaries of the employés on the salary list to bring the amount down to \$35,000.

The salary and position of each employé on the salary list was then acted on provisionally, the whole list to be subsequently passed upon ; with the following result :

Commissioner WENMAN moved the salary of Wm. Irwin, Secretary, be fixed at \$3,500 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the office of Assistant Secretary be, and hereby is, abolished.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salary of D. P. Lord, First Clerk, be fixed at \$2,200 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salary of James C. Hawley, clerk, be fixed at \$1,200 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the services of Wm. Dent Beall, Clerk, be, and hereby are, dispensed with.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salary of William Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, be fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT moved as a substitute therefor, that it be, and hereby is, declared to be the intention and purpose of the

Department to remove Wm. Van Valkenburgh, Disbursing Clerk, on the ground that the services of the Disbursing Clerk can be performed without cost to this Department by the paymaster in the Comptroller's office, and the work of making out the pay-rolls, and keeping the time, can be performed by the employés in the office in Union Square.

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

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the services of Wm. R. Kingsland, Clerk, be, and hereby are, dispensed with.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, In the reduction of the expenses of this Department made absolutely necessary by the great reduction of the yearly appropriation, by the Board of Apportionment, for the maintenance of Parks and Places, the Bureau of Design and Superintendence must be abolished : and

Whereas, The Board must discontinue the work of design, except where absolutely necessary ; while the duties of superin-

tendence must be concentrated in the officer designated for that special purpose; and

Whereas, The distinguished head of that Bureau, the Hon. F. Law Olmsted, so long identified with the Central Park and its improvements, enjoying the confidence of the community and the respect of every administration, since the formation of the work, should be placed in a position where the commissioners can still avail themselves of his extended experience and intimate knowledge of the designs and objects of the work;

It is therefore Resolved, That the Bureau of Design and Superintendence be, and the same is, hereby discontinued, and the offices connected therewith are abolished; and it is further

Resolved, That the Hon. F. Law Olmsted be, and he is hereby, appointed "Consulting Landscape Architect" to the Commission, his services to be paid for out of the appropriate fund from time to time, as they are availed of.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salary of Julius Munckwitz, Superintendent of Parks and Superintending Architect be fixed at \$4,000 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salaries of Arthur Krause and Julius Munckwitz, Jr., draughtsmen, be fixed at \$3.00 and \$2.50 per day, respectively.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salary of W. A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie, be fixed at \$1,500 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salary of Daniel Draper, Director of the Observatory, be fixed at \$3,500 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Conover—2.

Noes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the salary of Daniel Draper, Director of the Observatory, be fixed at \$4,000 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wetmore, Conover—2.

Commissioner CONOVER then moved that the motion to fix the salary of Daniel Draper, Director of the Observatory, at \$3,500, be reconsidered.

Adopted.

Commissioner CONOVER then moved that the salary of Daniel Draper, Director of the Observatory, be fixed at \$3,500 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salary of Thomas B. Ingram, Clerk, be fixed at \$1,200 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the salaries of Frank A. Calkins, Assistant Engineer, and of Otto Sibeth, Draughtsman, be fixed at \$1,900 per annum and \$1,200 per annum, respectively.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all the employés proposed to be removed and whose offices are abolished by the action of the Board this day, namely, F. L. Olmsted, H. A. Martin, George C. Coffin, William D. Beall and W. R. Kingsland, be notified of the cause of their proposed removal, and that they will be allowed an opportunity of making an explanation with reference

to their proposed removal on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adopted.

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following be, and hereby is, fixed as the list of salaries of employés payable from the appropriation for salaries for 1878, from and after January 1st, 1878, viz. :

Wm. Irwin, secretary.....	\$3,500 00	per annum.
D. P. Lord, first clerk.....	2,200 00	"
James C. Hawley, clerk.....	1,200 00	"
Wm. Van Valkenburgh, disbursing clerk.....	2,500 00	"
Julius Munckwitz, superintendent of parks and superintending architect.....	4,000 00	"
Arthur Krause, draughtsman.....	3 00	per day
Julius Munckwitz, Jr., draughtsman.....	2 50	"
W. A. Conklin, director of the menagerie.....	1,500 00	per annum.
Daniel Draper, director of the observatory.....	3,500 00	"
Thomas B. Ingram, clerk.....	1,200 00	"
Frank A. Calkins, assistant engineer.....	1,900 00	"
Otto Sibeth, draughtsman.....	1,200 00	"

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No.—Commissioner Martin—1.

Police.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Reorganization of the Police Force, presented the following report, which was received, and ordered to be printed in the minutes :

To the Board of Commissioners :

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of a reorganization of the police force (at a meeting held January 10th, 1877), beg leave to report :

That they find the force entirely too small to patrol the various parks as effectively and thoroughly as should be done, and with the usual appropriation they were prepared to recommend an increase of the force. The recent reduction by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment from \$90,000 to \$75,000 for this year renders such a course impracticable, and

compels us to curtail the expenses in this branch of our Department, and to make our present force as effective as possible.

The recent promotion of active young men from the position of gate-keepers to patrolmen and retiring of the aged men (who have for a number of years done faithful and active duty on the force) to the gates, has increased the efficiency of the force. How to increase that efficiency with the present reduced appropriation has been carefully considered by your committee, who respectfully suggest the following changes :

1. Lieutenant.....	\$1,600	per annum.
1. Surgeon.....	1,000	"
4. Sergeants, \$3 per day.....	4,380	"
47. Patrolmen—37 day, 10 night—\$2.40 per day.....	41,172	"
24. Gate-keeps, \$2 per day.....	17,520	"
3. Police tailors, \$2 per day.....	2,190	"
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	\$67,862	

Leaving a balance of \$7,138, for loss of time by sickness, half time, uniforms, and incidental expenses.

The recent cases of suicide, happening during the night time in Central Park, show the necessity for the organization of a regular night patrol, and we recommend that seven of the patrolmen be taken from the City Parks, and with the three night watchmen be organized as a night patrol and be regularly uniformed ; these are included in the forty-seven patrolmen specified above.

With these changes and reductions, and a faithful performance of duties by the members of the force, we will be able to meet the reduction in the appropriation, and we suggest that the President request the Lieutenant Commanding to urge upon the members of the force the absolute necessity of the greatest care on their part, of their uniforms.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, }
" SAMUEL CONOVER, } Committee.

New York, Jan. 5th, 1878.

(Minutes, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, 1877, pp. 410 and 455).

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the salaries and pay of the employés holding the undermentioned positions on the police force of the De-

partment, be fixed at the following rates, from and after January 1st, 1878, viz. :

Lieutenant.....	\$1,600 00	per annum
Surgeon.....	1,000 00	"
Sergeants.....	3 00	per day.
Patrolmen.....	2 40	"
Gate-keepers.....	2 00	"
Tailors.....	2 00	"

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolutions :

1st Resolved, That two police tailors be discharged ;

2d Resolved, That four gate-keepers be promoted to the position of patrolmen, and that four additional gate-keepers be appointed.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution, as a substitute for said resolutions offered by Commissioner Wenman, viz.:

Whereas, Dr. John T. Darby has heretofore, in connection with Dr. H. Barber, Police Surgeon, made an examination of the police force, and divided the force, including the sergeants, into the following three classes, viz. :

1. The men fully capable..... 19
2. The men not fully capable..... 23
3. The men incapable..... 32

Resolved, That the police force be reorganized, as follows :

First.—That the third class of men be dismissed.

Secondly.—That applications be received for admission to the police force. That an examination be had of all applicants, similar to the one held by Dr. Darby and Dr. Barber, testing the physical ability, moral character, and intelligence of the men.

Thirdly.—That the examiners be required, out of all the applicants, to establish a high standard of excellence, and to include not more than fifty men in the first class.

Fourthly.—That out of this class, appointments be made to fill up the vacancies in the force.

Fifthly.—That for the men discharged, who are of good record and character, preference be given for places in the buildings in the Park, and for such other duties in the Department as they may be capable of performing.

Sixthly.—That the police force consist of a lieutenant and four sergeants, and a force of men, to be divided into park-keepers and gate-keepers, and that the watchmen and night watchmen, as may be required, be made a part of the police force.

(Minutes, December 19, 1877, p. 455.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said resolutions and the subject of the reorganization of the police force be referred to the Special Committee on Police and the President to report upon at the next meeting of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore—2.

Noes—Commissioners—Wenman, Conover—2.

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

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the original resolution offered by Commissioner Wenman, was divided.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

The PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the lighting of all the public lamps on the Parks be discontinued, except that of those at the entrances to Central Park.

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

Aye—Commissioner Martin—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, The lease of the offices in Union Square expires on May 1st, 1878 ; and

Whereas, The removal of the offices of the Department to the Arsenal in Central Park will save the expense of renting offices, and will add to the efficiency of the administration of the Department, by having all the offices in one building,

Resolved, That the offices of the Department be removed to the Arsenal in Central Park, on May 1st, 1878.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor :

Resolved, That the offices of the Department be retained at their present location, or in the vicinity, at a rent not exceeding \$2,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said substitute resolution offered by Commissioner Wenman, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report the number of laborers, mechanics, &c., which can be discharged without detriment to the proper maintenance of the Parks.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the ladies' cottages situated on Washington Square, and on the Central Park, at Sixth Avenue and One hundred and tenth Street, be closed until further order.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Harlem River Bridges.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report upon the force necessary to maintain the Central, Third Avenue, and the other bridges over the Harlem River ; and that the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Superintendent of Parks, be directed to report upon the present condition and the necessary repairs to said bridges during 1878.

Adopted.

Maintenance of the 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all work in connection with the maintenance of the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be, and is hereby suspended, and that all the employés on said work, except Mr. E. P. North, Superintendent, and

Mr. Isaac Jérôme, General Foreman, be, and hereby are, discharged ; that it is proposed to remove Mr. E. P. North, Superintendent, and that he shall have an opportunity to appear before the Board at its next meeting for a hearing, in accordance with the requirements of the law ; that two of the horses and wagons now in use in those wards be sent to the stables in Central Park, and that Foreman Jerome be left in charge of the balance of the property until further orders from 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

Surveying and Laying out 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to report on the reorganization of the force employed in his office.

Adopted.

Meeting in Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. David Conroy, as Chairman of a committee of workingmen, had requested the use of Tompkins Square on the evening of the 8th inst., for the purpose of holding a mass meeting of workingmen.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that it be referred to the President with power to grant said application in his discretion.

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 1 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.15 O'CLOCK A.M.

Present—Commissioner MARTIN, President.

“ WENMAN.
“ WETMORE.
“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th inst. were read.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the minutes be amended by substituting on page 488, for

“ Commissioner WENMAN moved that it be, and hereby
“ is, declared to be the intention and purpose of the De-
“ partment to remove Wm. Dent Beall, clerk.”

The following, viz :—

“ Commissioner WENMAN moved that the services of
“ Wm. Dent Beall, clerk, be, and hereby are, dispensed
“ with.”

Adopted.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the minutes be further amended by substituting on page 489, for

“ Commissioner WENMAN moved that it be, and hereby
“ is, declared to be the intention and purpose of the De-
“ partment to remove Wm. R. Kingsland, clerk.”

The following, viz. :—

“ Commissioner WENMAN moved that the services of
“ Wm. R. Kingsland, clerk, be, and hereby are, dispensed
“ with.”

Adopted.

The minutes were then approved, as above amended.

The following communications were then presented and read :—

Welch Street.

From the clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 5th inst., viz. :—

Resolved, That the Department of Parks be, and they are hereby requested, to direct the Corporation Counsel to forthwith take all necessary proceedings to acquire title for the opening and extension of Welch Street, Twenty-fourth Ward, from its present easterly terminus at the Harlem Railroad, westerly and in a straight line, sixty feet in width by about seventy-five feet in length, to the Kingsbridge Road, or Third Avenue.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Courtland Avenue and 146th Street.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the necessity of a sewer in Courtland Avenue and One hundred and forty-sixth Street, between One hundred and fifty-first Street and Brook Avenue.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Zoological Garden.

From the Landscape Architect, with reference to the establishment of a Zoological Garden in the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and printed in the minutes.

Adopted.

The following is the communication of the Landscape Architect:—

NEW YORK, 2d January, 1878.

To the Board of Commissioners

of the Department of Public Parks:

Gentlemen,—The present menagerie of the Department has become what it is by successive desultory steps taken with no view to permanence or completeness in any respect. It is so placed as to be a serious injury to the Central Park; it is ill arranged, ill equipped, not adapted to economical maintenance. Under these circumstances, though closely, prudently and skillfully managed, it adds a weight to the annual appropriations for the Park which tends unjustly to the public discredit of its administration.

The existing objections to it will be more obvious as its slight wooden buildings fall more and more into disrepair. The cracks and openings caused by the shrinkage, decay and warping of timber in them are now so many and so large that after another year, should an extraordinarily severe winter occur, it will be hardly practicable to keep the tropical animals alive, unless considerable and expensive rebuilding is undertaken. The Board can, therefore, not long hold to a waiting policy with respect to it, but will be compelled to adopt some radical measure.

Still more unsuitable and economically indefensible, except as makeshifts, have been all the arrangements hitherto employed by the Department for purposes such as are met by the well-known Floral and Exotic Public Gardens of Europe.

The Park Commissioners of different periods, always expecting that some permanent and well-arranged plan would soon be carried out, have tentatively entertained two radically different classes of projects, one having in view the management of the proposed gardens by the city direct, the other the management of them by an association especially formed for the purpose.

With reference to the first class, four different localities have been successively appropriated, plans adopted suitable to them, and twice operations have been begun in carrying out these plans. Each of these appropriations has at last been reconsidered, and all of the plans abandoned. With reference to the second class, numerous organizations have been undertaken, and two have been so far matured as to obtain special acts of legislation, but no one has been able to secure such concessions, assistance, and privileges as its promoters thought necessary to success, and all are now defunct.

During the last three years I have been asked to report upon

five projects, some of one of these classes, some of the other, on neither of which has the Commission as yet taken definite action. As the subject is likely to be further agitated during my intended absence, I propose at this point briefly and without extended argument, to state certain general conclusions which, in my judgment, may be wisely adopted.

1st. New York demands advantages corresponding to those found in the acclimatization, zoological, botanic, and horticultural gardens of other metropolitan cities.

2d. The best way to secure such advantages would be one in general accordance with the policy which has been heretofore adopted, and which is already, to a certain extent, in successful operation in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

3d. This policy would lead to a contract between the city and a society, for the purpose, under which the city would give the society the use of land and aid in obtaining buildings and collections, while the society would give the public the use of the same at certain times, gratuitously, and at others in payment of moderate admission fees, and would undertake the current expenses of the enterprise.

4th. Botanic or exotic gardens need to have many of the same plants and the same appliances as zoological gardens. A zoological garden, as generally managed, is, to some extent, a botanic garden, and each of the propositions for a zoological garden, now before the Department contemplates a combination of botanic and zoological interests.

In view of the difficulty which has been experienced in raising the necessary capital to start either a zoological or a botanic garden on an adequate basis, and in view of the objections to inclosing any more of the area of the Central Park than is necessary for the purpose, it is not wise to contemplate, at present, two or more distinct gardens—one for zoology, others for different branches of botany or floriculture—each to be aided by the city.

5th. No garden of the kind proposed could be established on the Central Park without taking away from the public advantages for which a high price has been paid. Nowhere in the middle parts of the park, nor on its southern borders, could such a garden be placed without great waste and disastrous results. Not even on its more northern borders could any body of land be taken for the purpose which would not be found cramped, and, in some respects, inconvenient—requiring large outlays to make it satisfactory.

6th. On the other hand, no garden of the class contemplated would be likely, for a long time to come, to make adequate returns through admission fees, if situated much further north than the Central Park.

7th. Under all these conditions, the Department would be justified in providing, whenever it shall be found practicable by the method proposed, for the more immediately useful, attractive, and popular departments of a combined zoological and botanic garden upon the Central Park, taking land for these purposes in which the buildings could be so arranged as not to break up the broader landscape scenes, and recovering for the Park the land now occupied by the menagerie.

8th. But it is desirable that, in addition to this, that the Department should designate some considerable tract of suburban land as a public ground to be specially reserved for an arbor-etum and horticultural garden, and, perhaps, other scientific uses in the future. Suitable land for such a purpose may be found in that portion of the new wards, the plans of which remain to be determined.

9th. Having in view a Zoological and Botanic garden to be situated in the Central Park, which would compare favorably with the best in the world in respect to popular entertainment and instructiveness, though lacking space for scientific completeness, a site should be sought within which a considerable extent of surface would be found with (1) an exposure to the south, (2) protection from northeast, north and northwest winds, (3) perfect drainage, (4) ample flowing water supply, (5) direct association with a considerable pond or broad body of water, which would lie within the same enclosure.

10th. The only ground in other respects available where these advantages are offered in the Central Park lies on the west side of the Park, south of the great hill, from Ninety-sixth to one hundred and fifth Streets. A garden might be found to which this locality would be central, containing from twenty to thirty acres, in which the necessary buildings and fences of a zoological and exotic garden would be inconspicuous, if not wholly invisible, from any part of the park proper. No other equal space of ground upon the park could be taken for the purpose of a zoological and botanic garden with less sacrifice of advantages for the proper general purposes of the park.

In conclusion, I beg to urge that if the Commission is of opinion that it is necessary to appropriate some portion of the Central Park to a zoological garden, and any association can be found, having public interests in view, like the existing organizations managing the Natural History and Art Museum, and not looking to pecuniary profits, which is able and disposed to assume due responsibilities in the matter, it is very desirable that negotiations with a view to the lease for the purpose of

the ground I have indicated, should be entered upon at an early day.

Respectfully,
(Signed) FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Landscape Architect.

Drain at Kingsbridge Road and Marion Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that the permission requested by Mr. Franklin M. Berrian to lay a drain from the northwest corner of Kingsbridge Road and Marion Avenue, across Marion Avenue, be granted, on the condition that the work be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, who should return to his office a diagram showing the location and depth of the drain.

(Minutes, January 2, 1878, p. 476.)

The PRESIDENT stated that on receiving the report of the Civil and Topographical Engineer he had given permission to Mr. Berrian to construct said drain on the conditions recommended.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President in the matter be approved.

Adopted.

O. F. Nichols.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding the resignation of Mr. O. F. Nichols, Assistant Engineer on the work of constructing Brook Avenue sewer.

(Minutes, June 13, 1877, p. 101)

Accepted,

Restored Laborers, &c.

From the Disbursing Clerk, giving a further list of laborers who have been reinstated, after an absence of three days without the authority of the Board.

(Minutes, December, 26, 1877, p. 460.)

The PRESIDENT stated, that the laborers, &c., who were mentioned were the men who were put on half time by order of the Board, and some of whom had worked for Mr. C. Ryan, in erecting the skate houses in Central Park, by permission of the Board, and that both the Superintendent of Parks, and the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards had acted in the matter in accordance with instructions from him.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, 1877, pp. 375, 406 and 426.)

Commissioner WENMAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Disbursing Clerk be directed to allow the time returned by Superintendents Munckwitz and North for the men recently restored by them without authority, up to this date.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolution be amended by inserting the words, "under them," after the word "men," and striking out the following words, "recently restored by them without authority."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Wenman—1.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Harlem River Bridges.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the cost of maintaining the bridges over Harlem River, for the year 1878.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 498.)

Filed.

Mt. St. Vincent, Casino and Dairy.

From Mr. C. Ryan, licensee for the sale of refreshments in Central Park, stating that the inside of the buildings at Mt. St. Vincent, the Casino, and the Dairy, need to be repaired and painted; and offering to have the same done, and pay the cost thereof, if allowed credit for the amount from the fees payable under his license.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for his report.

J. B. Ferris.

From Mr. J. B. Ferris, gatekeeper, applying to be promoted to the position of sergeant.

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner WENMAN, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

Angell & Blake Mfg. Co., heating and ventilating.....	Museum of Art....	\$800 00
Bell, T., harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1877.....	3 60
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877.....	33 99
	Museum of Nat. History.....	32 24
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Central Gas Light Co., gas, Dec.....	Harlem R. B. Rep., Imp. and Maint. 1877.....	66 23
Decker, Thompson W., milk, Dec.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P., 1877...	60 00
		7 44
Devlin, Jno. B., labor and materials. ...	Receiving basin, N. E. cor. Lincoln Ave and 135th St.....	150 00

Devlin, Jno. B., enlarging ash pit.	Museum of Nat. History.		212 00
Ehrichs, J. L., meat, vegetables and tal- low.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877. Museum of Art.	\$252 50 4 32	256 82
Faure, Alfred, plants.	City Parks Imp. Fund.		90 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, Dec.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877. Harlem R. B. Rep., Impt. and Maint. 1877.	\$12 50 50 00	62 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877.		42 34
Horton, James & Co., gates.	Harlem R. B. Rep., Impt. and Maint., 1877.		260 00
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1877. Mus. Nat. History, City Parks Impt. Fund.	\$89 17 14 75 4 25 75	108 92
Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas meter.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877.		17 28
Mott, J. L., iron work, iron rivets, and wheels.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877. Harlem R. B. Rep. Impt., & Maint., 1877.	\$9 17 89 80	98 97
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., Gas Dec.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.		4 38
N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas, Dec.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.		351 50

N. Y. Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	72
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, Dec....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	317 50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter, gas.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	37 50
N. Y. & N. J. Globe Gas Light Co., gas, Dec.....	Maint and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	230 38
Rae, Thomas, rent.....	Survey'g and lay- ing out, &c., Sts., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877....	100 00
Seaman, John A., screws and nails.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	21 65
Scott, D., fish.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	12 09
Taylor, A. J., newspapers.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	12 56
Van Horn & Fogazzi, painting.....	Mus. Nat. History,	100 00
Wheatley, R. R., oats and hay.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards. 1877.....	40 01
Woolman, G. S., card board.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards, 1877.....	19 00
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P., 1877.	58 80
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1877.....	\$1,457 48
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877.....	92 35
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance, 1877.....	459 80
Surveying, Laying-out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877....	119 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	90 75

Museum of Art.....	804 32	
Museum of Natural History.....	348 49	
Receiving Basin, N. E. cor. Lincoln Ave. and 135th St....	150 00	
		\$3,522 19

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-five hundred and twenty-two dollars and nineteen cents.

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
 SAM. J. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January, 9, 1878.

The PRESIDENT stated that the prices charged by Mr. T. J. Crombie for lumber, were too high, and that offers had been made to him to furnish lumber at lower prices.

Commissioner WENMAN stated that the prices charged by Mr. Crombie for the several kinds of lumber required were fair and reasonable; and he moved that Mr. Crombie's bills be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Martin—1.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Police Trials.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had examined the

following charges against the undermentioned members of the police force, viz. :

Patrolman Hugh Downey, neglect of duty.

“ James McCarthy, “ “

Night-watchman Henry Bouten, insubordination.

“ “ Francis Branagan, absent without leave.

That he found that the officers had, in each case, a reasonable excuse, and he recommended that the charges be dismissed.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that said report be accepted, and the recommendation therein be adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Ladies' Cottages.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had suspended the order of the Board of the 5th inst., directing the ladies' cottages, situate on Washington Square and on Central Park at Sixth Avenue and One hundred and tenth Street, to be closed.

(Minutes, January 5th, 1878, p. 498.)

Meeting in Tompkins' Square.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had granted permission for the meeting in Tompkins Square on the 8th instant, and also had a small platform erected for the use of the speakers.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878 p. 499.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

Wm. R. Kingsland.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the action of the Board at the last meeting, dispensing with the services of William R. Kingsland, Clerk, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878 p. 489.)

Adopted.

Commissioner WETMORE then moved, that Mr. William R. Kingsland, Clerk, be reinstated, and that his salary be, and hereby is, fixed at \$1,000 for the year 1878, and that same be charged to the appropriation for salaries.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover,
— 4

By-Laws.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that a committee be appointed to propose the alteration or the repeal of, any or all of the By-Laws.

(Minutes, June 6, 1877, p. 96.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
— 4.

The PRESIDENT then appointed Commissioners Wenman and Conover such committee.

E. P. North.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the opportunity allowed Mr. E. P. North, Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, of making an explanation in reference

to his proposed removal, be adjourned until Wednesday, the 16th inst., at eleven o'clock A. M.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 498.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

F. L. Olmsted, Geo. C. Coffin, H. A. Martin, Wm. D. Beall.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the opportunity allowed Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Mr. George C. Coffin, Mr. H. A. Martin and Mr. Wm. D. Beall, of making an explanation, in regard to their proposed removals, be adjourned until Wednesday, the 16th inst., at eleven o'clock A. M.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 492.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

Edward L. Parkes, Edward Darke, John Dolan, S. H. Conklin.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Edward L. Parkes, Edward Darke, John Dolan and Sidney H. Conklin be appointed gate-keepers on the police force of the Department, when the Police Surgeon has examined them and reported favorably upon them.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 495.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—4.

High Bridge Park Hotel

The PRESIDENT presented an account of expenditures by the lessee of High Bridge Park Hotel in improvements and maintenance of the hotel and grounds in pursuance of the terms of the lease, and moved that it be referred to the Auditing Committee, to examine and audit.

(Minutes, October 25, 1876, p. 379, and December 19, 1877, p. 452.)

Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Treasurer of the American Museum of Natural History had presented a bill amounting to \$3,589.88 for work alleged to have been done, and paid for by him, in the establishing and equipping of the Museum building. That said bill contains three items, as follows: \$750, salary of Mr. A. S. Bickmore; \$750, salary of Mr. R. P. Whitfield (both regular employés of the American Museum of Natural History); and \$150.73 for a map purchased from Messrs. B. Westerman & Co. to illustrate the geological specimens of the collections of the American Museum of Natural History. That these items cannot be properly charged to the fund for establishing and equipping the Museum building.

The PRESIDENT then moved that said bill, when said three items are deducted from it, and when audited, be allowed as a charge against the fund for the establishing and equipping the Museum of Natural History building.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Martin, Wenman, Wetmore, Conover
—4.

Stands for sale of Fruit, &c., on the Battery.

The PRESIDENT stated that the several persons who had

stands on the Battery prior to November 1st, 1877, and who were removed on that date by order of the Board on August 29th, 1877, have made application to be allowed again to place their stands on the Battery.

(Minutes, October 24th, 1877, p. 359.)

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the previous action of the Board be confirmed, and that said stands be not allowed to be placed on the Battery.

Adopted.

Gilbert Elevated Railway Company.

The PRESIDENT reported that the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company had commenced to lay foundations for their road at Sixth avenue and Fifty-ninth street apparently with the intention of encroaching on the sidewalk of the Central Park, and that he had given instructions to the Lieutenant to prevent their doing so.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that it be referred to the President with power to take all necessary action to prevent the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company from encroaching on the Central Park sidewalk at Fifty-ninth street.

(Minutes, September 12th, 1877, p. 264.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1878.

SPECIAL MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

Mr. Wm. IRWIN,
Secretary :

Sir,— Please call a special meeting of the Board, for Saturday morning, 12th Inst., at 9:15, to transact such business as may be presented for consideration.

Respectfully,
(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,
SAML. CONOVER,
Commissioners D. P. P.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN,

“ WETMORE.

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

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Before calling the roll, the Secretary read the following appointment of Smith E. Lane, Esq., as Commissioner in place of William R. Martin, Esq., whose term of office had expired.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.

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

I, Smith Ely, Jr., Mayor of the City of New York, By virtue of the power conferred by Section 25 of Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, being "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," do hereby appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen,

SMITH EDWARD LANE

to be a member of the Department of Public Parks, for a full term, from the first day of May, 1877, in place of William R. Martin, whose term has expired.

And in pursuance of said power, I do hereby issue this certificate of appointment, and have caused the seal of the Mayoralty to be affixed hereto, this tenth day of January, 1878.

[SEAL.]

(Signed.) SMITH ELY, JR.,
Mayor of the City of New York.

The roll was then called, and there were

Present—Commissioner WENMAN.
" WETMORE.
" CONOVER.
" LANE.

On motion of Commissioner Lane, Commissioner Wetmore took the chair.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the ninth and twelfth insts., were then read and approved.

Election of Officers.

Commissioner LANE then moved that the Board do now proceed to elect by ballot, a President.

Adopted.

Commissioner WETMORE, the Chairman, appointed Commissioner Wenman teller.

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

For Commissioner Wenman—3.

For Commissioner Wetmore—1.

Commissioner WETMORE then left the chair, which was occupied by the President.

Commissioner LANE moved that the Board do now proceed to elect by ballot, a Treasurer.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioner Conover teller.

The ballot for Treasurer then proceeded, and the teller announced the result, as follows :

For Commissioner Lane--4.

The following communications were then presented and read.

H. B. Dodworth.

From the COMPTROLLER of the city, stating that a bill due to Mr. H. B. Dodworth, for music furnished at Central Park and other places, during 1873, amounting to \$620, is still unpaid. That the balance of the appropriation for the Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, &c., for 1873, unexpended is \$3⁰⁰, and for 1874, \$3,937.04; and recommending that the Department request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer a sufficient amount from the appropriation for 1874, to enable Mr. Dodworth's bill to be paid.

(Minutes, August 15, 1877, p. 230.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, requested to transfer the sum of \$284 from the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, &c.," 1874, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, &c.," 1873, which is insufficient.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Broadway, 24th Ward.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of Broadway about 500 feet north of Church Street in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Referred to the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for his report.

Welsh Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, requesting that Welsh Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, be extended easterly to Kingsbridge Road or Third Avenue, in which he states that the only advantage to be gained by the extension would be the shortening of the distance to the Public School for some of the residents east of the railroad, about four hundred feet. The disadvantages of the extension would be that it would create a crossing of the railroad at grade, at a point where the street would frequently be obstructed by the trains that stop at Fordham and by the reight cars on the siding, and that a crossing at this point would always be dangerous.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1878, p. 502.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the President be

requested to inform the Board of Aldermen of the disadvantages of the extension asked for.

Adopted.

Steam Transit Routes in the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, recommending that the Department take action upon the map or plan for local steam transit routes in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p 693.)

Commissioner LANE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by Chapter 604 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1874, passed June 5, 1874, do hereby lay out the roads designated by red color on a certain map, entitled "Routes for Local Steam Transit in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of New York City," dated "20th March, 1877," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and "Fred. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect," and do hereby designate and direct James F. Wenman, the President of said Department, to certify and file maps showing the location, width, course, windings and grades of said roads, as provided by said Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and do direct that on said maps such roads be designated as streets of the first class, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, passed June 2d, 1876.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting three similar maps prepared for filing, of the roads, avenues, &c., in the district west of Jerome Avenue and south of the

road leading from Mosholu to Williams Bridge in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as heretofore directed by the Board.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 56.)

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That James F. Wenman, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he hereby is, designated and directed to certify and file, in accordance with law, the three similar maps or plans entitled "Map, with field notes and explanatory remarks showing the location, width, course, windings and classification of streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places in Kingsbridge, Fordham Heights and Boscebel, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, laid out and classified, and discontinued and closed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York ; in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, passed June 5th, 1874, and Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, passed June 2d, 1876," dated, " New York, January 7th, 1878," and signed " J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer Department " Public Parks," and " Fred. Law. Olmsted, Landscape Architect Department of Public Parks;" the said streets, roads and avenues and classification of the same, and the said public parks and places, and the discontinuing of streets being such as to the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks seem most conducive to the public good.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

—4.

Harlem River Bridges.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer and the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the repairs which are necessary to the Central, Third Avenue and other bridges over Harlem River.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1878, p. 507.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the two fixed spans of the Central Bridge repaired under the supervision of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and at a cost not exceeding \$250.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Maintenance of the Parks.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the number of laborers, mechanics, &c., that can be discharged without detriment to the proper maintenance of the parks.

(Minutes, January 5th, 1878, p 498.)

Laid over.

Mount St. Vincent, Casino, Dairy, &c.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the subject of the repairs to Mount St. Vincent, the Casino and the Dairy in Central Park, and stating that the following are required, viz. :

Mount St. Vincent—Painting and papering a number of rooms on the principal floor, and repairing the blinds, &c., at an estimated cost not exceeding \$150.

The Casino—Cleaning all the ceilings and walls of the refreshment rooms and painting the same and the woodwork with one coat, at an estimated cost not exceeding \$225.

The Dairy—Painting the walls and ceilings of the refreshment rooms at an estimated cost not exceeding \$75.

The Refreshment House at the Arsenal—Painting, at an estimated cost not exceeding \$50.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1878, p. 508.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that permission be given to Mr Columbus Ryan, licensee for the sale of refreshments in Central Park, to have the repairs made at Mount St. Vincent, the Casino, the Dairy and the Refreshment House at the Arsenal, as recommended by the Superintendent of Parks, under his supervision, and at a cost not exceeding the amounts mentioned in his report, and that said amounts, when paid by Mr. Ryan, be credited to him on account of the moneys accruing to the Department under his agreement, as heretofore provided.

(Minutes, Dec. 5, 1877, p. 426.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

James Geoghegan.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of James Geoghegan, a laborer, to be restored to work, he having been absent on account of sickness for more than three days.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that said James Geoghegan be restored to work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

E. L. Parkes, E. Darke, J. Dolan.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon his examination of the following applicants for the position of gate-keepers, viz. :

Edward L. Parkes, Edward Darke and John Dolan, by which it appears that all are in a satisfactory condition for admission to the police force, except that Edward Darke is over the age limited by the action of Board on the 19th January, 1874.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 514.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said reports be accepted and that Edward L. Parks and John Dolan be, and hereby are, appointed gate-keepers.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Sewer at Railroad Avenue, 23d Ward.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that a sewer on Railroad Avenue, in Twenty-third Ward, has caved in and that he has now no men under him to repair it.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 498.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said sewer repaired, and also some holes which are in Jerome Avenue, and that for the purpose he detail two men from the parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

George C. Coffin.

From Mr. George C. Coffin, Assistant Secretary, resigning his position from and after February 1st, 1878.

(Minutes, January 9th, 1878, p. 514.)

Commissioner LANE moved that Mr. Coffin's resignation be accepted, and that his salary be fixed for the month of January, 1878, at the rate of \$1,800 per annum.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

F. L. Olmsted.

From Mr. Dwight H. Olmstead, forwarding copies of certain resolutions in reference to the proposed removal of Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect, which were adopted by the Executive Committee of the West Side Association.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 514.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be received and filed, and that said resolutions be printed in the minutes.

Adopted.

The following are the resolutions :

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the West Side Association, held at No. 50 Wall Street, January 12, 1878, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Association has heard, with great concern, of the proposed removal of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted from the position which he has so long and creditably occupied as the Superintendent of the Bureau of Design of the Department of Public Parks.

Resolved, That the interests of the city, and of the West Side property owners, imperatively demand that Mr. Olmsted be retained to supervise and direct the completion of the improvements now being made on the West Side, and especially the construction of Riverside and Morningside Parks and Avenues upon the plans designed by him and adopted by the Department, and on which he has bestowed so much attention and skill.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Department of Public Parks.

(Signed)

FRANCOIS M. JENCKS,

Secretary.

From the Hon. William Dorsheimer, the Rev. Henry W. Bellows and Wm. A. Hamilton, Esq., in reference to the same subject.

Filed.

Offices.

From Mr. Charles Place, Secretary of the New York Mutual Gas Light Company, offering to rent to the Department the offices which it now occupies, for \$3,000 per annum.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p 497.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that it be referred to the President to examine and report upon the subject of offices for the use of the Department.

Adopted.

Hyacinth Bulbs.

From Messrs. August Rolker & Sons, offering to donate to the Department one thousand Dutch Hyacinth Bulbs, if they are planted in Central Park near Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

Accepted.

Applications.

The following applications were received and ordered to be filed :

From Mr. Jacob Voelpel, for a position on the police force.
 From Mr. W. H. Abell, " " " " "
 From Mr. Wm. Duggan, " " " " "
 From Mr. David Crocheron for employment.

Audit.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report of the Auditing Committee :

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

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877.	\$28 49
Crombie, Thomas J., lumber.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877.	108 04

Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877.	9 01
Devlin, J. B., labor and materials.....	Sewer in 3d Ave. and 43d Street.	1,095 62
Martin, G. M. C. & Sons, feather dusters, Maint. and Govmt.	P. and P.....	14 86
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing ma- terials	Museum Nat. Hist.	1 50
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., coal, Mus. N. Hist.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1,000 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont. Treas., petty ex- penses, Mus. N. Hist.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877.	683 44
Mullane, John, hay, oats, corn, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	376 23
Strippel & Son, cases.....	Museum Nat. Hist.	3,061 80
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		\$6,378 99

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Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1877 . .	\$828 98
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	1,391 09
Museum of Natural History....	3,063 30
Sewer, Third Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-third St.	1,095 62
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	\$6,378 99

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and ninety-nine cents.

(Sigd.)

JAS. F. WENMAN, } *Auditing*
SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, January 16th, 1878.

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

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

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1877-'78.

Dec. 19.	By balance.....	\$10 00	
Dec. 19	} " cash received from pound and sundries.....	38 04	
to			
Jan. 16.			\$48 04

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Dec. 19	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$10 00	
to			
Jan. 16.	} " balance.....	38 04	
Jan'y 16.			
			\$48 04

(Signed)

JAMES F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, January 16, 1878.

9.30 A. M.

By-Laws.

The PRESIDENT, the Chairman of the Special Committee to propose the alteration or the repeal of any or all of the By-Laws, presented a report, recommending certain amendments.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 513.)

Commissioner LANE moved that said report be received and laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

Treasurer's Accounts.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Commissioner Conover be, and hereby is,

appointed a committee of one to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer from July 31st, 1877, up to and including January 16th, 1878.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 319.)

Adopted.

F. L. Olmsted, E. P. North, H. A. Martin, Wm. D. Beall.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the opportunity allowed Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Mr. E. P. North, Mr. H. A. Martin and Mr. Wm. D. Beall, of making an explanation, in regard to their proposed removal, be adjourned until Wednesday, the 23d inst.. at eleven o'clock, A. M.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 514.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Ladies' Cottages.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the action of the Board, on the 5th inst., directing two ladies' cottages to be closed, be reconsidered.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 512.)

Adopted.

Commissioner CONOVER then moved that the ladies' cottages situate on Washington Square, and on Central Park at Sixth Avenue and One hundred and tenth Street, be opened as heretofore.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Riverside Avenue.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the penalties for the non-

completion of the work of constructing Riverside Avenue on or before the 31st October, 1877, the time stipulated in the contract, be remitted up to 1st day of January, 1878.

(Minutes December 15, 1877, p. 442.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Riverside Avenue.

Commissioner LANE offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Wm. R. Martin, Esq., the late President of the Department, had under consideration the various questions connected with the contract for the improvement of Riverside Avenue, and had almost completed his report upon the same.

Resolved, That he be requested to complete his said report, and give the Department the benefit of his investigations at as early a day as practicable.

(Minutes, December 15, 1877, p. 442.)

Adopted.

Police.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Francis Branagan, Michael R. Halpin, and Thomas Ryan, night watchmen, be, and hereby are, promoted to the position of patrolmen, for night duty; and that the seven laborers detailed by the Superintendent of Parks as night watchmen, be returned to their gangs, and that no more men be detailed for that purpose.

(Minutes, April 30, June 16 and Oct. 23, 1875, pp. 689, 92 and 347, and

Feb. 5, 1876, p. 605.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

John Bozetti and Parker McCuen.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That John Bozetti and Parker McCuen, police tailors, be, and hereby are, discharged.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 495.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Standing Committees.

The PRESIDENT appointed the following Standing Committees :

Commission WETMORE, } *Executive*
" CONOVER, } *Committee.*

Commissioner LANE, } *Auditing*
" CONOVER, } *Committee.*

Concord Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented an assignment from Mr. Peter V. Clarke to Mr. Francis McCabe, of the contract for regulating and grading Concord Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, and he moved that it be referred to Commissioner Lane to examine and report upon.

(Minutes, Dec. 19, 1877, p. 448.)

Adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Conover, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A. M., to meet on Saturday, the 19th instant, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 16th inst. was laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Decker, Nicholas H. and Geo. W. Quin-

tard, labor and materials.....Impt. and Const.

Riverside Ave.

\$5,650 10

\$5,650 10

Amounting to the sum of fifty-six hundred and fifty dollars and ten cents.

(Signed,) SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAML. CONOVER. } *Committee.*

New York, January 19, 1878.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board now approve it, and that

the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Gilbert Elevated Railway Co.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, that he had notified the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company not to lay the foundations for the pillars of their road on the Central Park sidewalk at Fifty-ninth Street and Sixth Avenue, and that he had instructed the Counsel to the Corporation to take the necessary proceedings to prevent their doing so ; and he moved that his action in the matter be approved.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 516.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 9:45 o'clock, A. M., to meet on Wednesday the 23d inst., at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.
“ WETMORE.
“ CONOVER.
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 16th and 19th insts. were read and approved.

Museum of Natural History.

Bridge and entrance porch, &c.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., the Comptroller of the city entered, and the meeting being opened to the public the President, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and then and there publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for the following works, viz. :

I.—A bridge and entrance porch to the Museum of Natural History building.

II.—The tiler's work for said bridge and entrance porch.

(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 398.)

The following proposals were received :

I.

BRIDGE AND ENTRANCE PORCH.

1. George Fischer & Brother.....	\$5,538.00
2. Mahony Brothers.....	6,500.00
3. Gibb & O'Reilly.....	5,185.00
4. John McGuire.....	6,587.00
5. Morton & Chesley.....	6,976.00
6. John Kerby.....	7,280.00
7. Austin Gibbins.....	6,600.00
8. J. V. Donvan.....	6,381.00

II.

TILERS WORK.

1. Thomas Aspinwall & Son.....	\$598.00
2. Edward Boote.....	550.00
3. Miller & Coates.....	518.00

The Comptroller, the bidders and others who were present, then retired.

The following communication were then presented and read:

Gilbert Elevated Railway Company.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation, }
New York, January 18, 1878. }

HON JAMES F. WENMAN,

President of the Department of Public Parks:

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of this date, in which you state that the Gilbert Railroad Company has laid the foundations for its road along Sixth Avenue, as far north as Fifty-ninth Street, and has attempted to place one of its pillars on the Central Park sidewalk, on the north side of Fifty-ninth Street, but has been stopped by the Park police, acting under instructions of the Park Department. You also state that, as you understand, the route of said railroad is up Sixth Avenue to Fifty-third Street, turning west through that street to Ninth Avenue, with a branch from Fifty-third Street along Sixth Avenue to Fifty-ninth Street; and that if this be so the Road is exceeding its powers in crossing Fifty-ninth Street to the north or Central Park side. You also state that the erection of a depot on the sidewalk at the gateway of the Central Park would be a great injury to the Park, and you are apprehensive that the Company will again endeavor to build its foundations on the sidewalk, unless restrained by order of the courts, and you therefore request me to immediately take such steps as I may think most advisable to prevent such action on the part of the Company.

It seems to me that the views expressed in your letter, as to the right of the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company to extend its road across Fifty-ninth Street are correct. Under the Act, Chapter 275 of the Laws of 1874, said Company was authorized to extend its road along Sixth Avenue, from Fifty-third Street to Fifty-ninth Street. The route of said road, fixed and determined by the Rapid Transit Commissioners in 1875, was declared to be coincident with the route covered by the charter of the road, and to include "an extension from the junction of " Fifty-third Street through and along Sixth Avenue to Fifty-ninth Street." The right to construct its road to Fifty-ninth Street does not authorize the Company to extend its road across Fifty-ninth Street, nor to use the sidewalk on the Central Park side for a depot. This seems to me to be so clear that I do not think the Company, in view of the action already had by the Park Department, will be likely to renew the attempt to place their pillars on said sidewalk.

It would not seem to admit of question, moreover, that under existing laws the Park Department has such control over Fifty-ninth Street as to authorize it, by means of the police under its control, to prevent the erection therein of unlawful structures, and to remove any that shall be placed therein; and any unlawful digging up of said street will, I presume, make the parties engaged in such work liable to arrest and punishment criminally.

I respectfully suggest, therefore, that for the present the Department should instruct its police to prevent the employees of the railroad from interfering with the sidewalk on the north side of Fifty-ninth Street, and if said employees persist in such interference to arrest them, and take them before a police magistrate. It seems to me that this is the only preventive measure which is necessary or advisable to take at the present time. If a civil action should be brought, and an injunction applied for, it would be necessary to give security in order to obtain such injunction, and this Department has heretofore found it impracticable to give security in such cases, as there is no provision of law in relation to the matter, and few persons are willing to become personally liable for the damages that might result where an injunction was granted on an application of the city. Unless there is some provision of law which I have not discovered, the officers of the Gilbert Road will doubtless acquiesce in the view taken by the Department, and if there is any such provision, or if the officers of the road for any reason entertain a different view as to their rights, they will doubtless apply for an injunction to restrain the Department from interfering with their employees and the question will thus be brought before the courts.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

(Signed,)

W. C. WHITNEY,

Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, January 19, 1878, p. 526.)

Filed.

F. Greiffenberg.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, requesting that the employment of Mr. F. Greiffenberg, draughtsman, be continued during the illness of Mr. T. J. O'Sullivan, draughtsman.

(Minutes, January 2, 1878, p. 475.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the employment of Mr. F. Greiffenberg as a draughtsman be continued from the 15th instant, during the illness of Mr. T. J. O'Sullivan, or until the further order of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards, &c.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, giving a statement of the work done and in progress at this time, in charge of his office.

Filed.

W. B. Knight, Lewis K. Osborn.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that Mr. William B. Knight had resigned his position as inspector upon the work of constructing drains near Fordham, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and that it is necessary to have another inspector appointed.

(Minutes, August 15, 1877, p. 230.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the resignation of Mr. William B. Knight be accepted, and that Mr. Lewis K. Osborn be appointed inspector in his place, and that his pay be fixed at \$3 per day.

(Minutes, December 5, 1877, p. 426.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Museum, or Old Arsenal Building.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, complaining of the nuisance which still exists on account of the water-closets and urinals not having been removed from the basement of the Museum, or Old Arsenal building.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, stating that he had again examined said water closets and urinals, and had consulted with Mr. Pitt, plumber, and that they had come to the conclusion that they cannot be ventilated in a satisfactory manner in their present location. He also recommends that a frame building be erected at the rear of the bird-house, north of the Arsenal, to which building the water-closets and urinals should be removed, and he estimates the cost, including plumbing, at \$700.

(Minutes, August 22, 1877, p. 233.)

Laid over.

Urinal North of Arsenal.

From Messrs. J. & S. Wormser, complaining of the annoyance caused to the residents on the east side of Fifth Avenue, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth Streets, by the shameful exhibition of parties using the water-closet in the rear of the refreshment house, north of the Arsenal.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the water-closet complained of is a "Scotch urinal," which is open at the top, and persons using it are somewhat exposed to view from the neighboring houses. That several arrests have been made by the police for obscene acts at this urinal, and recommending that it be removed to the frame house which he recommends to be built at the rear of the bird-house.

Referred to the President.

Patrick McCarthy.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of Patrick McCarthy, laborer, to be restored, he having been absent, on account of sickness, for more than three days.

The PRESIDENT moved that said Patrick McCarthy be restored as a laborer.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

S. H. Conklin.

From the Police Surgeon, reporting upon his examination of Sidney H. Conklin, an applicant for the position of gate-keeper, by which it appears that he is in a satisfactory condition for admission to the police force.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 514.)

The PRESIDENT stated that on the receipt of the report, on the 18th inst., he had placed Mr. S. H. Conklin on duty, and he moved that he be appointed a gate-keeper from that date.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Exchange of Swans and Pea Fowl.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that Mr. H. Strauch, Superintendent of Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, offers to exchange two or three pair of trumpeter swans for a like number of European swans. That the Department has only one trumpeter swan and twenty-three European swans. Also that Mr. T. J. Crombie offers to give the Department \$15 worth of such animals as are most required in the menagerie, in exchange for one pair of pea fowl ; and recommending that the exchange in both instances be authorized.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Director of the Menagerie be authorized to make the exchange of two pair of swans, and also the exchange of the pea fowl, as recommended.

Adopted.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, recommending that gutters be placed along the cages of the carnivorous animals, in such a manner that a constant stream of water would flow through them and carry off the urine of the animals, and estimating the cost at about \$150.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have gutters of the description recommended by the Director of the Menagerie placed along said cages.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Lewis Flock, Acting Sergeant.

From the Lieutenant, asking permission to detail Acting Sergeant Lewis Flock on detective duty, in citizen's clothes, and that another officer be appointed to act as Sergeant in his place.

Laid over.

Broadway, 24th Ward.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting upon the complaint of the Health Department, in relation to the condition of Broadway near Church Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, on account of the railing over Tibbitt's brook being broken, in which he states, that the branch of Tibbitt's brook, at this locality, is in no sense navigable, there being two bridges without draws between it and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and though \$3 or \$4 would make the repairs at the point indicated, any repairs made at that point, by this Department, would probably be made the basis for a request to repair about 1,200 feet of railing along Broadway, at that locality.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 521.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the President be requested to notify the Health Department of the facts contained in the report of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Adopted.

Southern Boulevard.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards reporting that there is a dangerous hole in the Southern Boulevard near Hunt's Point Road.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said hole repaired, and that he detail two men for that purpose from the parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

James Reilly.

From Foreman Meehan, making application for a man to act as hostler in the stables.

The PRESIDENT moved that James Reilly be appointed a laborer and assigned to duty in the stables.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

F. L. Olmsted.

From Mr. T. A. Sawyer and one hundred and sixty-five other tax payers and residents in the City of New York, as follows :

To the Commissioners of the Central Park :

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, taxpayers and residents in the City of New York, have heard with deep regret and apprehension of the proposed abolition of the Office of Design and Superintendence in the Central Park, and dismissal of Mr. F. L. Olmsted from the position of Architect-in-Chief. Of his capacity as a landscape gardener, the park itself, as well as the Prospect Park in Brooklyn, of both of which he was in the main the designer, is sufficient proof. His reputation is even more fully recognized in Europe, where the art has been long cultivated, than in this country, where it is comparatively new. His continued professional superintendence of his work we cannot help considering highly desirable, if not absolutely necessary, in view of the well known fact that the completion of a design in landscape gardening must wait on the slow work of Nature, and is constantly exposed to unlooked-for modification through her action, and requires a long term of years, whereas in this case, it has been begun on a bare and barren tract of land.

In addition to this, however, it is not unnatural that we, as taxpayers, should ascribe the successful management of the Park for the last twenty years largely to Mr. Olmsted's connection with it during the greater part of that period. No other enterprise in which the city has engaged, and on which the municipal funds have been spent since 1860, has been equally satisfactory. The composition of the Commission has been frequently changed, but its members have never felt themselves warranted in dispensing with Mr. Olmsted's supervision, a fact which has given the public a feeling of security about the Park which it is on all grounds desirable to strengthen and perpetuate. We mean no disrespect, therefore, to the present members of your honorable body, when we say that, considering the uncertainty with which the conditions of city politics surround their tenure of office, they would be assuming a serious responsibility in depriving the city of Mr. Olmsted's services, or leaving it to any one who had not himself considerable knowledge or experience of landscape gardening to decide when professional advice was needed.

We are all the bolder in urging these considerations because the present condition of the city finances and of the city trade satisfies us that nothing which is likely to attract population or wealth to our streets can safely be neglected. Whatever New York loses in commerce or manufactures by the competition of other places it must make up by the inducements which it offers as a place of residence, and of these its parks are among the greatest. Anything which threatens them, therefore, with neglect, deterioration, or mismanagement would be a fresh and serious aggravation of its recent misfortunes. We cannot help, therefore, protesting most earnestly against the notion that the saving of \$4,500 a year by Mr. Olmsted's dismissal would be a real or wise economy, and we would earnestly and respectfully suggest to your Board the consideration of other means of lessening your expenses by this amount.

(Signed) S. A. SAWYER,
38 West 25th St.

(Here follow 165 other signatures.)

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 527.)

Filed.

Also from Mr. James Muhlenberg Bailey, in relation to the same subject.

Filed.

Applications.

The following applications were received and ordered to be filed :

From Mr. Lawrence Van Wyck, for the position of Assistant Engineer.
 From Mr. C. D. Sturtevant, for the position of Clerk.
 From Acting Sergeant Liebenau, for the position of Captain of Police.
 From Mr. Blackburn B. Pew, for a position on the Police Force.
 From Mr. Matthew Carr, " " "
 From Mr. William Leslie, " " "
 From Mr. Richard R. Moore, " " "
 From Mr. Frederick Smyth, on behalf of Mr. Jeremiah J. Morrissey, for employment.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following two reports :

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

Baker, Smith & Co., heating and ventila- lating.....	Museum Natural History.....	\$3,160 00
Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., mustard and oil.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 19
Crombie, Thos. J., spruce plank.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	33 00
Egan, K. & Co., waste.....	Museum of Art...	5 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., carriage materials.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	30 75
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., belting.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	10 35
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	90 00
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	7 79
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, stove and fix- tures.....	Harlem River B. Impt. & Maint..	22 50
Pitt, W. A., gas fitting.....	Museum of Nat. History.....	24 25

Tucker, Luther & Son, subs. to <i>Country</i>		
<i>Gentleman</i>	Maint. and Gov't.	
	P. & P.....	2 50
Watson Mfg. Co., iron and labor.....	Museum Natural	
	History... ..	2,308 00
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. & P.,.....	13 22
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$192 80
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	22 50
Museum Natural History.....	5,492 25
Museum of Art.....	5 00
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	\$5,712 55
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-seven hundred and twelve dollars and fifty-five cents.

(Sgd.) SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, January 23d, 1878.

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

Jones & McQuade, earth filling.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1877,	\$36 50
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1877,	16 30
McDonald, W., carting.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards, 1877,	9 60
Tysen, David, J., Jr., cabbage.....	Maint. and Govmt P. & P, 1877...	30 87
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. & M.,.....	16 50
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		\$109 77
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RECAPITULATION

Maintenance and Government, Parks and Places, 1877.	\$47 87	
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, impt, and maint., 1877..	62 40	
		\$109 77

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

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } Auditing
SAML. CONOVER, } Committee.

New York, January 23d, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Concord Avenue.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred the assignment from Mr. Peter V. Clarke to Mr. Francis McCabe of the contract for grading, &c., Concord Avenue, verbally reported that he had examined said assignment, and that as it and the consents of the sureties endorsed on it, were similar to the previous assignment and consents to Mr. Peter V. Clarke, which the Counsel to the Corporation had approved of, he recommended that the following preamble and resolution be adopted, namely :

Whereas, The contract for regulating and grading Concord Avenue, awarded by the Trustees of Morrisania to James Finnegan, has been heretofore assigned to and vested in Peter V. Clarke; and

Whereas, Said Peter V. Clarke has, by instrument bearing

date the 10th day of January, 1878, assigned said contract to Francis McCabe,

Resolved, that the said Francis McCabe be, and hereby is, allowed and directed, as the assignee of said contract, to proceed with and complete said work.

(Minutes Jan. 16, 1878, p. 533.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner's Badge.

The PRESIDENT moved that a badge for Commissioner Lane be authorized to be purchased.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Police Station.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the subject of making a telegraphic connection between police station in Central Park and the Nineteenth Precinct Station be referred to the President to report upon.

Adopted.

C. Bernhard, H. Reilly, J. Fagan, A. Klein.

The PRESIDENT moved that Gatekeepers Charles Bernhard, Hugh Reilly, John Fagan, and Adolph Klein, be promoted to the position of patrolmen.

(Minutes January 5, 1878, p. 495.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

John Corcoran.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Lieutenant John Corcoran be, and he is hereby, promoted and appointed to the rank of Captain of Police, and that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$1,600 per annum.

(Minutes, February 3 and March 5, 1875, pp. 507 and 559.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Bill for Construction Funds.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to prepare a bill to be sent to the Legislature for an appropriation in aid of the construction work of this Department, and a suitable memorial stating the reasons for its passage.

Adopted.

Maintenance and Construction Works.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to prepare a full statement in writing of the present maintenance work of the Department and what shall be proceeded with, and what laid over during the present year, and also what works of construction should be proceeded with, and what amount of money will be required therefor, the same to be reported in detail.

Adopted.

Julia Malone, Mary Bergen.

The PRESIDENT moved that Julia Malone and Mary Bergen, the ladies' maids employed in the cottages on Washington Square and on the Central Park at One hundred and tenth Street and Sixth Avenue, be allowed pay on the next pay roll for such time as they lost on account of their cottages being closed for a few days subsequent to the 5th instant.

(Minutes, January 16, 1877, p. 531.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,
—4.

Edward Darke.

The PRESIDENT moved that the action of the Board on the 19th January, 1874, fixing the age of applicants for admission to the police force at from twenty-five to forty years of age, be suspended in the case of Edward Darke, and that he be appointed a gate keeper.

(Minutes January 16, 1878, p. 525.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Senate and Assembly Bills.

The PRESIDENT moved that he be authorized to make arrangements for supplying the Department with printed copies of the Senate and Assembly bills during the present session of the Legislature at a cost not to exceed \$50.

(Minutes, January 6, 1877, p. 522.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

By-Laws.

The PRESIDENT moved that the subject of the By-Laws and the report of the committee proposing amendments to them be now taken up.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the first recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That the words " 2d. A Vice-President " in Section 1, of Article II, be stricken out, and also " 3d " be stricken out, and in place thereof " 2d " be inserted before the word " Treasurer."

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.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the second recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That the paragraph of Section 1, Article II, headed " Vice-President," be stricken out, and that the following be inserted in the place thereof:

" Any Commissioner having a majority of the votes of the members present, shall, in the absence of the President, preside. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board."

Commissioner LANE moved that said resolution be amended by striking out the following :

" Any commissioner having a majority of the votes of the members present shall, in the absence of the President, preside.

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

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

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the third recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That the whole of Section 2, Article II, be stricken out, and that the following be inserted in the place thereof :

"SECTION 2.—There shall be a Superintendent of Parks, whose duty it shall be to supervise and direct all the ordinary work of maintenance and repairs, including gardening on parks and places, and shall supervise all the actual labor employed in the construction and management of the parks and places, including that required for gardening purposes."

Commissioner LANE moved to amend said resolution by striking out all after the words "in the place thereof," and inserting the following in lieu thereof, namely :

"SECTION 2.—There shall be a Superintendent of Parks, whose duty it shall be to supervise and direct all ordinary work of maintenance, repair and gardening, and the disposition, management and discipline of the force employed for works of general construction and maintenance on parks and places."

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

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

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

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the fourth recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That the whole of Section 6, Article II, be stricken out, and that the following be inserted in place thereof.

"SECTION 6.—There shall be a Secretary and a Disbursing Clerk, the latter of whom shall likewise act as Property Clerk, and have charge of, and be responsible for, all tools, implements and material of the Department, and shall, on the first day of January and July, in each year, submit to the Board an inventory of such property, and the condition thereof.

"The said Disbursing Clerk shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may require.

"There shall be such other employes as may be determined by the Board, all of whom shall perform such services as, from time to time, may be required by the Board.

Commissioner LANE moved to amend said resolution by

striking out all after the word "thereof," and inserting the following in lieu thereof :

SEC. 6. There shall be a Secretary, and a Disbursing Clerk, the latter of whom shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may require ; and such other employés as may be determined by the Board, all of whom shall perform such services as, from time to time, may be required by the Board.

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

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, —3.

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

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the fifth recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That Section 7th of Article II be amended by striking out the whole of the last portion thereof, commencing with the words "and in his absence."

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.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution ;

Resolved, That the sixth recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That Section 9 of Article II. be amended by striking out the words "Landscape Architect," and inserting in the place thereof the word "Board," and that the words "There shall be a Lieutenant of Police" be stricken 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.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the seventh recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That Section 10 of Article II. be amended by striking out the word "five," and inserting in place thereof the word "four."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, which was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the eighth recommendation of said committee be adopted, namely :

That the whole of Section 4 of Article III. be stricken out, and that the following be inserted in place thereof :

"Section 4. All appointments shall be made by 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.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Section 1, Article II, of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words "and until his successor is elected."

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wetmore and Conover—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman and Lane—2.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Section 4, Article II, of the By-Laws be stricken out ; and that Section 5, Article III, of said By-Laws be amended by substituting in the first paragraph thereof the words "National Academy of Design," in place of "American Academy of Design," and the words "Metropolitan Museum of Art," in place of "American Museum of Art," and the words "New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects," in place of "American Institute of Architects ;" and that Section 3 of Article IV of said By-Laws be amended by adding at the end thereof the words, "All bills shall be passed on sepa-

rately by the Board ;" and that the several sections of Article II of said By-Laws be re-numbered.

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

Ayes — Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover and Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the By-Laws, as this day amended, be adopted and confirmed, and that they be printed in convenient form.

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

Ayes—Commissioner Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

F. L. Olmsted. H. A. Martin.

An opportunity was then allowed to Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted to make an explanation concerning his proposed removal, when Mr. H. A. Martin appeared in his behalf, and read a letter from Mr. Olmsted in which he admits having received notice of his proposed removal and of the opportunity to be allowed him to make an explanation, and requests that action in the matter be postponed until his return from Europe.

Mr. H. A. Martin was then allowed an opportunity to make an explanation, and was heard in reference to his proposed removal. He then retired.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolutions :

Whereas, It has been found necessary to decrease the expenses of this Department on account of the reduction of the yearly appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment ; and

Whereas, This Department has discontinued the work of

design except where absolutely necessary, and has concentrated the duties of superintendence in the officer designated for that purpose; and

Whereas, Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, long identified with the Central Park and its improvements and enjoying the confidence of the community and the respect of this Department since its organization, should be placed in a position where this Department can avail itself of his large experience and intimate knowledge of the designs and objects of the work on the various parks.

Resolved, That Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted be, and is hereby, removed from the position of Landscape Architect in this Department; and it is further

Resolved, That Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted be, and is hereby, appointed Consulting Landscape Architect to this Department, his services to be paid for at such rate as this Department shall determine from time to time as they are availed of.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 531.)

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

Ayes—Commissioner Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

H. A. Martin.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolution:

Whereas, Mr. Howard A. Martin has been long identified with this Department, and has rendered valuable service as Chief Clerk of the late Bureau of Design and Superintendence and

Whereas, this Department is now forced to dispense with his services on account of the reduced appropriations;

Resolved, That Mr. Howard A. Martin be, and hereby is, removed from his position in this Department, and that he be paid from January 1st, 1878, up to and including this date at the rate of \$2,500 per annum.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution as a substitute for said preambles and resolutions

Resolved, That Howard A. Martin be, and he is hereby, appointed Chief Clerk of Superintendence, at a salary of \$ _____ per annum.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 531.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said substitute resolution offered by Commissioner Lane, 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 Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

E. P. North.

Mr. Edward P. North was then received and allowed an opportunity to make an explanation in reference to his proposed removal, and when he was heard he retired.

Commissioner CONOVER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Edward P. North be, and he hereby is, removed from his position in this Department ; and that he be paid from January 1st, 1878, up to and including this date, at the rate of \$2,500 per annum.

(Minutes January 16, 1878, p. 531.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Wm. D. Beall.

Mr. Wm. D. Beall was then received and allowed an opportunity to make an explanation in reference to his proposed removal, and when he was heard he retired.

Commissioner CONOVER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. D. Beall be, and he hereby is, removed from his position in this Department, and that he be paid from January 1st, 1878, up to and including this date at the rate of \$1,000 per annum.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 531.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 1:30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 30th instant, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 23d inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Broken Trap rock, &c., 23d & 24th Wards.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that he had deducted \$6.49 from the estimate in favor of Mr. John A. Bouker for trap-rock and screenings, and which was audited and approved October 10th, 1877, for the reason that it exceeded by that amount the sum applicable for the payment of estimates under Mr. Bouker's contract.

(Minutes, May 9th, 1877, p. 28.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, Mr. John A. Bouker delivered $2\frac{87}{100}$ cubic yards of broken trap-rock in excess of the 1,300 cubic yards called for by his contract, dated May 29th, 1877 ;

And whereas, Said excess was allowed him in his final certificate under said contract, but the sum of \$6.49 was deducted

by the Finance Department from said estimate on account of said excess;

Resolved, That Mr. John A. Bouker be allowed said sum of \$6.49 so deducted, and that his bill therefor be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Menagerie.

Path at Deer Paddock.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the condition of the path leading to the deer paddock at the Menagerie, and estimating the cost of re-making it of stone and gravel at \$828, and of laying a plank walk upon it, five feet wide, at \$230.

Commissioner LANE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to lay a plank-walk, five feet wide, on said path.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Claremont Hotel.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that a part of the roof, and also a part of the second story veranda of the south wing of the Claremont Hotel have been blown off. That this wing was built in an unsubstantial manner, against the wall of the old mansion, and is decayed and out of repair, and recommending that it be removed.

The PRESIDENT moved that the south wing of said building, the Claremont Hotel, be sold by auction on condition that the purchaser remove it at his expense within ten days after sale.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Eagle Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a profile of a proposed change in the grade of Eagle Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward.

Laid over.

Exchange of a Zebu Bull.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that Mr. Louis Sells, offers to give the Department \$80 worth of animals in exchange for a young Zebu bull, and recommending that the exchange be made.

The PRESIDENT moved that the director of the Menagerie be authorized to exchange a Zebu bull for \$80 worth of such animals as are required in the Menagerie.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover Lane
—4.

Bridges over Bronx River.

From the late Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to the present condition of the several bridges over the Bronx River.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to Commissioners Wetmore and Lane to report upon.

Adopted.

Police Tailor. John Bozetti.

From the Captain of Police, stating that another police tailor is required, as a large number of old uniforms need repairing.

Commissioner LANE moved that John Bozetti be appointed a police tailor.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 533.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

C. R. Schott.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding an application from Mr. C. R. Schott, Division Engineer, asking leave of absence for one month from February 1st, prox., without pay, on account of ill health.

Commissioner LANE moved that the leave of absence requested by Mr. C. R. Schott be granted without pay.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Streets, &c, in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Captain of the Thirty-third Precinct, notifying the Department that the bridge across Mill Brook, at One hundred and Fifty-sixth Street, is in a dangerous condition, and that there are also some holes in the Southern Boulevard at One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-ninth Streets.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to detail not more than six laborers and mechanics to make necessary repairs in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, until the further order of the Board.

(Minutes, January 23d, 1878, p. 544.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Gilbert Elevated Railway Company.

From Mr. Wm. Foster, Jr., President of the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company, as follows :

OFFICE OF THE GILBERT ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY, }
71 BROADWAY, N. Y., }
JANUARY 22, 1878. }

JAMES F. WENMAN, Esq.,

President Department Public Parks:

My Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your communication of the 18th instant notifying this company to desist from performing any work in connection with the Elevated Railroad upon the north side of Fifty-ninth Street at Sixth Avenue.

There has been no intention to do any work upon the territory named, and there has been no attempt to do so, with the exception of the commencement of an excavation, about ten days ago, which was caused solely by the ignorance of one of our employés in reference to the terminus of the road. The error was corrected before the excavation had reached the depth of a foot, and the earth was neatly replaced.

It was a matter of much regret on the part of the company that the mistake occurred, but, from the explanation that followed, we supposed that the matter was fully understood.

It is our intention to act in entire harmony with the Department of Public Parks, and to meet their views in all matters having reference to that Department in the future, as we have endeavored to do in the past.

Very respectfully,

(Signed.) WM. FOSTER, JR.,
President.

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 538.)

Filed.

Pony Phaetons.

From Mr. J. J. Snow, applying for a license or privilege to place pony phaetons on Central Park for hire.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the application of Mr. Snow be refused.

Adopted.

Music on Central Park.

From Messrs. H. B. Dodworth and C. S. Grafulla, making application to be employed to furnish the music on Central Park during the summer of 1878.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 63.)

Referred to the President.

Applications.

The following applications were presented and ordered to be filed.

From Mr. M. A. Kellogg, for the position of Engineer or Superintendent of Parks.

From Mr. Bernard J. Kelly, for a position on the police force.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following two reports :

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

Knight, William B., services.	Drainage & Maint.	
	24th W'd, bound-	
	ed by Fordham	
	and Pelham Avs.	
	Kingsbridge R'd,	
	&c.	\$80 00
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Amounting to the sum of sixty dollars.

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAM'L CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, January 26, 1878.

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

Beall, Wm. Dent, services.....	Maint and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	\$61	82
Bullinger, E. W., sub. to <i>Monitor Guide</i> .	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....	6	00
Christern, F. W., sub. to <i>Builder, &c.</i> ...	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....	17	20
Cooper, Hewett & Co., galvanized iron..	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....	27	03
Cook & Radley, labor and materials....	Museum Natural		
	Hist.	145	00
Downs, John, bird houses	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P., 1877.	99	75
Fischer, W. L., petty expenses	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P., 1877.	10	81
Fitzsimons, M., repairs to cottage.....	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P., 1877.	27	95
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	170	00
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d and		
	24th Wards....	\$4	50
	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....	45	00
		49	50
Lyons, John, brown stone lintel.....	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund	14	00
N. Y. <i>Star</i> , sub. 1878.....	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....	6	64
Kingsland, Thos. B., sub. to <i>Express</i>	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.....	6	24
Noyes & Winds, labor and materials....	Museum Natural		
	Hist.....	146	00
Morgan, J. P., Treas. Expenses Mus. Nat.			
History.....	Museum Natural		
	History.....	1,939	15
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. & P., 1877..	74	60

Roach, John & Son, materials and labor .Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. and Maint., 1877...	\$84 58
Seaman, John A., paints, oils, &c. ....Maint. and Gov't P. and P.	\$76 20
Museum Natural History.....	17 75
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 87 95
Walker Sons, materials and labor Museum Natural History	238 25
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <u>\$3,212 47</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$416 13
Maintenance and Governmen of Parks and Places, 1877.	213 11
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint., 1877.	84 58
City Parks Improvement Fund.	14 00
Surveying. Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	4 50
Museum of Natural History.	2,480 15
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <u>\$3,212 47</u>

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

(Signed)

S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 30, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Bird Houses.

The PRESIDENT moved that the direction of the Board on the 21st November, 1877, that the cost of the bird houses placed on the City Parks be charged to the City Parks Improvement Fund be rescinded, and that the cost of said houses be charged to the appropriation for the maintenance and government of Parks and Places for 1877.

(Minutes, November 21, 1877, p. 408.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Michael Walsh.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that Michael Walsh be appointed a laborer in the place of John Hammil, who had left work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Surveying, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877.

Transfer.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Appropriation be, and hereby is, requested to transfer the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-three cents from the appropriation for "surveying, laying-out, monumenting, &c., north end of the island and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards" for 1875, for the purposes of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "surveying, laying-out, and monumenting

Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards including north end of of this island," for 1877, which is insufficient.

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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Sarah Titus.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mrs. Sarah Titus be, and hereby is, reappointed bridge tender of the drawbridge over the Bronx River ; that her salary be fixed at \$150 per annum, and that her re-appointment take effect from the 5th inst.

(Minutes, March 6. 1875, p. 565, January 5th, 1878, p. 498.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. R. Martin be requested to present his report upon Riverside Avenue contract at the next meeting of the Board, and that he be invited to be present at the meeting.

(Minutes, Jan. 16, 1878, p. 532.)

Adopted.

American Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT presented an amended copy of the proposed contract or agreement with the American Museum of Natural History, for the occupation by it of the Museum of Natural History building on Manhattan Square ; also communications from Mr. Joseph H. Choate, the Counsel, and Mr. R. L. Stuart,

the President of the Board of Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, approving of said amended copy when certain other amendments which they suggest are also made.

He also presented the following communication from the Secretary of the American Museum of Natural History, viz. :

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, }
CENTRAL PARK, (77TH STREET AND 8TH AVENUE,) }
NEW YORK, Dec. 4th, 1877.

The following is an extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, held February 12th, 1877:

“ Mr. Choate, of the Committee on preparing an agreement for our permanent occupation of the new building, read a draft of such an agreement. The whole matter was referred back to the Committee, with power, and the President of the Board was authorized to sign the agreement when completed, and affix thereto the seal of the Corporation.

“ Certified to be correct.

(Signed)

“ D. JACKSON STEWART,
“ Secretary.”

Commissioner LANE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the amended contract or agreement with the American Museum of Natural History, presented by the President, be approved when further amended as suggested by Mr. R. L. Stuart and Mr. Joseph H. Choate; that the President and Secretary of the Department be, and hereby are, authorized to execute said contract or agreement, in duplicate, for and on behalf of this Department; and that when it is so executed and completed, it be printed as a document of the Board.

(Minutes, Nov. 28, 1877, p. 416.)

See Document No. 77.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Quarterly Report.

The PRESIDENT presented the report to his Honor the Mayor for the three months ending the 31st December, 1877.

(Minutes, Oct. 17, 1877, p. 351.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the President be authorized to sign and transmit said report to his Honor the Mayor.
Adopted.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT moved that the bill for \$197.12, presented by Mr. Calvert Vaux, Architect, for commissions on the amount of work done by the park force in 1872 and 1873, in the preparation of foundations for the Museum of Natural History building, be approved.

(Minutes, Nov. 21, 1877, p. 400.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of Messrs. Gibb & O'Reilly, for the construction and erection of a bridge and entrance porch to the Museum of Natural History building, be accepted as the lowest bid ; that the contract be, and hereby is, awarded to said Messrs. Gibb & O'Reilly therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes January 23, 1878, p. 537.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Museum of Natural History.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposal (No. 3) of Messrs. Miller & Coates, for the tiler's work for the bridge and entrance porch to the Museum of Natural History building be accepted as the lowest bid; that the contract therefor be, and hereby is, awarded to said Messrs. Miller & Coates, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 537.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

By-Laws.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Section 5, Article III, of the By-Laws be amended as follows, viz. :

On the second line strike out the word "Central," and substitute the word "Parks" for the word "Park."

On the tenth line insert the words "in Central Park" after the word "Mall."

On the fourteenth line insert the word "Central" before the word "Park."

On the twenty-third line insert the word "Central" before the word "Park."

On the twenty-seventh line strike out the word "Central," and substitute the word "Parks" for the word "Park."

On the twenty-eighth line strike out the word "Central," and substitute the word "Parks" for the word "Park."

On the thirtieth line insert the words "in Central Park" after the word "Mall."

On the thirty-second line substitute the word "Parks" for the word "Park."

On the thirty-fourth line substitute the word "Parks" for the word "Park."

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 552.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner LANE then moved that the By-Laws be printed at length in the Minutes.

Adopted.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. All meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks shall be held at their office, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

SEC. 2. Stated meetings shall be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Other meetings may be held by adjournment, on the call of the President, or at the written request of two members. The notices of the meetings called by the President, or by any two members, shall state the matter to be presented at such proposed meeting, and no other matter shall be acted on at such meetings, except by the consent of a majority of the members then present.

SEC. 3. Meetings of the Board shall be held at 10 o'clock A. M., unless the Board otherwise orders.

SEC. 4. Notices of meetings shall be sent to each Commissioner, at his place of address, by the Secretary, at least two days before the day of the meeting for which notice is given.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Board shall be as follows :

1st. A President.

2d. A Treasurer.

Each of whom shall hold office until the first day of May next succeeding his election, and until his successor is elected.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall, at the regular meeting next succeeding his election, appoint and announce all the standing committees.

Any Commissioner having a majority of the votes of the members present shall, in the absence of the President, preside.

The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall perform such duties as may, from time to time, be indicated by the Board, and may receive such compensation as may be determined by the Board.

In the event of the death, resignation or removal of any of the officers of the Board a successor may be elected at the regular meeting next succeeding such death, resignation or removal.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Superintendent of Parks, whose duty it shall be to supervise and direct all the ordinary work of maintenance and repairs, including gardening on parks and places, and shall supervise all the actual labor employed in the

construction and management of the parks and places, including that required for gardening purposes.

SEC. 3. There shall be a Secretary and a Disbursing Clerk, the latter of whom shall likewise act as Property Clerk, and have charge of, and be responsible for, all tools, implements and material of the Department, and shall, on the first day of January and July, in each year, submit to the Board an inventory of such property, and the condition thereof.

The said Disbursing Clerk shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may require.

There shall be such other employés as may be determined by the Board, all of whom shall perform such services as, from time to time, may be required by the Board.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board, shall issue the notices for such meetings, and shall perform such duties as shall be required by the Board.

SEC. 5. There shall be a Civil and Topographical Engineer connected with this Department in charge of the works relating to the laying out of streets and avenues, as may be directed by the Board.

There shall be a Bureau of Construction connected with this Department, the Engineer placed at the head of which shall have charge of construction works in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also of the construction and repairs of all works connected with the improvement of the navigation of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and the tunnels and bridges connected with the same.

SEC. 6. There shall be a Captain of Police, whose duty it shall be to direct and supervise the various Park-keepers in the

employ of the Department, and to report daily to the Board everything relating to the force under his command, in the form, manner and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board, and furnish a copy of such report to the Board.

SEC. 7. There shall be four Sergeants of Police, whose number may, from time to time, be increased as may be required, and who shall assist the Captain in the discharge of his duties.

All appointments to, and removals from, this force, shall be by the order of the Board; and all trials of Park-keepers for violation of the rules and regulations of the Department shall be conducted by the President, or by a Commissioner designated by him for that purpose.

ARTICLE III.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. No person in the service of the Board shall be absent from duty without an excuse therefor satisfactory to the President.

SEC. 2. No committee, officer or member of this Department, or person employed by this Board, shall make any purchases, give any order, incur any liability, or exercise any authority over, or in relation to the Parks, officers or employes, unless in pursuance of power delegated by the order of the Board, or by the act by which it is organized.

SEC. 3. Any employé of the Department may at any time be suspended from duty, by writing signed by two members of the Board; but such suspension shall not continue beyond the next meeting of the Board, unless otherwise directed.

SEC. 4. All appointments shall be made by the Board.

SEC. 5. Before any engagement is made to place a statue, or allow a statue to be placed, on the Parks, it shall be seen in a finished condition, or in the form of a finished model, and a judgment as to its merits, as a work of art, shall have been requested of the respective Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The determination of a site for any statue shall be reserved until after its acceptance.

On each side of the main walk of the Mall in Central Park, on a line with the statue of Scott, now placed, a series of statues may be ranged, commemorative of men and of events of far-reaching and permanent interest. At or near each of the gates of the Central Park, portrait or commemorative statues may also be placed, appropriate to the name of the gate. Portrait or memorial statues shall hereafter be placed nowhere else in the Central Park, except in close connection with the buildings of the American Museum of Natural History, and of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and at the request of their respective Boards of Trustees.

Statues or sculptured works designed to represent objects of beauty, or dramatic and poetic interest, may be placed at any points in the Central Park where they shall not dominate a landscape, or, when seen in front, divide the view, over an expanse, lawn, or glade.

A statue commemorative of any person shall not be placed in the Parks, nor accepted with a condition that it shall be placed in the Parks, until after a period of at least five years from the death of the person represented.

Statues to be placed on the Mall in Central Park, shall be of bronze, and of heroic size. Colossal statues shall not hereafter be placed on the Parks.

Plans and elevations for the pedestals of statues to be placed on the Parks, shall be submitted to, and approved by, the De-

partment. They shall be of granite, of simple outlines, and free from elaborate decorations. They shall not exceed in height above the surface of the ground one-half the height of the figure to be placed upon them. They shall have no inscription except one in front designating the subject commemorated and its period, and one in the rear recording the date of the presentation of the statue, and designating in the simplest terms from whom it was received. The letters and figures required to be used in the front shall not exceed four inches, and those in the rear two inches, in height.

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. There shall be an Executive Committee, an Auditing Committee, each to consist of two members, and such other Standing Committees as may, from time to time, be determined upon.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall act on such subjects, and perform such duties, as shall be specially, from time to time, referred to it by the Board.

SEC. 3. All bills, claims and accounts, before being submitted to the Board for approval, shall be examined and audited by at least one member of the Auditing Committee; and the authority for such purchases or indebtedness shall be certified thereon by the Secretary. All bills shall be passed on separately by the Board.

The President shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Executive and Auditing Committees.

ARTICLE V.

RULES OF ORDER.

The order of business at meetings of the Board, except otherwise ordered, shall be :—

- 1st. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2d. Communications.
- 3d. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 4th. Reports of Special Committees and Officers.
- 5th. Motions and Resolutions.
- 6th. Miscellaneous Business.

The Ayes and Noes shall be called and recorded, on all appropriations of money, and on all other questions, at the request of one Commissioner.

All resolutions shall be in writing, with the name of the mover thereon.

All reports shall be in writing, unless otherwise agreed to and signed by a majority of the committee to whom the matter was referred, and shall state the facts upon which the same is based and their conclusions thereon.

The Board shall be governed by the common parliamentary law, as far as applicable, as laid down in Cushing's Manual.

All resolutions and propositions presented to the Board, for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park improvement, or for any structure upon the Parks, shall be referred to a special committee, who shall report upon the same, before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

No by-law shall be altered, repealed or adopted, without the report of a committee thereon, nor without the assent of a majority of the whole Board, nor at the same meeting at which it is proposed, unless by the unanimous consent of all the members of the Board.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 6th February, 1878, at 9:15 o'clock, A.M.

WM IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 30th, 1878, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Index to Minutes.

From Mr. George C. Coffin, late Assistant Secretary, calling the attention of the Commissioners to an index of the minutes from May 1st, 1870, to May 1st, 1877, which he had compiled while in the employment of the Department.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had examined said index, and that the manner in which it was compiled did credit to Mr. Coffin, and he moved that said communication be filed.

Adopted.

Swedish School-House.

From the Superintendent of Parks, estimating that it will cost \$1,535, to complete the Swedish School-House, and asking instructions as to whether he will proceed with the work.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 268.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be laid over, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report the cost already incurred in the erection of said Swedish School-House, and the necessary changes in Central Park in consequence of its erection.

Adopted.

R. Barnwell.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of Robert Barnwell, painter, to be restored to work, he having been absent for more than three days on account of sickness.

(Minutes, Nov. 21, 1877, p. 397.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Robert Barnwell, painter, be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Removal of a tree on Mott Ave.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that, as directed by the President, he had examined a tree standing on the east sidewalk of Mott Avenue, about 220 feet north of Cheever Place, and opposite the residence of Mr. W. Norris, who desired permission to remove it. That the tree is a maple, about eight inches in diameter, and apparently dead.

Commissioner LANE moved that Mr. W. Norris be granted permission to remove said tree.

Adopted.

Ellis Place, &c.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, stating that the streets in West Morrisania, near Mott Avenue (including Ellis

Place), from which Mr. M. C. Turner removed earth when grading Mott Avenue, are shown as public streets on the Map of "West Morrisania," filed in the Register's Office, at White Plains, on the 16th May, 1853, but that there is no record of their acceptance by the Commissioners of Highways. That, however, they have been used by the public, and worked by the authorities of the town of Morrisania since 1853, and the deeds of the property fronting on them, given by Mr. W. N. Morris, the original owner, designate them as streets.

(Minutes, Dec. 19, 1877, p. 451.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said subject be referred to the President, to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, whether said streets are public streets.

Adopted.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, submitting his report for the year ending December 31st, 1877, and requesting that four hundred copies would be ordered to be printed for distribution.

(Minutes, March 21, 1877, p. 697.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be received, and that four hundred copies be ordered to be printed.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. W. R. Martin, stating that, at the request of the the contractors for Riverside Avenue improvement, he will not present his report in relation to that work at this meeting.

(Minutes, January 30th, 1878, p. 570.)

Filed.

Museum of Art.

From Mr. F. W. Smith, contractor, for laying the tiling in the Museum of Art building, applying for a payment on account of his contract.

Also, from the Superintending Architect, reporting that the contractor has furnished material and done work to the value of over \$9,000, and that the Department will be secured if a payment of \$4,400 on account is allowed.

(Minutes, Dec. 31, 1877, p. 467.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized and directed to prepare and submit an estimate in favor of said contractor, on account, and not exceeding \$4,400.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Gibb & O'Reilly, accepting the award of the contract for the construction of a bridge and entrance porch to the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, Jan. 30, 1878, p. 572.)

Filed.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. Miller & Coates, accepting the award of the contract for the tiler's work for the bridge and entrance porch to the Museum of Natural History building.

(Minutes, Jan. 30, 1878, p. 573.)

Filed.

Eagle Avenue.

From Mr. Robert Clarke and nine other owners of property fronting on Eagle Avenue, petitioning that the grade of said

avenue, between Cedar Street and One Hundred and Sixty-third Street, be changed, so as to conform as nearly as practicable to the existing surface of the ground, and that the grade of Cliff Street be so changed that it will pass under Eagle Avenue.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting a sketch showing the position of the houses fronting on Eagle Avenue.

(Minutes, January 30th, 1878, p. 563.)

Commissioner LANE then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them, deem the changes (specified on the plan and profile hereinafter mentioned) in the grades of the streets, roads and avenues as laid down, and established by the Commissioners appointed under Chapter 841 of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the County of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore,

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby alter, amend and establish the grades of the streets, roads and avenues within that part of the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, which formerly constituted the Town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, at or in the Hudson River, running thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River, running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River, to the Sound north of Randel's Island ; shown on a plan and profile entitled " Profile showing change of grade of Eagle Avenue and intersecting streets, from Westchester Avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-third Street ; " dated " New York, January 30th, 1878, " and signed " J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, " of the extent and direction that said grades are designated on said plan and profile, and that the grades so altered, amended and established are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good. And that the President of the Department cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board,

three similar plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

F. L. Olmsted.

From Mr. H. N. Beers, Secretary of the Council of Reform as follows, viz :

NEW YORK, February 2, 1878.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

At the last meeting of the Council of Reform, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That in view of the urgent necessity at the present time of the most rigid economy in the City Government, the recent action of the Park Commissioners in abolishing the Bureau of Landscape Gardening, and in dispensing with the services of the Landscape Architect, are regarded with great satisfaction and encouragement by the Council."

(Signed) H. N. BEERS.

Secretary.

(Minutes, Jan. 23, 1878, pp. 544-556.)

Filed.

Applications.

The following applications were received, and ordered to be filed.

From Mr. Alfred Wagstaff, Jr., and others on behalf of Mr. J. J. Munson, for a position on the police force.

From Mr. Maurice Keane, for a position on the police force.

From Mr. B. E. McCafferty and others, on behalf of Mr. Martin Philbin, gate-keeper, to be promoted.

From Mr. Henry A. Gumbleton and another on behalf of Mr. John Van Buren, for the position of carpenter.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Crombie, Thos. J., pine lumber.....City Parks Impt.

Fund.....

20 60

Crons, J. Jas. R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	\$87 60
Douglass, W. P., rent Museum of Art....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	666 67
Gordon, Robt., treasurer, expenses Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	740 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	62 50
Heller & Bardell, commissioner's badge.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	32 50
Jones, Chas. and Thomas P. McQuade, materials and labor.....	Brook Ave. sewer,	4,623 50
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$52 19
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	40
	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	13 48
		66 07
Jube, John P. & Co., carriage materials..	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....	8 40
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.....	9 83
McNab & Harlin Mftg Co., plumbers' materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	8 00
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Museum Nat. Hist.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1,286 21
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent, Jan'y.	Maint. and Govm't P. & P.....	416 67
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent Nov. and Dec.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877.	833 33
Valentine, Ebenezer, coal.....	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	4 50

Vaux, Calvert, commissions.....Museum Nat'l His.	197 12
Vaux, Calvert, commissions.....Museum of Art..	325 00
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	\$9,388 50
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places	\$3,282 97
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	20 60
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	88 00
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1877.....	833 33
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	17 98
Museum National History.....	197 12
Museum of Art.....	325 00
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	4,623 50
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	\$9,388 50
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed,)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 SAM'L CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 6th, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks,

In account with James F. Wenman, Treasurer.

CR.

1878.
January 16. By balance \$38 04 \$38 04

DR.

January 16. To cash paid into City Treasury..... \$38 04 \$38 04

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, February 6, 1878.

9:30 A. M.

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

Department of Public Parks

In account with Smith E. Lane, Treasurer.

CR.

1878.
Jan. 17th to }
Feb. 6th } By cash received from permits and license.. \$85 00 \$85 00

DR.

Jan. 17th to }
Feb. 6th } To cash paid into City Treasury..... \$85 00 \$85 00

(Signed,)

S. E. LANE,

Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, February 6, 1878.

9.30 A. M.

Treasurers' Accounts.

Commissioner CONOVER, the Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes, viz. :

The Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, James F. Wenman, Esq., up to and including January 16, 1878,

respectfully reports that he has examined and audited said accounts, and finds the same correct, and there is no balance to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, all the moneys received having been paid into the City Treasury.
(Signed,) SAML. CONOVER,
Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, January 30th, 1878.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 530.)

Laborers on Maintenance.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had directed that all the laborers employed on Maintenance of the Parks be kept on full time during the late snow storm, and until all the walks of the City Parks are properly cleared from snow and ice.

(Minutes, October 31, 1877, p. 375.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the action of the President be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Riverside Avenue.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the penalties for the non-completion of the work of constructing Riverside Avenue on or before October 31, 1877, the time stipulated in the contract, be, and hereby are, remitted up to the first day of February, 1878.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, 531.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Riverside Avenue.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Franklin, Assistant Surveyor, be, and hereby is, detailed for the purpose of examining and reporting to the Board, the condition of the work on Riverside Avenue; the amount earned by the contractors under the terms of their contract, and the amount paid to them.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Bond of Disbursing Clerk.

The PRESIDENT presented a copy of a form of bond for \$20,000, which the Finance Department had prepared for the Disbursing Clerk to have executed and filed in that Department, and he moved that the Board do approve of the form and amount of said bond.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the President be requested to examine and report whether the order of the Board of January 5th, 1878, suspending all work, and discharging all employés, with certain exceptions, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, has been complied with.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 498.)

Adopted.

Parks.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President cause a careful examination and report to be made of the condition of the Parks under the control of this Department at the time of the discontinuance of the Bureau of Design and Superintendence, for the information of the Board.

Adopted.

Police Uniform Caps.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to Mr. C. Knox for eighty uniform caps for the police force, of the pattern made by Mr. Knox, similar to those heretofore in use, and at a price not exceeding \$1.75 each.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

L. Flock.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That patrolman Lewis Flock be, and hereby is, promoted and appointed to the position of Sergeant of police.

(Minutes, September 20, 1876, p. 298)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

H. F. Liebenau.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That patrolman Henry F. Liebenau be and hereby

is, promoted and appointed to the position of Sergeant of police.

(Minutes, September 20, 1876, p. 298.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:45 o'clock, A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.
“ WETMORE,
“ CONOVER,
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th inst. were read and approved.

Riverside Avenue.

On motion of Commissioner WETMORE, the order of business was suspended, and Mr. N. H. Decker, one of the contractors for the construction and improvement of Riverside Avenue was received; also Mr. A. J. Vanderpoel, his counsel, and Mr. J. C. Aldrich, the Superintending Engineer on said work.

Mr. Vanderpoel then addressed the Board, and claimed on behalf of Messrs. Decker & Quintard, the contractors, that the estimates of the Superintending Engineer were not made for the full amount of the work done, and that the contractors are now justly entitled to about \$45,000 more than the amount they have been paid.

He also claimed that the Superintending Engineer required the contractors to build the retaining wall in a much more expensive manner than the specifications and plans call for.

The PRESIDENT then presented and read a report from the Superintending Engineer on said work, giving in detail the approximate quantities of work done up to January 1st, 1878, the approximate quantities of work remaining to be done, and the total approximate amount when the work is completed.

The PRESIDENT also presented and read a communication from Mr. Thomas Franklin, Assistant Surveyor, stating that he would require the assistance of some of the Engineers employed on said work, and also access to all notes, papers, calculations, &c., connected with the work, to enable him to make the report directed by the Board on the 6th instant.

The gentlemen present then retired, and

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintending Engineer on the construction and improvement of Riverside Avenue be, and hereby is, directed to afford Mr. Thomas Franklin every assistance in his power in making up his report upon said work, that he shall place at his disposal and under his direction for said purpose any of the employés on said work, whom he shall require to assist him, and that he shall give him free access to all papers, maps, documents and figures in relation to said work.

(Minutes, Feb. 6, 1878, p. 591.)

Adopted.

The order of business was then resumed, and the following communications were presented and read :

Drainage of lands near George Street, 23d Ward.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 26th November, 1877, viz. :—

Resolved, That the preamble, resolution and ordinance approved by the Mayor, May 18, 1877, providing for draining the lands bounded by George Street on the north, Union Avenue and White's Lane on the east, Delmonico and Concord Avenues on the west, and thence southerly to Long Island Sound, be drained by other means than by sewers, as provided in Chapter 566, Laws of 1871, as amended by Chapter 549, Laws of 1875 be, and is hereby, amended as recommended by the Commissioner of Public Works, by striking out the words "Commissioner of Public Works," wherever they occur in the resolution and ordinance, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Department of Public Parks," so that said resolution and ordinance, when so amended, shall read as follows:—

Resolved, That the lands bounded by George Street on the north, Union Avenue and White's Lane on the east, Delmonico and Concord Avenues on the west, and thence southerly to Long Island Sound, be drained by other means than by sewers, as provided in Chapter 566, Laws of 1871, as amended by Chapter 549, Laws of 1875, under the direction of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Civil and Topographical Engineer be directed to prepare and submit to the Board plans and specifications to carry out the work directed by said resolution.

Adopted.

Maintenance, &c., of Parks, &c., 1877. Transfer.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that he is in receipt of a voucher for \$833.33 for rent of the offices of the Department to December 31st, 1877, and payable from the appropriation for 1877 for Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, but that the balance of this appropriation remaining unexpended is only \$443.02.

Commissioner LANE then offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to transfer the balance remaining unexpended on the books of the Finance Department of the appropriation for the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, for 1877, for which purpose it is not required, to the appropriation for the "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places" for 1877, which is insufficient.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

John T. Maher.

From the Police Department, informing the Department that

a certificate has been granted to John T. Maher, as Engineer of the steam boilers and pump at the Museum of Art building.

(Minutes, Dec. 19, 1877, p. 450.)

Filed.

Assessments.

From the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, notifying the Department that an assessment of \$835.95 has been made on the property of the City for the regulation, &c., of the Eastern Boulevard from Seventy-ninth to Eighty-sixth Street.

Filed.

Swedish School House.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the cost of the Swedish School House, and of erecting it, up to January 26th, 1878, is \$5,593.89; that the estimate cost to complete the building is \$1,535.00, and to complete new walks and adjacent grounds near the building, \$550.00, making a total cost of \$7,678.89.

(Minutes, Feb. 6, 1878, p. 581.)

Commissioner LANE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be instructed to proceed with the completion of said Swedish School House in as economical a manner as practicable.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, stating that the lions placed on exhibition in the menagerie, by Mr. John H. Van Vallen, had been exhibited since October 18, 1875; that the Department furnished the food for them each alternate month, until March, 1876, since which time, by order of the Board,

the Department has not furnished any food for them ; that the cost to feed them is \$7.20 per week ; that they are a fine pair of lions, and likely to remain on exhibition for some time.

(Minutes, November 7, 1877, p. 388.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the previous order of the Board be adhered to, and that no food be supplied by the Department for animals, etc., placed on exhibition, but which do not belong to the Department.

(Minutes, March 8, 1876, p. 664.)

Adopted.

Bridge at 161st Street over Harlem Railroad.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that, as instructed by the President, he had examined the bridge over the Harlem Railroad at One Hundred and Sixty-first Street, in the Twenty-third Ward ; that although it is not dangerous, yet it is in a very bad condition, owing to the washing of the surface of the approach to it in consequence of the steepness of the grade, and he recommends that the approach be surfaced with gravel or screenings, well rolled, from Courtland Avenue to the bridge, and that the street west of the bridge be gravelled and drained by ditches.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communication be referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report the estimate cost of the repairs recommended.

Adopted.

Third Avenue.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the carriage way on the line of the sewer recently constructed in Third Avenue from One Hundred and Forty-third to One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, is in a dangerous condition, and requires regrading and repaving.

Also that the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania & Fordham Railroad Company have not yet repaved the street within the lines of

their east track between One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

(Minutes, Sept. 19, 1877, p. 306.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. J. B. Devlin, the contractor for the construction of the sewer in Third Avenue, and the said Harlem Bridge, Morrisania & Fordham Railroad Company be notified to have the repairs to the said avenue and the repaving made.

Adopted.

H. F. Liebenau.

From Sergeant Liebenau, thanking the Commissioners for his promotion.

(Minutes, Feb. 6, 1878, p. 592.)

Filed.

Ice on the Pool and Loch in Central Park.

From Mr. Columbus Ryan, licensee for the sale of refreshments on Central Park, asking permission to take the ice from the Pool and Loch on Central Park.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the permission requested by Mr. C. Ryan be granted, on condition that the ice is removed under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and in a manner so as not to injure the trees or grass.

(Minutes, Jan. 31, 1877, p. 575.)

Adopted.

Telegraph Poles on 6th Avenue Parks and Madison Square.

From Mr. D. H. Bates, General Superintendent of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, requesting permission to replace, with new poles, one old telegraph pole on the sidewalk of the park at Broadway and Sixth Avenue, and four poles on the west side of Madison Square, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth streets.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the permission requested

be granted, on condition the work is performed under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks.

Adopted.

Neuchatel Asphalte Rock.

From Mr. Edward Van Orden, President of the Swiss Asphalte Rock Paving Company, asking that the asphalte rock, which the Department is to deliver to him, be delivered by the Department at East Nineteenth Street and the East River.

(Minutes, August 29, 1877, p. 251.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Van Orden be informed that the asphalte rock will be delivered on his order at the yard in Central Park, where it is stored.

Adopted.

Boston Road.

From Mr. John Kellen and five others, asking that the map of the old Boston Post Road, from One Hundred and Seventieth Street to West Farms village, be adopted as soon as practicable.

(Minutes, Oct. 25, 1876, p. 374.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Applications.

The following applications were received and ordered to be filed :

From Mr. Frederick Smyth and others, on behalf of Mr. James Connelly, for the position of foreman.

From Mr. Frederick Smyth, on behalf of Mr. Bernard Butter, for a position on the police force.

From Mr. Vincent C. King, on behalf of same.

From Mr. John Rader and Mr. Wm. O'Kelly, on behalf of taxpayers, that citizens and not communists be appointed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bouker, John A., broken stone.....	Maint., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877.....		\$6 49
Claffin, H. B. & Co., towelling.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		11 20
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$5 04	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	96	6 00
Early & Lane, brooms, matches, &c... Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$ 85 28 65	
	Museum of Art..	25	29 75
Forsyth, John, paving....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1877.....		100 00
Harlem Gas Light Company, meter, gas, January.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		47 84
Harlem Gas Light Company, gas, "Janu- ary.....	Harlem R. B., Rep. Impt., and M.....	\$39 50	
	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	69 12	108 62
Hoyt, J. B., & Co., belting.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....		72 45
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$172 50	
	Museum of Art..	225 00	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards...	4 50	402 00

Lefferts, Marshall, galvanized iron.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	\$23 36
Martin, I. M. C., & Sons, brushes.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	\$4 66
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	4 47
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Mahoney, R. J., stone flagging.....	Museum of Art...	15 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Company, gas,		
January.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	141 45
Metropolitan Gas Light Company, meter,		
gas, January.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P... ..	73 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, tin and urinals	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	28 62
Mullane, John, hay, oats, corn, &c.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	618 01
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Company, gas,		
January.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	298 45
N. Y. Gas Light Company, gas, January.	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	328 00
Noonan, Michael, constructing drains...	Drainage District	
	24th Ward,	
	bound by Ford-	
	ham and Pel-	
	ham aves., &c.	1,337 61
O'Donnell, John, milk.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	9 44
Reeves, Robert C., canary seed.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	6 50
Rogers, H. A., bolts, locks, &c.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	\$99 31
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.....	16 00
	Harlem R. B.,	
	Reps., Impt. and	
	M.....	4 50
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Shaw & Venn, painting.....	Mus. Natl. History	\$12 31
Smith, Elward, carpenter work.....	Mus. Natl. History	110 00
Smith, F. W., tiling.....	Museum of Art....	4,400 00
Scott, D., fish.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. & P.....	12 09
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. & P.....	58 96
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	8 74
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		\$8,394 83
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,044 94
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.	118 26
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	4 50
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	20 47
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877	106 49
Museum of Art.....	4,640 25
Museum of Natural History.....	122 31
Drainage District 24th Ward, bounded by Fordham and Pelham Aves, etc.....	1,337 61
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	\$8,394 83
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-three hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighty-three cents.

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAM'L. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 13th, 1878.

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

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Police Station.

The President, to whom was referred the subject of having telegraphic connection made between the Police Station and the Nineteenth Precinct, verbally reported that the nearest Precinct Station House was the Twenty-eighth, and he presented an estimate from the Police Department of the cost of the work at \$287.10, and also a permission from the Fire Department to use the poles of that Department for the purpose.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Police Department be requested to make the connection with the Twenty-eighth Precinct Station House, and that the Department pay one-half the expense of the work.

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 549)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards. Steam Roller.

The President, to whom it was referred, verbally reported that all the property of the Department in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards was in good condition ; that the steam roller had been returned to the Department of Public Works, and that the order of the Board of January 5th, 1878, had been complied with.

(Minutes, December 6, 1876, p. 454, and February 6, 1878, p. 591).

Laboring Force.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to suspend such laborers (skilled or otherwise) as can be best dispensed with without detriment to the Department, and those remaining be placed on full time.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Police Force.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to employ a competent doctor to make a thorough examination of the physical condition of the Police force of the Department for the information of the Board, and that he be authorized to incur an expense for such purpose not exceeding \$50.

(Minutes, December 19, 1877, p. 455.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Police Force.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That until further order, the Captain of Police be directed to distribute the night and day duty equally among all the patrolmen.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 532.)

Adopted.

Lewis Flock.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Sergeant Lewis Flock be detailed to act as a

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detective in citizen's clothes, and that a patrolman be detailed to act as Sergeant in his place, without increase of pay.

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 543.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M. to meet on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Geological Collection from Mount Gothard Tunnel,

From his Honor the Mayor, forwarding a communication from Hon. F. W. Seward, Assistant Secretary of State, U. S., enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. H. Erni, United States Consul at Basle, Switzerland, stating that on request of the United States Government to the High Federal Council at Berne, Switzerland, the whole geological series of rocks collected at Mount Gothard Tunnel, will be presented to the Museum in Central Park.

Referred to the President.

Snow and Ice on Side-walks of Parks.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following preambles and resolutions, which were approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the the 15th instant, viz. :

Whereas, This City was mulcted, a few weeks ago, about \$7,000 in costs and damages, in a suit by one of its citizens having fallen because the owner or occupant failed to have some ice cleaned off of the sidewalk in front of his premises; and

Whereas, The police on this case had reported the owner several times for neglect, and have also reported within the last four days several thousand of our citizens for failing to remove snow and ice, or to ash or sand the same; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Park Department have neglected to clean the walks around, through, and across the parks in this City, in violation of the City ordinance, thereby showing their incompetency for the position, and a disregard for their oath of office, and also laying the City liable to be mulcted in damages for accidents to its citizens and others; and further showing their incompetency by having the snow, where shoveled, thrown into the streets, causing the Street Cleaning Bureau to cart it away, at the cost of several hundred dollars, when it is a well-known fact that snow shoveled on the grass would be a great benefit to the same; such facts clearly showing that the Commissioners have no knowledge of agriculture, horticulture, or economy in looking after the City's interest; and

Whereas, The Department at this time has a full year's appropriation for the care and maintenance of the Parks, and thousands of laborers are now out of employment and would be glad to get work for a single day, and the ordinance for cleaning snow and ice away applies to the City, in the care of its Parks, just as much as it does to its citizens for the care of their side-walks; and Section 23, Subdivision 4, of the Charter of 1873, defines the duty of the Mayor as follows: "To be vigilant and active in causing the ordinances of the City and laws of the State to be executed and enforced;" and.

Whereas, Section 25 of the Charter gives his Honor full power to remove, and Sections 94 and 95 define the duty and oath of every Commissioner;

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That hereafter all snow and ice be removed by the Park Department, the same as by the citizens, and the snow from all Park walks be shoveled on to the grass plots, not only as a benefit to the same, but as a matter of economy to the tax-payer.

Filed.

Wm. M. Smith.

From the Police Department, notifying the Department that Mr. Wm. M. Smith, Steam Engineer, had been granted a certificate to take charge of the engine and steam boiler at the Museum of Art Building.

(Minutes, December 12, 1877, p. 440.)

Filed.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards. Central District.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, again submitting the proposed map for laying out the Central District of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, lying east of Jerome Avenue, and west of Third Avenue and Harlem Railroad, and extending from One Hundred and Sixty-first Street

to Woodlawn Cemetery, with certain modifications to meet suggestions from property owners.

Also from Mr. H. H. Dundon, withdrawing his objections to said map as modified.

Also from Mr. Samuel R. Filley, President, and Mr. D. B. Frisbee, Secretary of the North Side Association, forwarding a copy of the following preambles and resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of said association on the 16th instant, viz. :

Whereas, Much complaint is expressed at the delay incident to the completion of the survey and maps for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards which have so long been in progress; and

Whereas, The map for that portion of the district bounded on the west by Jerome Avenue, on the east by Third and Berrian Avenues, on the north by Woodlawn Cemetery, and on the south by One Hundred and Sixty-first Street, and known as the Central District, has been completed, and only awaits the action of the Department of Public Parks for its adoption; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Executive Committee of the Northside Association, in response to the general desire to have all the work completed and established, respectfully urge the Department of Public Parks to approve of the map of the Central District as now presented by the engineers, believing, first, that it is a well designed and carefully considered work; and second, that it meets the approbation of the large majority of all persons interested in the work.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be, and they are hereby, instructed to forward to the Department of Public Parks a certified copy of the foregoing preambles and resolutions.

Mr. L. A. Rockwell and Mr. H. E. Droz, a committee from the Central Association of Tremont, were then received, and stated that they still objected to the proposed change of Railroad Avenue, the closing of Myrtle Avenue and the laying out of a new avenue between Railroad Avenue and Washington Avenue, as shown on said map.

They then retired, and

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications and the subject of said map be laid over until the next meeting.

(Minutes, Dec'r 19, 1877, p. 4:2.)

Adopted.

Bridge at 161st Street, over Harlem Railroad.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that to repair

the approaches to the Bridge at One Hundred and Sixty-first Street, over the Harlem Railroad, as recommended by the Civil and Topographical Engineer, would cost from \$600 to \$700.

(Minutes, Feb'y 13, 1878, p. 599.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the approaches to said bridge levelled, and the holes and unevenness in the road filled up.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Boston Road.

From Mr. John H. Keller and five other owners of property and taxpayers, asking that the map of the old Boston Post Road, from Union Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, to Locust Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, be adopted and confirmed.

(Minutes, Feb. 13, 1878, p. 601.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Applications.

The following applications were received and ordered to be filed, viz.:

From Mr. E. C. Morrison, for the position of Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From Mr. Morris Wilkins and forty other gentlemen, on behalf of Mr. E. C. Morrison, for said position.

From Mr. Daniel Valentine and twenty other gentlemen, on behalf of Mr. E. C. Morrison, for said position.

From Mr. William Cauldwell and six other gentlemen, formerly members of the Board of Trustees of Morrisania, in behalf of Mr. E. C. Morrison, for said position.

From Mr. John Cassin, for the position of Blacksmith's Helper. This application is endorsed by Mr. John J. Gorman and seventeen other gentlemen.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Am. Dist. Telg. Co. rent and services...	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P...		\$15 25
American Clock Co., clock.....	Museum of Art...		6 00
Arnold, D. P., meat and vegetables.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		265 50
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Harlem R. B. Rep.		
	Impt., & Maint.		46 67
Harmer, Hays & Co., carriage mate- rials.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		8 50
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$81 00	
	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards..		9 00
			<hr/> 90 00
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brush.....	Museum of Art...		1 00
Mounts, H. R. Son, brushes.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		24 50
Mulcahy & Hopkins, angle iron.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		7 56
Mulholland, P., labor and materials.....	Mott Ave., 138th and 144th St. sewers.....		1,185 63
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		41 20
Rogers, H. A., files, scoops, scissors, &c.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$50 35	
	Museum of Art...		50
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Seaman, John A., paint, varnish and glue	City Parks Impt. F. Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$11 50 12 40	
			\$23 90
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum of Nat. History.....		575 30
			<u>\$2,291 86</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....		\$506 26	
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....		46 67	
City Parks Improvement Fund.....		11 50	
Surveying, Laying-out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....		9 00	
Museum of Natural History.....		575 30	
Museum of Art.....		7 50	
Mott Avenue, 138th Street and 144th Street sewers.....		1,135 63	
			<u>\$2,291 86</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred ninety-one dollars and eighty six cents.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAM'L CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February, 20, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

Smith E. Lane, Treasurer.

1878.	CR.		
Feb. 6 to 20.	By cash received from permits, pound, and sundry receipts.....	\$23 00	
		\$23 00	
	DR.		
Feb. 6 to 20.	To cash paid into the City Treasury.....	\$20 00	
“ “	“ balance on hand.....	3 00	
		\$23 00	
		\$23 00	

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, Feb. 20th, 1878,

9:30 A. M.

Maintenance of the Parks.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report upon the expense of the maintenance of the parks during 1878, which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,

NEW YORK, Feb. 20th, 1878.

To the Board of Commissioners :

Gentlemen,—I present herewith a statement of expenses (actual and estimated) for the current year, chargeable to Maintenance Account, from which it will be seen that an immediate readjustment of the force and wages is necessary in order to keep within the limits of our reduced appropriations.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

President.

With the present force of laborers on full time, the cost per month, for maintenance only, is.	\$8,855 00	
Amounting for the year to the sum of.		\$106,260 00
During the summer months at least 25 additional laborers will be required for mowing, &c. ; 25 men for 5 months will amount to.		5,000 00
Estimated supplies for 1878 are as follows :		
Coal.	1,500 00	

Gas.....	\$13,000 00	
Gravel.....	5,000 00	
Feed for horses and animals.....	7,000 00	
Materials.....	2,500 00	
Office rent.....	2,500 00	
Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00	\$32,500 00
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		\$143,760 00
Amount allowed by Board of Apportionment for the year 1878, for maintenance.....		140,000 00
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Leaving a deficiency of.....		\$3,760 00
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I recommend the following disposition of the force in order to bring ourselves within the appropriation:

1st. That the Department reduce the force on the laborers' roll to the lowest possible minimum during the season that the weather is unfavorable for work, by discharging such help as can be dispensed with without detriment to the Department.

2d. That all laborers detailed for special duty, and chargeable to maintenance, that can be dispensed with, be discharged.

3d. That all laborers acting as toolmen be placed on active duty.

4th. That the wages of all laborers acting as attendants in the urinals, museums, &c., &c., and the ladies' maids within cottages, be reduced.

5th. That the pay of the General Foreman, foremen, gardeners, and all skilled artisans, be reduced.

Parade Ground in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that a bill had been introduced in the Legislature to authorize the military to occupy such portion of any of the public parks as the Board of Aldermen shall direct, as a parade ground.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The use of any portion of Central Park as a parade ground by the military, would be subversive of the purposes for which the Park was constructed, and would be most injurious and detrimental to it, and to the enjoyment of it by the people; therefore,

Resolved, That the President be requested to prepare a suitable remonstrance from the Department against the passage of any bill authorizing such a use of the Central Park, or any portion of it.

(Minutes, March 7, 1877, p. 667.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Central Bridge.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had directed the Superintendent of Parks to return all laborers working at Central Bridge to their gangs, and he moved that his action be approved.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 116.)

Adopted.

Screened Gravel.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for screened gravel for the parks, not exceeding in value \$1,000.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

W. L. Fischer.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. L. Fischer, foreman of gardeners, be, and hereby is, discharged from and after the first day of March, 1878, and that he remove from the Central Park on or before that day.

(Minutes, January 20, 1877, p. 553.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Sewer in Third Ave. and 143d St.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment list for, and the statement of the amount and cost of the work of, constructing the sewer in Third Avenue and One hundred and forty-third Street, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the assessment-list for the work of constructing a sewer, with its appurtenances, in One hundred and forty-third Street, from a point seventy-five feet west of Third Avenue to said Avenue, and in Third Avenue from One hundred and forty-third Street to One hundred and forty-sixth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, and also the statement of the amount and cost of the work, be approved and signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, Oct. 31, 1877, p. 370.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Receiving Basin at Lincoln Avenue and 135th St.

The PRESIDENT presented the assessment-list for, and the statement of the amount and cost of, the work of constructing a receiving basin at the northeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-fifth Street, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the assessment-list for the work of constructing a receiving basin and sewer connection at Lincoln Avenue and One hundred and thirty-fifth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, and also the statement of the amount and cost of the work, be approved and signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

(Minutes, Nov. 21, 1877, p. 398.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Denman Place

The PRESIDENT stated that the work of regulating and grading Denman Place, in the Twenty-third Ward, was completed by the contractors on the 27th August, 1874, but that owing to an injunction issued by the Supreme Court, the certificate for the cost of the work was not issued until the 13th September, 1877. That the contractors consider themselves entitled to interest on the amount from the completion of the contract, but that the Comptroller refuses to pay interest, as the certificate issued does not state the date of the completion of the work.

He then moved that a certificate, stating the date of the completion of the work, be signed by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Finance Department.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 276.)

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12 o'clock, M., to meet on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9:15 O'CLOCK, A.M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th inst. were read and approved.

Zoological Gardens :

On motion of the President, the order of business was suspended, and Messrs. James M. Constable, Hugh Auchinclos and Albert S. Bickmore, a Committee from the “American Zoological and Botanical Garden Company Limited,” were received.

They presented a draft bill to authorize the Department to set apart and appropriate the portion of Central Park between the drive-way on the westerly side of the Park and Eighth Avenue, and extending from Ninety-sixth Street to One Hundred and Tenth Street, for the purposes of a Zoological and Botanical Garden, and to make a contract with said “American Zoological and Botanical Garden Company Limited,” for the establishment and conducting of said garden.

They also presented memoranda, stating the principal heads of such a contract as they would be prepared to make with the Department, should the bill be passed by the Legislature.

The following is a copy of said memoranda, viz. :

MEMORANDA.

1. Capital not to be less than \$200,000, to be disbursed during the first three years.
2. Admission.—Sundays free. Saturdays free to the pupils of the public schools when visiting in a body under the care of their teachers—one day, 50 cents; other days, 25 cents.
3. Receipts to be applied, 1st. To maintenance; 2d. To interest at 7 per cent. on stock and bonds paid for; 3d. The surplus, if any, to be devoted to the purchase of more animals, the improvement of the grounds or reduction of admission.
4. The City is not to be at any expense, either for the construction or maintenance of said gardens, except furnishing policemen to preserve order.
5. The City authorities to have the right to investigate the accounts of the Corporation.
6. The City to have the right to re-enter into possession of the grounds upon reimbursing the amount of moneys actually contributed by stock and bondholders.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 502.)

They requested that the Department would forward the bill to the Legislature with a recommendation for its passage.

They then retired.

The order of business was then resumed, and the following communications were presented and read :

Denman Place.

From the Comptroller of the City as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 February 23d, 1878. }

HON. JAMES F. WENMAN,

President Dept. Parks :

SIR,—Certificate No. 12, issued by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, 13th September, 1877, in pursuance of Section 7, Chapter 329, Laws 1874, certifying that there is due to Henry Schmidt and Frank Beck, Assignees of J. Finnegan, \$3,564.57, has been presented to this Department for payment. Under the provisions of the law above referred to, the Commissioners of the Department of Parks are required, after having approved the Certificate of the Engineer, to deliver to the contractor certificates in which they shall state the amounts due according to the terms of their several contracts.

The contractor was entitled to interest from the time of the completion of the work, and the certificate should have been issued for the amount earned under the contract, with interest added to date of issue.

The assessment provides for the interest, and the holders of the certificate are justly entitled to it, but this Department can pay the amount of the certificate as issued by your Department, with interest added, only from the date of the issue,

On the 18th of September, 1877, there was due \$4,327.43, instead of \$3,564.57, as certified, and should the holders of the Certificate bring suit, the City would have no valid defense.

I am of the opinion that the Department of Parks should correct what is an apparent error, and enable the payment to be made in accordance with the assessment.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

Endorsed on said communication is the following, from the Counsel to the Corporation :

I respectfully recommend that the suggestions of the Comptroller, contained in the above letter, be complied with, and that, upon the surrender of the former certificate, a new certificate be issued with interest added to the date of the assessment laid, pursuant to Section 7, of Chapter 329, of the laws of 1874.

(Signed)

WM. C. WHITNEY.

Counsel to the Corporation.

February 26, 1878.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the request of the Comptroller be complied with, and that on the surrender of the certificate heretofore issued, a new certificate be issued, including interest.

(Minutes, Sept. 12, 1876, p. 276.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Steam Roller.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, stating that the steam roller which this Department borrowed from the Department of Public Works, in December, 1876, had been returned in an unsatisfactory condition, and asking that this Department would have it properly repaired and restored.

(Minutes, February 13, 1878, p. 605.)

Referred to the President.

H. B. Dodworth.

From the Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which had been adopted by that Board on the 19th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and eighty-four dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets under Police Department" for 1875, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places" for 1873, the same being insufficient.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 520.)

Filed.

Museum of Art. Boilers.

From the Police Department, certifying to the inspection of the two boilers in the Museum of Art.

Filed.

Boston Road.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the applications of owners of property to have the map of Boston Road adopted, and submitting a map of that road from Third Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward to Locust Avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

(Minutes, February 20, 1878, p. 612.)

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out, establish and designate as a road of the first class, the Boston Road, from Third Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward, to Locust Avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward, of the width, extent and direction that the same is shown by red lines, figures and color on a map or plan entitled "Plan of the Boston Road in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards," dated "New York, February 25th, 1878," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer," the same being such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them seem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said road to be

surveyed and designated by proper monuments where it is not already so designated, and also cause three similar maps or plans of the same to be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

C. R. Schott.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding an application from Mr. C. R. Schott, Division Engineer for an extension of leave for one month.

(Minutes, January 30, 1878, p. 564.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that Mr. C. R. Schott, Division Engineer, be granted leave of absence until April 1st, 1878, without pay.

Adopted.

Arthur Krause.

From the Superintending Architect, forwarding the resignation of Mr. Arthur Krause, draughtsmen, to take effect on the 25th inst.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 493.)

Accepted.

Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. Thomas Franklin, Assistant Surveyor, reporting the amount earned and paid to the contractors for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue up to the Twenty-sixth inst.

(Minutes, February 13, 1878, p. 596.)

Laid over.

Riverside Avenue.

From Messrs. Decker and Quintard, contractors for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, requesting that a supplementary agreement be made with them without delay, upon such terms as to price as shall be agreed upon, for building abutments and piers for the trestle work.

(Minutes, October 24, 1877, p. 358.)

Laid over.

Bronx River Road.

From Mr. William A. Booth, Trustee, and three other owners of property fronting on the road know as Bronx River Road in the Twenty-fourth Ward, requesting that proceedings be commenced to acquire the title thereto, from Woodlawn Station on the Harlem Railroad and Grand Avenue to the north line of the City.

(Minutes, July 18, 1877, p. 166.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized and requested to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring the title to the road or street commonly known as Bronx River Road in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city, and extending from Woodlawn Station on the New York and Harlem Railroad and Grand Avenue, to the north line of the City of New York, as same has been heretofore laid out by this Department, as a first class road or 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,
—4.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. R. L. Stuart, President of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the men now employed in

the Arsenal building and paid from the fund for the maintenance of Museums, be not charged to that fund in the future as they are now of very little service.

Referred to the President.

Mount St. Vincent.

From Mr. C. Ryan, licensee for the sale of refreshments on Central Park, requesting that a boiler now at the workshops in Central Park, be allowed to be placed in the basement at Mount St. Vincent for the purpose of heating the building by steam, and that if permission is so given, he will provide another similar boiler and do the whole work for the sum of \$500 to be credited to him on account of his license fees.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 524.)

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report.

F. L. Olmsted.

From Mr. F. L. Olmsted, asking for an extension of leave of absence.

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 556.)

Filed.

Casper Antes.

From Gate-keeper Casper Antes, applying to be promoted.
Filed.

Waldron Young.

From Skilled laborer Waldron Young, asking for an increase of pay.

Filed.

W. L. Fischer.

From Wm. L. Fischer, Foreman of Gardeners, requesting to be allowed to remain in the house on Central Park which he occupies, until April 1st, 1878.

(Minutes, February 1st, 1878, p. 617.)

Commissioner LANE moved that Mr. W. L. Fischer be allowed to remain in said house until the 15th day of March, 1878.

Adopted.

Applications.

The following applications were received and ordered to be filed :

- From Mr. John Wheeler, on behalf of Mr. James McKiever, for a position as foreman.
 From Mr. Henry A. Gumbleton, on behalf of same.
 From Mr. Hiram R. Dater, on behalf of Mr. Nicholas Sheridan, for a position on the police force.
 From Mr. Jonathan Edwards, on behalf of same.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		\$25 00
Gardner & Co., seats.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		1 80
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe, &c....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. & P.....		15 33
Kelso Bros., coal.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	\$17 10	
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Imp. &		
	Maint.....	90	
			18 00
Lawrence, F. W., concrete paving.....	Museum of Art...		1,370 00
Mott, J. L. Iron Works, zinc and iron...	Museum of Art...		21 62
Poillon, C. & R., timber.....	Harlem River B.		
	Impt. & Maint..	\$160 78	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	30 21	
			190 99
Reeves, Robert C., dried peas.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		3 00

Rogen, H. A., bolts and keys.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.		\$10 56
Seaman, John A., paints, turpentine, and hardware.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$52 80	
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	14 90	
		<hr/>	67 70
Smith, Elward, materials and labor....	Museum of Nat.		
	History.....		295 00
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			<u>\$2,019 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places,	\$155 80
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.	161 68
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	14 90
Museum of Art.....	1,391 62
Museum Natural History.....	295 00
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	<u>\$2,019 00</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and nineteen dollars.

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, February 27th, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Police Force.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had employed Dr. E. T. T. Marsh to make the physical examination of the police

force, as requested by the Board, and presented the report of Dr. Marsh.

(Minutes, February 13, 1878, p. 606.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said report be accepted, and that it be referred to the Special Committee on Police, consisting of the President, and Commissioner Conover, to examine and report upon.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 493.)

Adopted.

Offices.

The PRESIDENT, to whom it was referred to examine and report upon the subject of offices for the Department, verbally reported that the New York Mutual Gas Light Company offered to make an extension at the rear of the offices now occupied by the Department, and to give the Department a lease for five years from May 1, 1878, at the rate of \$2,500 per annum. That he had consulted the Counsel to the Corporation as to the authority of the Department to take a lease for that length of time, and he had received the following reply, viz. :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, February 20, 1878.

HON. JAMES F. WENMAN,

President Department Public Parks :

Sir,—I duly received your communication of the 7th inst., in which you state that the lease of the offices occupied by the Park Department, at 36 Union Square, will expire on the 1st day of May next; that such lease was made for five years from May 1, 1873, at a rate of six thousand dollars for the first year and five thousand dollars for each of the succeeding years; that the Department is desirous to remain in the same offices, and the landlord, the New York Mutual Gas Light Company, has offered to make certain improvements in the offices, and to give a lease of them for five years from May 1, 1878, at twenty-five hundred dollars per year. You request my opinion, therefore, whether the Park Department has the power and authority to conclude and execute a lease of the offices for its use upon the above terms, which shall be binding upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Section 89 of the Charter of 1873 contains, among other provisions, the following :

“No expense shall be incurred by any of the Departments, Boards, or officers thereof, unless an appropriation shall have been previously made covering such expense.”

No appropriation has been made out of which the rent of offices for the Park Department can be paid, except for the present year, and I am therefore constrained to advise you that the Park Department has no authority to take a lease of the offices in question for a period of five years. The only way in which the

Department, under existing laws, could make such a lease would be to obtain authority therefor from the Common Council.

To prevent misapprehension, it is proper for me to add that the lease referred to in your letter, which is about to expire, of the premises now occupied by the Park Department was made before the passage of the Charter of 1873. A question as to the validity of that lease was raised by the late Comptroller, Mr. Green, and was submitted to this Department for my opinion thereon. On examination it seemed to me that, as the powers formerly possessed by the Commissioners of the Central Park were conferred, without limitation, upon the Department of Parks created by the Charter of 1870, such Department had the right to make such lease. Whether this view was correct or not, it seems very clear that under the present Charter the Park Department has no right to make a lease for five years.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
(Signed)

WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, January 16, 1878, p. 528.)

Commissioner CONOVER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved,—That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to make an agreement with the New York Mutual Gas Light Company for the premises now occupied by the Department, from May 1st to December 31st, 1878, both days included, at a rent not exceeding the rate of \$2,500 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Geological Collection from Mount Gothard Tunnel.

The PRESIDENT verbally reported that he had consulted with some of the officers of the American Museum of Natural History in relation to the Geological Collection from Mount Gothard Tunnel, which has been offered to the Department, and that he had been informed by them that the Collection would be very valuable, and that if the Department would place it on exhibition in the American Museum of Natural History when received, that association would pay any expenses incurred for freight, &c.

(Minutes, Feb. 20, 1878, p. 609.)

Commissioner LANE moved that the President be requested to forward an application for said Collection when he receives the written guarantee of the American Museum of Natural History to pay any expenses which may be incurred.

Adopted.

James C. Aldrich.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. James C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer on Riverside Avenue Construction, be, and hereby is, suspended; that it is proposed to remove him, and that he be allowed an opportunity to appear before the Board at its next meeting for a hearing, in accordance with the law.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 487.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Wages of Foremen, Laborers, &c.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pay of the undermentioned employés, and classes of employés, be fixed as follows, to take effect on March 3d, 1878, viz.:

General Foreman, C. B. Trimble.....	\$4 00	per day,
General Foreman, I. Jerome.....	4 00	" "
Foreman, E. H. Treadwell.....	4 00	" "
Foreman, John Meehan.....	4 00	" "
Mechanical Engineer, J. H. Van Riper.....	4 00	" "
All other Foremen.....	3 50	" "
Superintending Gardener.....	5 00	" "
Division Gardeners.....	2 00	" "
Gardeners.....	1 80	" "
Engineers on Steam Engines.....	2 50	" "
Masons.....	3 00	" "
Stone Cutters.....	3 00	" "
Cartmen.....	3 00	" "
Harness Makers.....	2 50	" "
Carpenters.....	2 50	" "
Painters.....	2 50	" "
Plumbers.....	2 50	" "
Skilled Blacksmiths.....	3 25	" "

Blacksmiths.....	\$2 75	per day]
Laborers employed in Cottages.....	1 25	" "
Ladies' Maids employed in Cottages.....	1 25	" "
John Watkins, Janitor.....	3 00	" "
Thomas Meehan, Janitor.....	2 00	" "
Laborers employed in Arsenal.....	1 25	" "
Laborers employed in Museums.....	1 25	" "
Laborers employed in Mount St. Vincent.....	1 25	" "
John Beckett, Messenger.....	1 60	" "
Henry Carpenter, Messenger.....	1 60	" "
John McLaughlin, Messenger (doing Clerk's duty).....	2 00	" "
James H. Hart, Messenger (doing Clerk's duty).....	2 50	" "
Laborers employed on Parks and Places.....	1 60	" "
Laborers employed in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	1 50	" "
Tobias Lyness, Skilled Laborer.....	2 25	" "
Peter Carroll, ".....	2 00	" "
John Reynolds, ".....	1 80	" "

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 12.30 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 6th day of March, 1878, at 9.15 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D.P.P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9.15 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 27th February, 1878, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read ;

Streets in 23d Ward.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of this Department to the condition of the street pavements in Third Avenue, between One hundred and forty-third and One hundred and forty-sixth Streets ; the Bridge over Mill Brook, at One hundred and fifty-sixth Street ; and the Culvert, at the street crossing of Courtland Avenue and One hundred and sixty-first Street.

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer to report.

Mt. St. Vincent.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the proposition of Mr. C. Ryan, to place boilers in the basement of Mt.

St. Vincent, in Central Park, and stating that the furnaces now used for heating that building are burned out, and it would be necessary to replace them within a year.

That the boiler now stored at the work shop has not been used for the past seven or eight years, and that the amount, viz., \$500, for which Mr. Ryan offers to supply a second boiler, and do all the work is a reasonable estimate.

(Minutes, Feb. 27, 1878, p. 627.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that permission be given to Mr. C. Ryan to place the unused boiler, now at the work shop, in the basement of Mt. St. Vincent building, on condition that he provides and places another and similar boiler there also and furnishes and puts up all the necessary heating pipes, connections and radiators, in the different rooms, and does all the carpenters', masons' and painters' work necessary for the job, under the direction and supervision of the Superintending Architect; and that he be then credited the sum of \$500 therefor, on account of his fees, payable under his license.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Manhattan Square.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the ground, inside the approaches to the Museum of Natural History, on Manhattan Square, needs to be finished and seeded, to prevent its being washed by rains, and stating that to do so it will require from 150 to 200 cubic yards of mould.

(Minutes, Sept. 12, 1877, p. 268.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to finish said ground, and seed it down at a cost not exceeding \$250.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Botanical Garden.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the order of business was suspended, and Messrs. George F. Betts, Samuel A. Strang, and James F. Ruggles, a committee from the "Trustees of the Botanical Garden of the City of New York," were received, and presented a memorial requesting permission to establish their Botanical Garden on the northern portion of Manhattan Square, Central Park, as provided by the terms of Chapter 199 of the Laws of 1877.

After the Committee were heard in support of their memorial, they retired.

(Minutes, February 27, 1878, p. 621.)

Commissioner LANE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved—That the memorial of the "Trustees of the Botanical Garden of the City of New York" be received, and the same referred to the Treasurer to report upon the application, and upon the proper form of a contract.

Adopted.

The order of business was then resumed, and the following communications were presented and read :

Engineering Force on Riverside Avenue.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that he is unable to prepare the pay-roll of the Engineers employed on Riverside Avenue, for the following reasons :

1. That Mr. Thomas H. Loomis, Assistant Engineer, who had signed a return of their time for the month of February, has not been authorized by the Board to make such return.
2. That he has not received the weekly returns called for by the rules of the Department.

3. That Mr. J. C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer, was suspended on the 27th February, 1878, and that consequently he cannot allow him time for the 28th February, 1878, as mentioned in the return signed by Mr. Loomis.

(Minutes, February 27th, 1878, p. 632.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas H. Loomis, Assistant Engineer, be, and hereby is, authorized to make and sign the weekly returns of time for the engineers employed on Riverside Avenue, up to and including the 27th day of February, 1878 ; that Mr. Thomas Franklin, Assistant Surveyor, be, and hereby is, placed in charge of the work on Riverside Avenue until further order, and that he make and sign the returns of time from and including the 28th day of February, 1878.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Jas. C. Aldrich,

From Mr. J. C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue improvement and construction, requesting to be informed of the cause of his proposed removal.

(Minutes, February 27, 1878, p. 632.)

Filed.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, stating it as his opinion, that Mr. Jas. C. Aldrich is not entitled to a hearing and notice of the cause of his proposed removal, as provided in the case of regular clerks and heads of bureaux, by Sec. 28, Chap. 335, of the Laws of 1873.

Filed.

James Lynch. Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, requesting authority to assign an inspector to duty on Brook Avenue sewer, in consequence of the resumption of the work.

(Minutes, January 2, 1878, p. 474.)

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That James Lynch be, and hereby is, appointed an Inspector on Brook Avenue sewer, and that his pay be fixed at \$4 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Map of Sewerage District in 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, submitting five similar maps of a sewerage district in the Twenty-third Ward, east of Courtland, Alexander and Willis Avenues.

(Minutes, December 26, 1877, p. 459.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the map or plan for the sewerage and drainage district in the Twenty-third Ward, lying east of Courtland Avenue, Alexander Avenue, and Willis Avenue, entitled "Plan of Drainage for Sewerage District, No. 33 A, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York," dated "New York, March 5th, 1878," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," be, and hereby is, approved ; that it be filed, and that similar maps or plans be filed in the following offices, viz. : The office of the Common Council, the office of the Comptroller of the City, the Health Department, and the Department of Public Works.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Streets, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that there is a pile of paving stones and sand belonging to the Department in the carriage-way at Third Avenue Bridge ; that

the receiving basin at the corner of the Southern Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue is choked, and that the Boston Road near the Third Avenue is badly gullied, and growing worse every day.

Filed.

Sewer in 144th Street.

From Mr. George C. Goeller, complaining that the contractor for the construction of the sewer in One hundred and forty-fourth street, allows the water drawn from the trench for said sewer, to flow over the side walk and the adjoining property, and that the street is rendered impassible for vehicles. Also mentioning some repairs which are needed to the streets in the Twenty-third Ward.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the complaint of Mr. Goeller, concerning the work on the sewer in One hundred and Forty-fourth street, and stating that in consequence of the contractor having struck a very wet and bad place in the excavation, it has sometimes occurred that the water had run on the side walk, but that no damage has been done to any property.

That of necessity the street is somewhat obstructed, but that there is no house on the street which cannot be reached by a wagon or a Fire Engine.

Filed.

Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. Wm. R. Martin, stating that he has been unable to draw up a report upon the various questions, relating to Riverside Avenue improvement, &c., which was satisfactory to the contractors; that since he left the Board the contractors have raised new questions; that for him to report upon such questions would seem to be going beyond the request made of

him, and that in the controversy that might ensue it would rather embarrass than aid the action of the Board.

(Minutes, February 6, 1878, p. 583.)

Filed.

Bath House at Battery.

From Mr. Isaac Hall, asking for a license to moor his bath at the Battery during the season of 1878.

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. Isaac Hall be granted a license to moor his bath outside of the wall of Battery Park, upon the same terms as last year, that his license fee be fixed at \$575, and that he (the President) be authorized to sign said license on behalf of the Department.

(Minutes, March 27, 1878, p. 710.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore Conover, Lane
—4.

Mineral Springs.

From Mr. Carl H. Schultz, licensee of the Mineral Springs, requesting the Department to authorize him to erect another building in Central Park for the sale of mineral waters in place of the one now used for that purpose, to cancel his present license, and grant him a license the fees payable under which would be fixed by the amount of business he did, and that the fees should be credited to him until he was repaid the cost of the building.

(Minutes, October 3, 1877, p. 326.)

Referred to Commissioner Lane to report upon.

T. J. O'Sullivan.

From Mr. T. J. O'Sullivan, draughtsman, who has been absent on account of sickness since the middle of November,

1877, asking to be paid for the portion of November of which he was absent, and also for December, 1877.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 593.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the application of Mr. O'Sullivan be refused.

Adopted.

Morse Statue.

From Mr. James D. Reid, requesting that the position of the Morse Statue be changed, or that the base on which the pedestal rests be raised one foot.

(Minutes, September 12, 1877, p. 281.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be instructed to have the base of said pedestal raised one foot and the grounds sloped up to it.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Road leading from Riverdale Avenue to Spuyten Duyvil Station.

From Mr. Hiram Barney and fifteen other owners of property, requesting that proceedings be taken to acquire the title to the land for the proposed parkway from the railway station at Spuyten Duyvil to Riverdale Avenue.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized and requested to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring the title to the road or street running from the Spuyten Duyvil Station on the Hudson River Railroad to Riverdale Avenue at or near the land and premises belonging to Hiram Barney as the same has been heretofore laid out by this Department, as a first-class road or 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Foot-ball.

From Mr. A. Shumway, Jr., and other students of the College of the City of New York, asking to be permitted to play foot-ball in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the application of Mr. Shumway, Jr., and others be refused, on the ground that it is contrary to the rules of the Department.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Baker, Smith & Co., material and labor..	Mus. Natl. Hist.,	\$190 00
Claffin, H. B. & Co., bleached muslin....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards....	11 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	City Parks Impt.F. Maint. & Govmt. P. & P.....	\$210 42 15 00
		<hr/> 225 42
Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards....	78 34
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line,	Maint. & Govmt. P. & P.....	62 50
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. & Govmt. P. & P.....	\$57 58
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 40
		<hr/> 61 98

Irwin, Wm., petty expenses	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	10 00
Kelso Bros., coal	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$81 00
	Surveying Lay- ing out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	9 00
	Museum of Art.	90 00
		<hr/> 180 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont. Treas., expenses, Mus. N. Hist.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	1,304 91
Marsh, E. T. T., M.D., services.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	50 00
Mount's, H. R. Sons, brushes.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	14 94
Reeves, Robt. C., mower parts.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	78 60
Rogers, H. A., hardware.	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.	\$21 50
	City Parks Impt. Fund.	6 60
		<hr/> 28 10
		<hr/> <hr/> \$2,295 79

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.	\$1,696 03
Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.	98 34
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards	4 40
City Parks Improvement Fund.	217 02
Museum of Natural History.	190 00
Museum of Art.	90 00
	<hr/> \$2,295 79

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-nine cents.

(Sigd.)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee,*

New York, March 6th, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Department of Public Parks in account with

Smith E. Lane, Treasurer.

Dr.

1878.			
Feby. 20.	By balance.....	\$3 00	
Feby. 20)	" cash received from permits, licenses pound, &c.....	\$279 79	----- \$282 79
to)			
March 6.)			

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Feby. 20)	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$33 00	----- \$282 79
to)			
March 6.)	" balance.....	249 79	----- \$282 79
March 9.)			

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, March 6, 1878.

9.30 A.M.

Police trial. John Smith.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, that he had investigated a charge preferred against Patrolman John Smith, of neglect of duty, in that he was conversing while on his beat, and that he

found the offence was of so slight a character, he recommended that the charge be dismissed.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the report be received, and the recommendation of the President adopted by the Board.

Adopted.

Steam Roller.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had the steam roller, which was returned to the Department of Public Works, examined by the Mechanical Engineer of the Department, who reported that it was in fair condition, except the wood work and glass, and that it could be repaired for a sum of about \$150. He then presented a letter from the Superintendent of Parks, enclosing the statement of the Mechanical Engineer.

(Minutes, Feby. 27, 1878, p. 623.)

Commissioner LANE moved that said report be received, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said steam roller repaired at a cost not exceeding \$150.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Police force.

The PRESIDENT, the chairman of the Special Committee on the Police force, presented the following report.

To the Board of Commissioners :

The Special Committee on Police, to whom was referred the subject of the late medical examination of the force, beg leave to report the following in connection therewith :

After a careful examination of the subject, they find that in order to put the force in a thoroughly effective condition it will be necessary to make many changes and dismissals.

Many of the men, by their long terms of faithful services in the Department (especially those who have received personal injuries while in active discharge of their duties) are entitled to favorable consideration by the Board ; to such we recommend the only positions in our gift, where these men can be placed to lighten their labor and be in the service of the Department, viz., toolmen, men's cottages and urinals.

We suggest the following changes :

James Valles, as toolman, in place of John Wright, returned to gang.
 Patrick Burns, as toolman, in place of Lylor Keating, returned to gang.
 Thomas Mulligan, as toolman, in place of Wm. Evans, returned to gang.
 John Culty, as toolman, in place of James Meehan, returned to gang.
 Wm. Birk, as toolman, in place of Pat Powers, returned to gang.

TO COTTAGES.

Wm. White, in place of Patrick Stafford, returned to gang.
 Francis Brannigan, in place of Michael Sheehan, returned to gang.
 Martin Philbin, in place of Wm. Conway, returned to gang.
 John Pye, in place of Patrick Marion, returned to gang.
 George P. Schaff, in place of Patrick Hines, returned to gang.

DISMISS.

Hugh Downey.
 Wm. Flanagan,
 James P. Larkins.
 Peter McCusker.
 Michael McLaughlin.
 John McGonigal.

Your committee would also recommend that the following be adopted as the "Regulation Standard" for all future appointments on the force, viz. :

Height, 5 feet 7 inches ; weight, 136 lbs. ; age, 35 years, maximum ; and that the Surgeon be instructed to reject all applicants who do not come up to the above requirements, and who are not in good physical condition. They also recommend the immediate fitting up of a room in the Arsenal as a gymnasium for the use of the members of the force.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN, } Committee.
 " SAM'L CONOVER, }

NEW YORK, March 6, 1878.

(Minutes, Feb. 27, 1878, p. 629.)

Commissioner LANE moved that the report of the Special Committee on the Police Force be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted, to take effect on a date hereafter to be determined.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Application of license fees.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Board on the 11th of July, 1877, directing the undermentioned licensees to undertake and furnish in lieu of cash payments for license fees certain work and supplies, namely :

Abel S. Clapp, Licensee of Carriage Service.
Isaac Hall, Licensee of Bath House at Battery.
Thos. S. Dick, Licensee of Boat Service.
J. J. Snow, Licensee of Pony Service.
John Lucas, Licensee of Donkey Service.

be, and hereby is, repealed and rescinded.

(Minutes, July 11, 1877, p. 151.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Grading Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized and requested to apply to the Common Council for an ordinance to regulate and grade Third Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward from Harlem River to One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street, upon the grade heretofore established by this Department ; and to grade and regulate so much of the streets intersecting said portion of the Third Avenue as shall be necessary to preserve and facilitate approach and access from such streets to and across said Third Avenue ; and also to take up and preserve the pavement, curb and gutter stones, bridge or crossing stones and the flag stones of the sidewalks on said portion of said avenue.

(Minutes, January 18, 1876, p. 542.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Tobias Lyness.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Tobias Lyness, skilled laborer, be and hereby is, appointed Steam Engineer.

(Minutes, February 27, 1878, p. 633.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Statue of Mazzini.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, referred to Commissioner Lane to examine and report a more appropriate site for the proposed bust of Mazzini, than that heretofore selected.

(Minutes, May 31, 1877, p. 80.)

Adopted.

Laborers for 23d and 24th Wards.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That eight laborers be appointed by the President for work on the maintenance of the roads, &c., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 498.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plan of the roads and walks leading to the Museum of Art, as submitted to the Board on the 17th day of October, 1877, be approved and adopted, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have said roads and walks constructed and completed at a cost not exceeding \$5,000.

(Minutes, October 17, 1877, p. 350.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover and Lane.
—4

Zoological Garden.

Commissioner LANE offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the application of the corporation known as the "American Zoological and Botanical Garden Company, limited," proposes to use a large, choice and valuable portion of the surface of the Central Park for private gain in the shape of dividends upon the capital they propose to invest in establishing a Zoological Garden, and also to subject a portion of the Central Park to charges for admission, in violation of the right of the people to have free access to every part of the Park,

Resolved, That the proposition of the said company be respectfully declined.

(Minutes February 27, 1878, p. 621.)

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 :

Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover and Lane.—4.

J. C. Aldrich.

Mr. J. C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue improvement, was then received, and allowed an opportunity to make an explanation in reference to his proposed removal, and after being heard he retired.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 638.)

Commissioner LANE then offered the following preambles and resolution :

Whereas, differences have arisen between the contractors for Riverside Avenue and the Department in reference to the execution of the work, and the contractors have claimed that the Engineer of the Department has required them to do work that has not been called for by the Department; and

Whereas, under these differences, the contractors, since October, 1877, have gradually reduced their working force, so that the work is now practically suspended; and

Whereas, the contractors claim that the Engineer has made mistakes in their estimates, and has given them smaller payments than they are justly entitled to, and require that these deficiencies of payments should be made up before they proceed with their work,

Resolved, That it be referred to the President to investigate and report in writing upon the foregoing matters, and upon the measures that are proper to be taken to ensure the prosecution of the work, and that such investigation be had between now and the next meeting of the Board by giving a hearing to the contractors and all their Engineers, and also the Engineers of the Department who have been engaged upon the work in any capacity.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wetmore, Lane—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Conover—2.

Commissioner WETMORE then moved that the action of the Board, in rejecting said preambles and resolution, be reconsidered, and that said preambles and resolution be laid over until the next meeting.

Adopted.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 1:30 o'clock, P.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9.15 O'CLOCK. A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th inst. were read and approved.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stated that a deputation of the owners of property adjoining Riverside Avenue was waiting to be heard, and, on his motion, the order of business was suspended, and they were received.

The following gentlemen constituted the deputation, viz.: Messrs. Clark, Church, Godwin, Peck, Tripler, Tober, Brower, Rudd, Waters, and Dixon.

They stated that owing to some cause, which they were unable to determine, the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue had been delayed, and was not yet nearly completed. That this long delay was a great loss to them and the other owners of property in the vicinity, who will have to pay the greater portion of the cost of the work. They urged the Department to take such measures as would insure the speedy completion of the work.

They then retired, and the order of business was resumed.

The following communications were then presented and read :

Riverside Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 29th, 1877. }

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

Sir.—I duly received your communication of the 15th instant, enclosing a copy of the contract for the construction of Riverside Avenue, and requesting my opinion whether the Department of Public Parks has the right, in the progress of the work, to make changes in the quantity of material required, or work done, and also, in the character of the work beyond the specifications, and to allow compensation to the contractors for it, as extra work, in cases where it is found that the additions and changes are such as to secure a result that will make the work more perfect, and be more advantageous to the City.

Under the provisions of Section 91 of the Charter of 1873, the work of improving Riverside Avenue was required to be done under a contract made at public letting, and the contract enclosed with your letter was accordingly so made. I have, heretofore, had frequent occasion to consider the question whether contracts made at public letting by the Heads of Departments can be changed after the terms of the contract have been settled by the Counsel to the Corporation, as required by said Section 91 of the Charter, and after such contracts have been awarded and duly executed by the parties thereto. The conclusion arrived at by me, after a very careful consideration of the matter, has been, that, under existing laws, the terms of contracts so made cannot be altered by the Heads of Departments. This opinion has been expressed by me in several communications to the different Departments of the City government ; and in reference to this particular contract for the improvement of Riverside Avenue, in my communications to the Comptroller and yourself, dated respectively February 17, 1877, and April 17, 1877.

I am, therefore, constrained to advise you that, in my opinion, the Department of Public Parks does not possess authority to make the changes mentioned in your letter in the work to be done on Riverside Avenue.

I am, Sir,

Yours, respectfully,
(Signed) W. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 640)

Filed.

From Mr. Dwight H. Olmstead, President, and Mr. Cyrus Clark, Secretary, of the West Side Association, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which had been adopted by the Executive Committee of said Association, on the 23d February, 1878, viz. :

“ Resolved, That in view of the long delay, and the great loss thereby to property owners, which has already taken place in consequence of the non-completion

“ of Riverside Avenue, the Department of Public Parks be respectfully requested
“ to take such measures as shall insure and make certain the continuance and
“ completion of the Avenue the coming season.”

(Minutes, March 13, 1878, p. 653.)

Filed.

Peter Carroll.

From the Police Department, notifying the Department that a certificate has been granted to Peter Carroll to take charge of the steam boiler and pump at the Arsenal, Central Park.

Filed.

Park Settees.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that he has had a large number of the settees in the parks repaired, and that it is necessary that all of them should be painted, and asking instructions whether such work shall be done by the park force or by order.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have all the park settees which he has had repaired, painted by the park force.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Felix McKenna.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of Felix McKenna laborer, to be restored.

The PRESIDENT moved that said Felix McKenna be, and hereby is, restored as a laborer.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover Lane
—4.

Streets in the 23d Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting that the pavement on Third Avenue between One hundred and Forty-third and One hundred and Forty-sixth Streets, should be repaved by Mr. J. B. Devlin, the contractor for the sewer in said Avenue, and by the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania & Fordham Railroad Company.

That the bridge over Mill Brook, at One hundred and Fifty-sixth Street, is not dangerous and will soon have to be removed by the contractor for the sewer in Brook Avenue.

That the culvert at Courtland Avenue and One hundred and Sixty-first Street, needs to be cleaned and the plank support at the west end renewed.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 635.)

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. J. B. Devlin and the Railroad Company had been already notified to repave said portion of Third Avenue, and that instructions have been given to the General Foreman in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, to repair said culvert, and he moved that said communication be filed.

Adopted.

Museum of Art.

From the following contractors for the Museum of Art Building, asking for payments on account of their contracts, viz. :

Messrs. Halpin & Brothers, Plumbers.

Mr. James Brady, assignee of Mr. J. C. Brady, Carpenter.

Mr. Wm. Brennan, Plasterer.

Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that the following payments on account be allowed, viz.:

Messrs. Halpin & Brothers.....	\$1,000 00
Mr. James Brady.....	6,000 00
Mr. William Brennan.....	5,000 00

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintending Architect be authorized and directed to prepare and submit estimates for said contractors on account, and not exceeding the amounts recommended by him.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Teams for 23d and 24th Wards.

From Mr. Isaac Jerome, General Foreman of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that to make repairs to the streets, &c., he will need some teams, in addition to the laborers appointed by the Board.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 649.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Daniel Whalen and James Trainor, be appointed teamsters in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Drains at Fordham in 24th Ward.

From Mr. John Reilly and seven other owners of property on the line of the drains being constructed in Fordham, re-

questing that the plan for said drains be changed, so that all the drains shown thereon as open drains, shall be built as covered drains.

(Minutes, October 17, 1877, p. 351.)

Referred to the Civil and Topographical Engineer for his report.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Amer. Dist. Teleg. Co., rent and services	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$3 97
Crissey, Wm. V., & Co., copperas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	1 50
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe... ..	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	5 46
Central Gas Light Co., gas,	Harlem R. B., Reps. Impt. and M.....	46 67
Egan, K., & Co., waste.....	Harlem R. B., Reps. Impt., and M	5 00
Flack, James, A., matls. and labor.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	2 60
Fischer, W. L., car fares.....	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.....	4 10
Fischer, W. L., car fares.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1877..	13 80
Harmer, Hays & Co., axle grease and carriage matls.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	30 09
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas, February... ..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$69 12
	Harlem R.B.,Reps. Impt. and M...	39 50
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Handibode, P., coal.....	Harlem R. B. Reps., Imp. and Maint.	\$42 50
Jones, Chas. & Thos. P. McQuade, matls. and labor.....	Brook Ave. Sewer.	1,893 50
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	3 62
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	13 10
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Feby....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	141 45
Mott, J. L., Ironworks, copper and cover..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$8 80
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	4 71
		<hr/> 13 51
Moffatt, David & Co., leather and sheep- skins.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	16 77
Mullane, John, hay, oats, corn, tobacco, &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	544 62
New York Gas Light Co., gas, Feb.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	328 50
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, February.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	298 45
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	37 00
Noonan, Michael, matls. and labor.	Drainage 23d and 24th Wards bounded by Fordham Ave., &c.....	1,153 57
O'Donnell, John, milk.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	8 96
Rhineland, F. W., expenses Museum of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	541 50
Sanderson Brothers Steel Co., steel,....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	6 93

Scott, D., fish.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$10 92
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	8 85
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		\$5,284 96
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,072 61
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	133 67
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	17 81
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1877.....	13 80
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	1,893 50
Drainage District Twenty-fourth Ward, bounded by Fordham Avenue, &c.....	1,153 57
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	\$5,284 96
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-two hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety-six cents.

(Sigd.)

SMITH E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Isaac Evans, Henry Koster, G. H. Harrison, Joseph Belton, Wm. E. Beames.

The PRESIDENT reported that on the morning of the 8th inst. he had been served with writs of *certiorari* issued from the

Supreme Court at the instance of the following persons who were formerly employed in the Department, viz.: Isaac Evans, Henry Koster, George H. Harrison, Joseph Belton and Wm. E. Beames.

That said writs were made returnable at half past ten o'clock A. M. on said 8th inst., and that he had consequently transmitted them at once to the Counsel to the Corporation, who was preparing returns to said writs.

(Minutes, Aug. 1, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, 1877, pp. 204, 305 and 325.)

Music.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had made arrangements with Messrs. H. B. Dodworth and G. C. Grafulla to furnish music on the Mall in Central Park each Saturday during the summer, on the same terms as last year, viz.: That Mr. Dodworth and Mr. Grafulla alternate, that the charge shall be \$5 for each musician and \$15 for the leader for each concert, and that the band on each occasion consists of fifty musicians and a leader.

(Minutes, January 30, 1878, p. 566.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that said report be received and the action of the President approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Maintenance of Parks.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Parks be, and hereby is, directed to place all men employed on the laboring force of the maintenance of the parks and places on full time.

(Minutes, October 31, 1877, p. 375.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

M. C. Barr.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That M. C. Barr, inspector, be, and hereby is, discharged and removed from the employment of the Department.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Thos. F. Goodwin.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Thos. F. Goodwin, stone cutter, be, and hereby is, transferred and appointed Inspector of Works on the Parks, and that his pay be fixed at \$3 per day.

(Minutes, December 19, 1877, p. 450.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover and Lane
—4.

Riverside Avenue—J. C. Aldrich.

Commissioner LANE then called up and offered the following preambles and resolution, which were laid over from the last meeting, namely :

Whereas, differences have arisen between the contractors for Riverside Avenue and the Department in reference to the exe-

cution of the work, and the contractors have claimed that the Engineer of the Department has required them to do work that has not been called for by the Department ; and

Whereas, under these differences, the contractors, since October, 1877, have gradually reduced their working force, so that the work is now practically suspended ; and

Whereas, the contractors claim that the Engineer has made mistakes in their estimates, and has given them smaller payments than they are justly entitled to, and require that these deficiencies of payments should be made up before they proceed with their work,

Resolved, That it be referred to the President to investigate and report in writing upon the foregoing matters, and upon the measures that are proper to be taken to ensure the prosecution of the work, and that such investigation be had between now and the next meeting of the Board by giving a hearing to the contractors and all their Engineers, and also the Engineers of the Department who have been engaged upon the work in any capacity.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 651.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wetmore, Lane—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Conover—2.

Commissioner CONOVER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. James C. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer of the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, be, and hereby is, removed from his position in this Department, and that he be paid up to this date.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 650.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Thomas Franklin.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Franklin be, and hereby is, appointed Superintending Engineer of the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$300 per month.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor, viz. :

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Franklin be requested to present to the Board the testimonials of his experience and professional standing, and his capacity to act as engineer under the Riverside Avenue contract, and that his appointment be laid over until such testimonials are received.

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

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

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

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 638.)

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

W. L. Fischer.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. L. Fischer be, and hereby is, permitted to remain in the house on Central Park, now occupied by him, until April 1st, 1878.

(Minutes, February 27, 1878, p. 627.)

Adopted.

Mt. St. Vincent.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. C. Ryan, licensee for the sale of refreshments on Central Park, be, and hereby is, authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$150, in addition to the amount heretofore

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authorized, in painting, &c., at Mt. St. Vincent, Central Park, and that he be allowed credit therefor on his license fees.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 635.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 9:15 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th inst. were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT stated that there were two deputations waiting to be heard, and he moved that the order of business be suspended and that they be now received.

Adopted.

Public Parks Protective Association.

Washington Square.

The following gentlemen, constituting a deputation from the Public Parks Protective Association, were then received: namely, Messrs. John Jay, H. H. Anderson, John Taylor Johnston, Dr. Willard Parker, and Dr. T. Egleston.

They urged that the smaller parks of the City, and especially Washington Square, be put and kept in better and more thorough repair. That fewer walks and more green sward, trees and flowers be introduced.

They then retired.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards.

Central District.

The following gentlemen, constituting a committee from the Central Association of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, were then received, namely : Messrs. R. L. Anderton, J. C. Traphagen, John Ittner, W. G. Dunn, H. E. Droz, Wm. Emery, R. H. Shannon, John Kirby, L. A. Rockwell, W. C. Crane, and Wm. Cauldwell.

They protested against changing the present lines of Railroad Avenue; against laying out a new street between Railroad Avenue and Washington Avenue, and against the proposed change of Myrtle Avenue.

They requested that these features of the map of the Central District be amended ; and that the map be then adopted and filed as soon as possible.

Mr. Wm. Cauldwell also protested against laying out any roads for rapid transit routes.

(Minutes, January 16 and February 20, 1878, p. 522 and 610.)

They then retired.

The order of business was then resumed, and the following communications were presented and read :

Jerome Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, with a copy of the following preamble and resolution, which were approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 12th inst., viz. :

"Whereas, Jerome Avenue is in very bad condition, and in some places entirely unfit for the class of travel for which it is used, and sufficient appropriation has been made to maintain the roads in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in good condition; therefore

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby directed forthwith to make the necessary repairs to restore Jerome Avenue to its former good condition."

Filed.

Streets, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of a street culvert in Mechanics

Street, between Walker and Main Streets, in West Farms, and also the roadway of One Hundred and Forty-sixth Street, between Willis and Brook Avenues.

Filed.

East River Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting that the roof of the large platform on East River Park is in a dangerous condition, as the posts on which it rests and also the sills which support the posts, are rotten, and that it would cost from \$600 to \$700 to repair it.

The PRESIDENT moved that the roof of said platform be sold at public auction, on condition that the purchaser removes it within ten days from date of sale.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Drains at Fordham in Twenty-fourth Ward.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the application of Mr. John Reilly and others to have the plan of the drains at Fordham, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, changed.

(Minutes, March 13, 1878, p. 657).

Filed.

Sewer in 139th Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, forwarding a petition from Mr. Green Wright, and three other owners of property, for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, from Third Avenue to a point 400 feet east of Alexander Avenue.

Laid over.

Courtland Avenue and 146th Street.

From the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon the complaint of the Health Department in relation to the condition of Courtland Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-sixth Street, and recommending that a sewer be constructed in said avenue and street, from One Hundred and Fifty-first Street to Mill Brook.

(Minutes, January 9, 1878, p. 502).

Laid over.

Inventory.

From the Disbursing Clerk, forwarding an inventory of the property belonging to the Department on January 1st, 1878.

(Minutes, Aug. 22, 1878, p. 241).

Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. Wm. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that all the men employed in the Arsenal building, and paid from the fund provided for the maintenance of the Museum, except two, be discharged, as that number will be sufficient for the future.

(Minutes, February 27, 1878, p. 626).

Referred to the President.

Academy of Sacred Heart.

From Mrs. A. Hardy, of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Manhattanville, requesting that the Department would remove all the quarried stone from the premises of the Academy, and which the Department quarried and left there.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that it will cost about \$850 to remove said stone to the upper end of Morningside Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report the cost of moving the stone to the place where it was quarried, and putting the grounds of the Academy in as good order as before the stone was quarried.

Adopted.

Pony Service. Platform.

From Mr. J. J. Snow, licensee of the Pony Service, asking permission to erect a platform for the use of the Pony Service in Central Park, and that the cost of it be deducted from his license fees.

Commissioner LANE moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Conservatory Pond.

From Mr. John Keys and others, who use the Conservatory Pond for sailing miniature yachts, requesting that the borders of the pond be repaired and put in good order.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the coping around the pond has caved in, that to reset it would be very expensive, and recommending that a three foot plank walk resting on sleepers be placed around the pond, and estimating the cost of such walk at about \$300.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have a plank-walk three feet wide laid around said pond, as recommended, and at an expense not to exceed \$300.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Music.

From Messrs. Dodworth and Grafulla, accepting and agreeing to the arrangement for music on the Mall in Central Park during the summer.

(Minutes, March 13, 1878, p. 661.)

Filed.

American Acclimatization Society.

From Dr. John W. Greene and others, members of the American Acclimatization Society, requesting that a portion of one of the parks in the upper part of the City would be set apart for their purposes.

Referred to Commissioner Lane to report upon.

Base Ball in Central Park.

La Crosse in Central Park.

From Mr. J. H. Mulchahey and others, requesting permission for the Base Ball Association of Columbia College to play base ball in Central Park.

Also from Mr. R. B. Davis and others, asking permission for the La Crosse Club of the New York University to play La Crosse in Central Park.

The PRESIDENT moved that both of said applications be refused, on the ground that they are contrary to the established rules of the Department.

Adopted.

American Neuchatel Asphalte.

From Mr. Eugene F. Daly, President of the American Neuchatel Asphalte Company, proposing to repave the northern

portion of the Mall in Central Park, and to remove the present old pavement, for twenty-one cents per square foot. Also to keep the pavement when so laid in good order for five years, for two cents per square foot per annum.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that the north portion of the Mall contains 20,500 square feet, the cost to pave which, at twenty-one cents per square foot would be \$4,305.

Filed.

Schooner "Liberty."

From Captain O. Merrell, of the schooner "Liberty," reporting that his vessel was injured to the extent of \$200, on the 18th inst., while passing through the draw of Third Avenue Bridge.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to examine and report.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Arnold, David P., meat, vegetables and nuts.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	\$243 70
Brady, Joseph C., materials and labor...	Museum of Art...	5,940 00
Wm. Brennan, materials and labor.....	Museum of Art..	3,799 98
Coogan, Wm, monuments, &c.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	300 00
Decker, Nich. H. and Geo. W. Quintard, materials and labor.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave.	6,673 34
Decker, Nich. H. and Geo. W. Quintard, materials and labor.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave..	7 58

Donaldson T. & Son, lamp chimneys.	Museum of Art.	\$4 50	
	Harlem R. B. Reps.,		
	Impt. and Maint.		
	&c.	0 60	
		<hr/>	5 10
Edwards, Chas. A., rubber hose.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.		22 50
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards		3 40
Halpin Bros., materials and labor.	Museum of Art.		997 87
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.		29 42
Kelso Bros., coal.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.	\$42 75	
	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d		
	and 24th Wards.	4 75	
		<hr/>	47 50
Keuffel & Esser, Chesterman's tape.	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wds, 1877		2 80
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing			
and materials.	Museum Natural		
	History.	\$2 20	
	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.	7 50	
		<hr/>	9 70
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. & P.		71 37
Mounts' Son, H. R., brooms.	Maint and Govt.		
	P. and P.		22 25
Reeves, Robt. C., mower parts.	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.		71 61
Ridabock, F. A., gravel.	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P., 1877.		875 50
Rogers, H. A., hardware, cups, &c.	Maint. and Gov't		
	P. and P.	\$19 32	
	City Parks Impt.		
	Fund.	0 50	
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Seaman, John A., paint and shovel.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards	\$1 25	
	Maint. and Gov't P. and P.....	4 50	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., Impt. and Maint. &c.....	4 50	
			<hr/> 10 25
Woolman, Geo. S. eng. mat. card.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards		41 04
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P.....		61 04
			<hr/> <hr/> \$19,255 77

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$595 96
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1877....	875 50
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	350 44
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	5 10
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	0 50
Improvement and Construction Riverside Ave.....	6,680 92
Museum of Art.....	10,742 35
Museum of Natural History.....	2 20
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards, 1877.....	2 80
	<hr/> \$19,255 77

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nineteen thousand two hundred and fifty-five dollars and seventy-seven cents.

Audited by S. E. Lane as to all except the item of Decker and Quintard, \$6,673.34.

Audited by Samuel Conover only as to bills for Improvement and Construction of Riverside Avenue and for Museum of Art,

(Signed)

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S. E. LANE, } Auditing
SAML. CONOVER, } Committee,

NEW YORK, March 20th, 1878.

The above mentioned bills were then read and passed upon separately with the following result, namely:

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of D. P. Arnold for \$243.70, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of J. C. Brady, for \$5,940, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of W. Brennan for \$3,799.98, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of W. Coogan for \$300, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of Decker and Quintard for \$6,673.34, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of Decker and Quintard for \$7.58, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of T. Donaldson & Son for \$5.10, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of C. A. Edwards for \$22.50, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of the Hazard Powder Company, for \$3.40, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of Halpin Brothers, for \$997.87, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of the Harlem Gas Light Company for \$29.42,

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of Kelso Brothers for \$47.50, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of Keuffel and Esser for \$2.80, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of the McNab and Harlin Manufacturing Company for \$9.70, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company for \$71.37, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of H. R. Mount's Son for \$22.25, and it was

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of Robt. C. Reeves for \$71.61, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of F. A. Ridabock for \$875.50, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of H. A. Rodgers for \$19.82, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of John A. Seaman for \$10.25, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of Geo. S. Woolman for \$41.04, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to the bill of C. C. Young for \$61.04, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

No—Commissioner Conover—1

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Secretary be directed to transmit said bills, as approved, to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks in account with

Smith E. Lane, Treasurer.

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March 6.	By balance.....	\$249 79	
Mch. 6 to 20.	} " cash received from permits and licenses.	14 09	
			<u>\$263 88</u>

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Mch. 6 to 20.	} To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$249 79	
March 20.		" balance.....	14 09
			<u>\$263 88</u>

(Signed)

S. E. LANE,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

New York, Wednesday, March 20, 1878.

9.30 A. M.

Mazzini Statue.

Commissioner LANE, to whom it was referred to select a more appropriate site for the bust of Mazzini, verbally reported that a site on the west drive, midway between the Seventh Regiment Statue and the Sheep-fold, is the best position for the bust that he had been able to find.

He then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Board assigning to the statue of Mazzini about to be erected by Italian citizens, a place at the junction of two drives west of the statue of Webster, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that said statue be located at a point on the border of the foot-path on the western drive, about midway between the Soldiers' Monument and the Sheep-fold.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 649.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject of having the foundation for the pedestal of the bust of Mazzini laid, and arranging for the erection and unveiling of the bust be, and hereby is, referred to Commissioner Lane 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover Lane
—4.

Mineral Springs.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Carl H. Schultz, asking permission to erect a new

building in Central Park for the sale of mineral waters, verbally reported against granting such permission, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the application of Mr. Carl H. Schultz, for leave to erect a spring house on the drive opposite to the Marble Arch in Central Park, be declined.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 641.)

Adopted.

C. H. Schultz. Mineral Springs.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President give notice to Mr. Carl H. Schultz to pay the rent accrued under his lease, or license from this Department, of the "Springs" in Central Park, dated the 21st February, 1873.

(Minutes. Sept'r 27, 1876, p. 308.)

Adopted.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the penalties for the non-completion of the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue on or before the 31st October, 1877, the time stipulated in the contract, be, and hereby are, remitted up to the 1st day of March, 1878.

(Minutes, February 6, 1878, p. 590.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Music Programme.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the PRESIDENT be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to make and execute on behalf of this Department, an agreement with Mrs. S. S. Colt, printer, to pub-

lish and distribute free of charge 5,000 copies of the Music Programme on each concert day on the Mall in Central Park, on the same terms and conditions on which a similar agreement was made with said Mrs. S. S. Colt last year.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 64.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Purchases by the Treasurer.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase all supplies and materials for the Department which shall be approved by the President, until the further order of the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Rotary Boat.

The PRESIDENT stated that Mr. David R. Smith had renewed his application for permission to place a Rotary Boat on Central Park, and had suggested that the Harlem Meer be designated for the purpose.

(Minutes, July 25, 1877, p. 185.)

Commissioner LANE moved that said application be referred to the President to examine and report.

Adopted.

Laborers on the Parks.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint sixteen additional laborers on the 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

A. Hepp.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. August Hepp be, and he is hereby, appointed Superintending Gardener.

(Minutes, Feb. 27, 1878, p. 632.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane.
—4.

Engineering force on Riverside Avenue.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following named employés on the work of the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue be, and hereby are, removed and discharged from the employment of this Department, and that they be paid up to date, namely :

Thomas H. Loomis, Assistant Engineer.
Wilson Crosby, Second Assistant Engineer.
Henry M. Gilbert, Transitman.
D. H. Haines, Leveller.
Frank I. Angell, Rodman.
Charles A. Mapes, Chainman.
William Cushing, Chainman, Acting as Inspector.
William Leslie, Axeman.

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 487, May 31, and June 6, 1877, pp. 81 and 87.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

W. B. Pierce, Jas. Dempsey, Patrick Norton

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following named employés on the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue be, and hereby are, transferred from their present positions, and appointed to the positions on said work, and at the pay set opposite their names respectively, namely :

William B. Pierce, rodman.....	\$75 per month
James Dempsey, chainman.....	65 "
Patrick Norton, chainman, acting as inspector.....	90 "

(Minutes, Dec. 20, 1876, p. 487.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

B. Huffnagel; Geo. F. Penfield.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following-named employés be, and hereby are, transferred from their positions in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and appointed to the positions on the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, and at the rates of pay, set opposite their names respectively, namely :

Bernard Huffnagel, Transitman, at \$115 per month ;
George F. Penfield, Chainman, at \$65 per month.

(Minutes, August 29, 1877, p. 258.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the Board adjourned at 2:45 o'clock P. M., to meet on Saturday, the 23d instant, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23d, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 20th instant was laid over.

The following communications were presented and read :

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards—Central District.

From Mr. A. B. Tappen, requesting that the roads now existing on his land be retained on the proposed map for laying out the Central District of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that a new street proposed on said lands be not laid out; also that the width of the streets be reduced.

Also from the Civil and Topographical Engineer, reporting upon said communication and giving his reasons for proposing a new street across the land of Mr. Tappen, in place of the road as at present existing.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 668.)

Filed.

The map of the Central District was then considered at length and in detail, and the Civil and Topographical Engineer,

who was present, was given verbal instructions as regards certain changes and alterations in said map, and directed to prepare and submit a new map as modified by said changes and alterations.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards—Hunt's Point District.

The consideration of the map laying out the Hunt's Point District in the Twenty-third Ward was then taken up, and after examination,

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under, and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places within the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, shown on a map or plan entitled, "Plan of Streets, Roads and Avenues in the Hunt's Point District of the Twenty-third Ward, City of New York," dated "New York, June 19th, 1877," and signed "Fred'k. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect" and "J. J. R. Croes, Civ. and Top. Eng." of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, are designated on said map or plan by red lines and figures and by color, the same being such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated, and also cause three similar maps or plans of the same to be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 123.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Cornelius O'Grady.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Cornelius O'Grady be, and he is hereby, appointed assistant engineer upon the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$166 per month.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 684.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

F. S. Odell.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Frederick S. Odell be, and he hereby is, transferred from his position in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and appointed to the position of Leveller on the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$100 per month.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 593 and March 20, 1878, p. 684.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

G. J. Meinell.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. George J. Meinell be, and hereby is, transferred from his position in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, and appointed to the position of chairman on the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$65 per month.

(Minutes, Aug. 29, 1877, p. 253 and March 20, 1878, p. 684.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Robert Madden, Jr.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Madden, Jr., be, and hereby is, appointed an axeman on the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$1.60 per day.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 684.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

B. F. Carpenter.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. B. F. Carpenter be, and hereby is, appointed a skilled laborer on the Parks, and that his pay be fixed at \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 12:15 o'clock P. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 9:15, o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meetings of the 20th and 23d instants were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Streets in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of this Department to the condition of the culverts at One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street and Beach Avenue, and at One Hundred and Forty-eighth Street and Third Avenue.

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

Boiler at 3rd Avenue Bridge.

From the Police Department, certifying to the inspection of the boiler at the bridge over the Harlem River at Third Avenue.
Filed.

Dennis Fitzpatrick.

From the Police Department, stating that a certificate had been granted to Dennis Fitzpatrick to take charge of the boiler at the bridge over Harlem River at Third Avenue.

Filed.

East River Park.

From the Department of Buildings, notifying this Department that the posts and sills of the dancing platform at the East River Park are decaying and becoming unsafe.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 669.)

Filed.

Academy of the Sacred Heart.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting that to move the stones on the premises of the Academy of the Sacred Heart to the place where they were quarried, and to clean up the grounds and put them in as good order as when the work was commenced, would cost from \$70 to \$80.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 670.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have the grounds of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, at Manhattanville, cleared and cleaned up, at an expense not to exceed \$80.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Schooner Liberty.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting upon the accident to the schooner *Liberty*, while passing through the draw of the Third Avenue bridge.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 673.)

Filed.

Michael Sheehy.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of Michael Sheehy, laborer, who had been absent on account of sickness, to be restored.

The PRESIDENT moved that said Michael Sheehy, laborer, be restored.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Riverside Avenue

From the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue improvement, stating that [there is no price fixed for masonry for the bridge at Eighty-sixth Street, and recommending that a price per cubic yard for it be agreed upon with the contractors, and that they be directed to do it as extra work.

(Minutes, Oct. 24, 1877, p. 358.)

Referred to the President to report.

C. H. Schultz. Mineral Springs.

From Mr. Carl H. Schultz, acknowledging the receipt of a notice from the President to pay the rent accrued under his lease or license of the "Springs," on or before the 30th instant.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 682.)

Filed.

Boston Road.

From Mr. George Lyons, and six other residents of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, asking that the title to Boston Road be acquired.

(Minutes, Feb. 27, 1878, p. 624.)

Filed.

Third Avenue

From Mr. George C. Goeller, recommending that Third Avenue, from Harlem River bridge to One Hundred and

Forty-seventh Street, be graded to a grade established by law.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p- 648.)

Filed.

F. W. Clark.

From Mr. William P. Dixon, and other owners of property on Riverside Avenue, requesting that Mr. F. W. Clark be appointed an inspector on the work of improving said avenue.

Filed.

Commissioner WETMORE entered the meeting at this point and took his seat.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Bertine, Edwin R., flag.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	\$7 00
Devlin, J. B., mould.....	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.	255 00
Donaldson, T. & Son, gas brackets....	Museum Natural	
	History.....	33 00
Holbrook, E. F., & Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	19 28
McCrea, Jas., row boat.....	Harlem R. B.,	
	Reps., Imp. and	
	Maint.	6 75
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, grate bars....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. & P.....	17 71
Mount's Son, H. R., brushes and dusters.	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P.....	\$20 08
	Museum of Art..	2 50
	City Parks Impt.	
	Fund.	1 25
		<hr/> 23 83

Murphy & Nesbit, lath and sand.....	City Parks Impt. Fund		\$5 50
Pratt, Chas. & Co., Astral oil.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$6 25	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and Maint	1 75	
	Museum of Art..	17 00	
		<hr/>	25 00
Rogers, H. A., hardware and twine....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$34 58	
	Museum Natural History	2 61	
		<hr/>	37 19
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		16 00
Watson Mfg. Co., iron work.....	Museum of Art...		13,341 60
			<hr/>
			<u>\$13,787 86</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$120 90
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	261 75
Harlem river bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance.....	8 50
Museum of Natural History.....	35 61
Museum of Art.....	13,361 10
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	<u>\$13,787 86</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars and eighty-six cents.

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } Auditing
SAM'L CONOVER, } Committee.

New York, March 27, 1878.

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

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Audit of Certificate—Elton Avenue.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following certificate of the Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the Town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town, prior to the first day of January, 1874, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

CONTRACTORS.	IMPROVEMENT.	NO. OF CERTIFICATE.	AMOUNT.
James Hall and Michael O'Neil.	Regulating and grading Elton Ave., from Third Ave. or Boston Road to Brook Ave.	First and final.	\$4,685 00

(Signed.) S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
" SAML. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, March 27, 1878.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The certificate of the Engineer in charge of the improvements in the territory formerly constituting the town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the 1st day of January, 1874, set forth in the report of the Auditing Committee this day presented to the Board, has been examined and audited by the Commissioners of this Department ;

Resolved, That the said Commissioners approve, and they do hereby approve, the work and amount certified by the said Engineer in said certificate ; and that the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to prepare the certificate to be delivered to the contractors mentioned in said report, in pursuance of the

provisions of Section 7, Chapter 329, Laws of 1874, and in accordance with the said certificate of the said Engineer, and submit the same to the Commissioners of this Department for their signatures.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Geological Collection from Mount Gothard Tunnel.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally that he had been informed by Mr. R. L. Stuart, President of the American Museum of Natural History, that the Geological Collection from Mount Gothard Tunnel would be an acceptable addition to the Museum, but that they were not in a position to guarantee the payment of the freight or any other expenses connected with its transportation from Europe.

(Minutes, Feb. 27, 1878, p. 631.)

Commissioner LANE moved that the President be requested to inform the Secretary of State of the United States, that the Department will be glad to receive said collection if delivered free of expense.

Adopted.

City Hall Park.

Commissioner LANE moved that the President be requested to make arrangements with the Commissioner of Public Works for the removal of the ash-box on City Hall Park, west of the New County Court House.

Adopted.

Old material.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be empowered to dispose of such old material in the Department as can not be made use of.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Eugene E. McLean.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Eugene E. McLean be, and he is hereby, appointed Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, that his salary be fixed at the rate of \$2,200 per annum, and that all the property of the Department in those Wards be placed in his charge.

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 558.)

W. G. Ackerman.

Commissioner WETMORE moved to amend said resolution by substituting therein the name of Mr. W. G. Ackerman in place of Mr. Eugene E. McLean.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wetmore, Lane—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wenman, Conover—2.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Civil and Topographical Engineering Force.

The PRESIDENT offered the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, The appropriation for Surveying, Laying out and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, includ-

ing north end of this island for the year 1878, is already nearly exhausted, it becomes a matter of necessity to dispense with the services of most of the corps of Civil and Topographical Engineers engaged on these works ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the following named employés be, and the same are hereby, suspended without pay from this date, viz. :

J. James R. Croes.
C. Ridgely Schott.
Stephen S. Haight.
Horace Crosby.
T. J. O'Sullivan.
H. Cruger.
George C. Hollerith.
Henry W. Vogel.
Randell Hunt.
Thomas Fox.
Thomas L. Beebe.
Frederick W. Brown.
George Robinson.
Richard Gambling.

Resolved, That Engineer E. B. Van Winkle be placed in temporary charge of the work of Surveying, Laying out and Monumenting Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and north end of this island without additional compensation, and that the services of Frederick Greiffenberg and J. F. Perez be retained at an annual salary of \$1,000 each.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER the Board adjourned at twelve o'clock M., to meet on Wednesday, the 3d day of April, 1878, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 27th of March, 1878, were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Mt. St. Vincent. Casino. Dairy.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that the large dining-room and the front veranda in the second story of Mount St. Vincent building, Central Park, require painting and kalsomining, and estimating the cost at \$85.

Also, that the outside cornices, verge boards, sashes, posts, wooden ceilings, &c. ; and also, all the trimmings and ridgerolls of the roofs of the “ Casino,” and the “ Dairy,” require to be painted, the cost of which he estimates at \$435.

(Minutes, March 13, 1878, p. 664.)

The PRESIDENT moved that Mr. C. Ryan, licensee for the sale of refreshments in Central Park, be authorized to have the painting and kalsomining for Mount St. Vincent building, the Casino, and the Dairy, which are recommended by the Superin-

tendent of Parks, executed at a cost not exceeding the amounts estimated by said Superintendent. That the work be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and that when done Mr. C. Ryan be allowed credit for the amounts on account of his license fees.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Drinking Fountains on the Mall

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that one of the two granite and bronze drinking fountains on the Mall, in Central Park, had to be removed some time ago, and that the other is now so much out of repair that it will have also to be removed before long. That it would be cheaper to replace said fountains by new cast iron fountains of an appropriate design, than to repair them.

The PRESIDENT moved that said two drinking fountains be replaced by new cast-iron fountains, at a cost not to exceed \$300.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Laborers, &c., in 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, requesting that some additional laborers and double teams be appointed for work in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, March 13, 1878, p. 657.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint sixteen laborers and two double teams in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Menagerie.

From the Director of the Menagerie, requesting that the old shed in the camels' paddock, at the Menagerie, be replaced by a small house in keeping with the surrounding buildings.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks for his report.

Rooms for the Janitor.

From the Janitor of the offices at 36 Union Square, requesting to be permitted to occupy a portion of the upper story of the building.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

East River Park.

From Mr. Jacob Seabold, Jr., licensee of the refreshment saloon in East River Park, stating that on account of the careless manner in which the roof of the platform on that

park has been removed, that the railing is destroyed and the place left in a dangerous condition.

(Minutes, March 27, 1878, p. 692.)

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to have the platform on East River Park put in proper repair without delay, at a cost not to exceed \$250.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

J. J. R. Croes. Civil and Topographical Engineering force.

From Mr. Samuel R. Filley and twenty-one others as follows, namely :

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :

Gentlemen,—The courteous reception which has ever been extended by the Department of Public Parks to the views and wishes of the residents of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, upon matters of public interest in that section, warrants the undersigned in uniting in a respectful petition to your Board to request, if possible, a reconsideration of your recent action in suspending from active service your late Engineer-in-Chief, Mr. J. J. R. Croes, and we feel assured you will pardon this intrusion of our desires in regard to this matter, when we state our reasons therefor.

It is now four years since the territory in which we reside was made part and parcel of the City of New York, and placed under the special charge of your Department. During this period, owing to the repeated changes which have been made in the office of Engineer-in Chief in your Department, we have realized the most annoying delays in the prosecution of important works of vital interest to the people of that section, among which we may mention the completion of our long delayed surveys and maps, and the carrying out of a complete system of drainage and sewerage, matters which we have from time to time earnestly urged upon the Department. Never have these works made such hopeful progress as they have made during the past year, under the supervision and direction of Mr. Croes, and upon the basis of plans which he had under consideration we had all looked forward to any early completion of these essential matters on a scale at once comprehensive and harmonious. Past experience satisfies us that a change made now in the head of the bureau having these matters in charge means another perplexing delay, for no matter how skillful may be the man selected to fill the position, much time must necessarily elapse before he can acquire the knowledge and familiarity with the district which has been acquired by Mr. Croes, and which are so necessary to master intelligently the work so much needed.

Fully appreciating the difficulties under which you are laboring, growing out of a miserably insufficient appropriation of funds for the work required in our dis-

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trict (and which we are led to believe was the chief and only cause for making any reduction in your force), we still hope that you will find some method of prosecuting to a successful conclusion the work so patiently waited for by all our resident population; and in conclusion, we most respectfully and earnestly urge that you will reconsider your late action, so far as it regards Chief Engineer Croes, and again place our interests in the hands of one who thoroughly understands them; of one who is in every way competent, and who enjoys in an eminent degree the confidence and respect of all our people.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

(Signed,)

SAMUEL R. FILLEY.

(Here follow 21 other signatures.)

Also from Mr. J. R. Whiting and twenty-seven others, as follows, namely :

To the Commissioners of Parks :

The undersigned respectfully represent that they have learned with concern and regret, that in consequence of the reduction of funds appropriated to laying out the 23d and 24th Wards, you have felt constrained to suspend the Chief Engineer, and all of his subordinates but two, which is a practical suspension of the work of surveying, laying out and monumenting these Wards, a work in which the taxpayers have a deep interest, and are very desirous of its immediate and vigorous prosecution and completion.

While we concede the necessity of a reduction of the force employed on this work in consequence of the inadequate provision for sustaining the whole of it, we do not think it wise to suspend the Chief Engineer, so long as there is any money at the disposal of the Board which may legally be applied to compensate his services. He has been employed in this work from its commencement. The present plans with which all are so well satisfied, have been wrought out by him, or under his direction, and immediate supervision. To him only we look with confidence for accurate and minute information, suggestions and advice in relation to questions which are constantly arising, and which affect the use and value of property in the annexed district. Regarding his suspension as a serious inconvenience, and an injury to property owners, we pray you to devise a way in which Mr. J. J. R. Croes may be assigned again to his duties as Chief Engineer, and continued therein.

New York, April 2, 1878.

(Signed,)

J. R. WHITING.

(Here follow 27 other signatures.)

Also from Mr. Oliver Bryan, and from Mr. M. C. Turner, on the same subject.

The PRESIDENT moved that said communications be received, printed in the minutes and filed.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Croes, J. James R., petty expenses.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th W.....		\$54 96
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		332 26
Graham, Charles T., services as diver....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....		100 00
Handibode, P., coal	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....		4 75
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe.....	Museum of Art...		1 88
Irwin, Wm., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$91 02	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	10 86	
		—	101 88
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses			
Mus. Nat. Hist.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		870 92
Mounts' Son, H. R., sponges.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....	\$17 06	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	0 49	
	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	1 46	
	Mus. Natl. History	0 49	
		—	19 50
Shaw & Venn, kalsomining.....	Museum of Art...		320 00
Seaman, John A., paints, oil, &c.....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		33 99
Schuyler, Miller & Co., ash lumber....	Maint. and Govm't P. and P.....		67 80
Vaux, Calvert, commissions.....	Museum of Art...		1,300 00
			—
			<u>\$3,207 94</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,413 05
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	105 24
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	10 86
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	54 96
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	1 46
Museum of Art.....	1,621 88
Museum of Natural History.....	0 49
	\$3,207 94

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-two hundred and seven dollars and ninety-four cents.

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
 SAM'L. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
 —4.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks,

In account with S. E. Lane, Treasurer.

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March 20.	By balance.....	\$14 09
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April 13.		permits.....
		\$91 59

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Mch. 20 to	}	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$14 09
April 13.			
April 3.		“ balance.....	77 50
			\$91 59
(Signed,)		S. E. LANE,	
		<i>Treasurer D. P. P.</i>	

NEW YORK Wednesday, April 3, 1878.
9.30 A. M.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT presented a report upon the subject of allowing the contractors for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue an extra price for the piers and abutments of the bridge or trestlework, and recommended that the following resolution be adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to prepare and submit to the Counsel to the Corporation an agreement with Messrs. Decker and Quintard, contractors for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue, allowing said contractors \$7.50 per cubic yard for all cement masonry and \$5 per cubic yard for all dry wall masonry work required for abutments, piers, or otherwise in connection with the bridge or trestlework on said avenue, and that when said agreement is approved by the Counsel to the Corporation the President be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute the same for and on behalf of this Department.

(Minutes, March 27, 1878, p. 693.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said report be received and laid over, and that the President be requested to obtain from the Counsel to the Corporation his opinion whether this Department has the authority to make such an agreement as is recommended by the President.

Adopted.

Rotary Boat.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred the application of Mr. David R. Smith for permission to place a rotary boat on Central Park, reported verbally, recommending that Mr. Smith be

permitted to place one rotary boat on the Harlem Meer, near One Hundred and Tenth Street and Fifth Avenue. He also presented a communication from the Superintendent of Parks on the subject, accompanying specifications for the construction of the boat.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 683.)

Commissioner LANE moved that said report be accepted, and that the President be authorized to grant and sign a license to Mr. David B. Smith to place one rotary boat on the Harlem Meer, in Central Park near One Hundred and Tenth Street and Fifth Avenue during 1878 and 1879, and that his license fee be fixed at ten per centum of the gross receipts.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Wm. Nolan.

The PRESIDENT reported that he had appointed Wm. Nolan as a mason on the parks.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the action of the President be approved.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Riverside Avenue.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the penalties for the non-completion of the work of improving and constructing Riverside Avenue on or before the 31st October, 1877, the time stipulated in the con-

tract, be, and hereby are, remitted up to the 1st day of April, 1878.

(Minutes, March 20th, 1878, p. 682.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Lewis K. Osborn.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That Lewis K. Osborn be, and hereby is, transferred from the position of inspector on the work of constructing drains near Fordham in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and appointed an inspector on the work of constructing the sewer in Brook Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$4 per day.

(Minutes, January 23d, 1878, p. 540.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Philanzo Edick.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Philanzo Edick be, and hereby is, appointed an inspector upon the work of constructing drains near Fordham in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and that his pay be fixed at \$3 per day.

(Minutes, December 5, 1878, p. 426.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Daniel S. Dickinson.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel S. Dickinson be, and hereby is, appointed a division gardener on the 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Seats in Madison, Union and Washington Squares.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order to have all the seats in Madison, Union and Washington Squares painted, at a cost not to exceed seventy-five cents per seat.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Buckwheat.

Commissioner LANE stated that several gentlemen had requested that a half an acre of the Central Park be sown with buckwheat, and allowed to grow and shed its seed for the benefit of the small birds.

Commissioner LANE then moved that said request be granted, and that it be referred to the President with power to determine to what extent, and in what location of the Park, the buckwheat shall be sown.

(Minutes, August 29, 1877, p. 258.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Elevated Railway.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President and Commissioner Lane be, and hereby are, authorized and requested to use all legitimate means to prevent the Legislature granting a route for an elevated railway either along Fifty-ninth Street, or through the Central Park.

(Minutes, January 23, 1878, p. 538.)

Adopted.

Bridges over Bronx River.

Commissioner LANE, from the Committee appointed to examine and report upon the condition of the bridges over the Bronx River, presented two communications on the subject, one from Mr. J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, and the other from Mr. Horace Crosby, Surveyor, and he moved that said communications be received and printed as a document of the Board.

(Minutes, January 30, 1878, p. 563.)

See Document, No. 78,

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock, A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 10th day of April, 1878.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 9:15 O'CLOCK, A.M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 3d inst. were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Appropriations and Expenses of the Department.

From the Clerk of the Common Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which was approved by his Hon. the Mayor on the 2d inst., viz. :

Resolved, First.—That the Commissioners of the Park Department be requested and directed to report to this Board, as soon as possible, the following information: The amounts appropriated by the Board of Apportionment to their Department on the 1st of January, 1875, '6, '7 and '8; also the amount of money they have received, if any, from the issue and sale of bonds; and how much they have received, if any, from other sources, by transfer or otherwise.

Second.—How much they have spent on each park or square, specifically, for laborers' wages in each year.

Third.—Specifically, how much spent on each park or square for maintenance or improvements each year up to the 1st of March, 1878, and the kind of improvements made in each of the parks and squares of the City; also the amounts paid for police, architects, surveyors, overseers, foremen, clerical help, or any other employees, together with the rate per day of each class; and also the salaries of Commissioners during the same periods.

Referred to the President.

Fountains.

From the Commissioner of Public Works stating, that to prevent the necessity of shutting off the water from the fountains in the parks the nozzles of some of them should be made smaller than at present.

Also from the Superintendent of Parks stating, that by direction of the President he had seen the Chief-Engineer of the Department of Public Works and explained to him the kind and size of the nozzles used on the fountains; and that he had stated that they were all acceptable except those of the fountains in Stuyvesant Square and in the Bowling Green; and recommending that new nozzles of an inch and a quarter diameter, with appropriate tops, be placed on those fountains.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the subject of having new nozzles and tops placed on the fountains be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Menagerie.

From the Superintendent of Parks submitting a plan and elevation for a small building in place of the old shed now in the camels' paddock at the Menagerie in Central Park; and estimating the cost of erecting the same at from \$175 to \$200, if old material on hand, is used for the purpose.

(Minutes, April 3d, 1878, p. 703.)

The PRESIDENT moved that the plan and elevation for said building be approved, and that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to have it constructed from old material, at a cost not to exceed \$200.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Painters.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting that the rolling stock of the Department being now nearly all painted, there will not be work enough for the painters employed by the Department, unless the Board desires to have the frame buildings, iron bridges and other structures of the Department painted this season.

Laid over.

Horses and Carts.

From the Superintendent of Parks reporting that, as all the horses of the Department are employed at this season on maintenance work, he requires from six to eight additional horses and carts for the work at the approaches to the Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT stated that as these horses and carts were required immediately he had, on receipt of the report of the Superintendent of Parks, placed six additional horses and carts at work, at the rate of pay of \$2.75 per day.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the action of the President be approved and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Superintending Architect, inclosing a bill of Messrs. Shaw & Venn, amounting to \$50 for extra work in kalsomining the walls of the Museum of Art, and reporting that the extra work was occasioned by the Architect, Mr. Calvert Vaux, having altered the tint of the walls when the work was partly done, thus necessitating the work to be redone over, and new material to be used ; and recommending that said bill be allowed.

(Minutes April 3, 1876, p. 708.)

The PRESIDENT moved that said bill of Messrs. Shaw & Venn, for extra work in kalsomining the Museum of Art building, be approved and ordered to be paid.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer in charge, requesting that an axeman be appointed on the work of constructing Brook Avenue sewer, and that, from time to time, when his services can be spared from that work, he be allowed to use him on other work and charge his time to the same.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Fox be, and hereby is, appointed an assistant on the work of constructing Brook Avenue sewer, that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day, and that the engineer in charge of works of construction be authorized to employ him on other works, from time to time, and charge his time to same.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Eagle Avenue.

From M. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer in charge, submitting three similar maps or plans, showing the change of the grade of Eagle Avenue, from Westchester Avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-third Street, prepared for filing, as heretofore directed by the Board.

(Minutes, February 6, 1878, p. 584.)

Commissioner LANE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That James F. Wenman, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be, and he hereby is, designated and directed by the said Board to certify and file, as provided by law, the three similar maps or plans and profiles, showing the grades of Eagle Avenue, and the intersecting streets from Westchester Avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-third Street, in that portion of the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, which formerly constituted the town of Morrisania, as altered, amended and established, and as the same have been laid out and are hereby determined by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, and which said maps, or plans and profiles, are entitled "Plans and Profiles, showing the grade of Eagle Avenue and the streets intersecting the same, from Westchester Avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-third Street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as altered, amended and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874," dated "New York, February 12th, 1878," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Laying Out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.
Central District.

From Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer in charge, submitting a map or plan of the streets, avenues, &c., in the Central District of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, amended as directed by the Board.

(Minutes, March 23, 1878, p. 687.)

Laid over.

Double Teams in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, reporting that the price paid by the Department of Public Works for double teams in the north end of the island is \$3.50 per day.

Commissioner LANE moved that the price paid by this Department for double teams employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Wm. Flanagan.

From Patrolman William Flanagan, resigning his position in the Department from and after the 5th inst.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 647.)

Accepted.

John Johnson.

From the Superintendent of Parks, forwarding the application of John Johnson, mason, to be restored to work.

(Minutes, November 21, 1878, p. 397).

Filed.

Grand Army of the Republic.

From Mr. A. Hamilton Mulligan, Secretary of the Memorial

Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, requesting the use of a room in Union Square Cottage for said committee until Decoration Day.

(Minutes, April 6, 1877, p. 725.)

The PRESIDENT moved that permission be granted to said committee to use the small room in said cottage as requested.

Adopted.

B. F. Crane.

From Mr. B. F. Crane, applying for the position of Superintendent of Parks.

Filed.

Wm. Kyle. Boats on Harlem Meer.

From Mr. Wm. Kyle, applying for the privilege of placing boats on the Harlem Meer in Central Park.

(Minutes, May 10, 1876, p. 21, and April 3, 1878, p. 708.)

Filed.

Drains at Fordham, in Twenty-fourth Ward.

From Mr. Hugh N. Camp and five other owners of property, requesting the Department not to change the plan for the construction of drains at Fordham, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 669.)

Filed.

J. J. R. Croes.

From Mr. Henry F. Spaulding and twenty-nine other owners of property in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, remonstrating against the action of the Board in suspending Mr. J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer.

(Minutes, April 3, 1878, p. 704.)

Filed.

Surveying in Central Park.

From Mr. Alfred G. Compton, Professor of Applied Math-

ematics in the College of the City of New York, asking permission for the students of the class of civil engineering of said college to practice surveying in Central Park.

The President stated that he had granted a similar permission to the students of Columbia College, but that he found they were doing so much injury to the Park that he had determined to revoke the permission. He then moved that the request of Mr. A. G. Compton be refused.

Adopted.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the two following reports :

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

Clafin, H. B. & Co., towelling.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$4 60	
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	2 75	
		<hr/>	\$7 35
Colgate & Co., Castile soap.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		3 41
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.....		21 66
Davies, Jas. R., services.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		50 00
Devlin, Jno. B., gravel and paving stones.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$768 92	
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	200 00	
		<hr/>	968 82
Early & Lane, matches and mats.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., Impt. and M.....	\$0 25	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	8 50	
		<hr/>	8 75

Gatchel, A. S., gum-packing.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		4 22
Harlem Gas Light Company, meter gas.	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....		32 17
Hazard Powder Co., powder, caps, &c.....	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....		2 30
Hoyt, J. B., & Co., lacing leather.....	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....		3 50
Jones, Chas. and Thomas P. McQuade,			
materials and labor.....	Brook Ave. sewer,	1,833	62
Knox, C., police hats.....	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....		140 75
Kelso Bros., coal.....	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....		20 00
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., meter gas.	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....		69 00
Murphy & Nesbit, cement, lime and			
brick.....	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	\$92	50
	Mus. of Natl. His-		
	tory.....	5	75
			98 25
Nolan & McGrath, granite blocks.....	Mus. Natl. His-		
	tory.....		135 00
Reeves, Robt. C., lawn rakes	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		8 00
Ridabock, F. A., gravel... ..	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P. 1877.		424 52
Rhinlander, F. W., treas., expenses Mus.			
of Art.....	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....		581 50
Rogers, H. A., rat traps and chains... ..	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....		23 00
Seaman, John A., paints, hardware and			
marline.....	Maint. and Govm't.		
	P. and P.....	\$33	54
	Harlem R. B.,		
	Reps., Impt. and		
	M.....		50
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	4	34
			38 38

Slote & Janes, mounting map.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	3 50
Scott, D., fish.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	12 09
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	17 28
Van Dewater, J. W., washstand, &c.	City Parks Impt. Fund.	5 50
Walton Bros., forks, hoes and shears.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	32 50
Wheatly, R. R., hay and feed.	Maint., etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	18 81
Young, Chas. C., bread.	Maint. and Govmt. P. & P.	66 32
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		\$4,630 30
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places	\$1,886 76
City Parks Improvement Fund.	325 09
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.	75
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	18 81
Museum National History.	140 75
Brook Avenue Sewer.	1,833 62
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1877.	424 52
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	\$4,630 30
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-six hundred and thirty dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed,)

S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*
SAM'L CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 10th, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

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

Decker, Nichs. H. and Geo. W. Quintard,

labor and materials.....	Improvement and construction of Riverside Ave.	\$2,020 22
		<u>\$2,020 22</u>

Amounting to the sum of two thousand and twenty dollars and twenty-two cents.

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONOVER,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, April 10th, 1878.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the President moved that the Board do now approve it, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Michael J. O'Connor.

THE PRESIDENT reported that as John Johnson, mason, had been absent from work, and the Superintendent of Parks required another mason, he had appointed Michael J. O'Connor a mason on the Park.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the action of the President be approved and adopted by the Board.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks, &c.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the President, with power, to direct the Secretary to prepare and publish advertisements for proposals for supplying illuminating material to, and lighting, cleaning, reglazing, &c., all or any portion of the public lamps on the public parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of the Department, from May 1st to December 31st, 1878, both days inclusive.

(Minutes December 26, 1877, p. 464.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Owen Delaney.

Commissioner CONOVER presented the preliminary examination of Mr. Owen Delaney, for an appointment on the police force, and also the report of the Police Surgeon, by which it appears that said Owen Delaney is eligible for the position.

Commissioner CONOVER then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Owen Delaney be, and he hereby is, appointed a gate-keeper on the police force, in place of William Flanigan, resigned.

(Minutes, April 10, 1878, p. 718.)

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Gate Keepers.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter no applicant be appointed a gate-keeper on the police force until he has first appeared before the Board.

Adopted.

Washington Square.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. John Jay be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be painted the buildings in Washington Square, at the expense of himself and his associates, the same to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

(Minutes, March 20, 1878, p. 667.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 9.15 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D.P.P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th, 1878.

REGULAR MEETING—9:15 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ LANE.

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

The following communications were presented and read :

Berrian Avenue, Washington Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolutions, which were approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 12th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the attention of the Park Department be respectfully called to the broken and dangerous condition of the roadway in Berrian Avenue, from the Kingsbridge Road to the northern boulevard, and of Washington Avenue, along its entire length; and inasmuch as these two avenues are among those in the annexed district, which are most used; be it further

Resolved, That the said Park Department be requested to cause the said avenues to be repaired forthwith.

Referred to Commissioner Wetmore.

Jackson Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, forwarding a copy of the following resolution, which had been approved by his Honor the Mayor on the 12th inst., viz. :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Park Department be requested to put the lamps on the lamp-posts around Jackson Square, at the junction of Seventh and Eighth Avenues, and see that they are lighted every night.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said communication be referred to the President, with power.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Riverside Avenue.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows, viz. :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
Office of the Counsel to the Corporation, }
NEW YORK, April 16th, 1878.

HON. JAMES F. WENMAN,

President of the Department of Public Parks :

SIR,—In your letter to me of the fourth instant, you state the following facts :

In the progress of the work on Riverside Avenue, it has become necessary to build a bridge or trestle work at Eighty-sixth Street. The specifications for the trestle work are contained in the sixty-fifth paragraph, page 22, of the contract, but nothing is mentioned concerning the piers and abutments on which the trestle work will have to rest. These piers and abutments are constructed of masonry ; in some places built dry without mortar, and other places laid in cement. The only classes of masonry for which the prices are fixed by the contract are the following: dry wall, parapet wall, coping for parapet wall, brick masonry, rubble masonry laid in cement.

The contractors claim, and the engineers, appointed by the Department to superintend the work admit, that the claim is equitable, that the piers and abutments of the trestle work should be paid for at a higher rate than that fixed for ordinary dry wall or rubble masonry laid in cement, as the work is more expensive. The engineers further say, that in all engineering works it is customary to allow a higher price for this kind of masonry than for ordinary retaining walls.

Under these circumstances you desire my opinion, whether the Department has the authority to make a supplemental agreement with the contractors, directing them to build the abutments and piers of the trestlework as extra work, and allowing them an extra price therefor, as provided by sections D and Q of the contract.

With every desire to facilitate the operations of the Department, I am compelled to advise you that, in my opinion, there is no authority of law for making a supplemental contract of the character referred to in your letter. Section 91 of the charter of 1873 requires that all work involving the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars shall be done by contract made at public letting, and the contract for improvement of Riverside Avenue, was made in that manner. If the work on the piers and abutments is covered by the contract, it should be done in the manner, and paid for at the prices, therein provided. If it is not covered by the contract, as the expense will exceed one thousand dollars, the contract to do the work must be made at public letting, in the manner prescribed by the charter. I do not consider that the provisions of the contract in regard to extra work, confer upon the Department any authority which it would not have had if that clause had been omitted. The statute declares that work involving an expenditure of over one thousand dollars shall be made by public letting, and the right to have such work done in a different manner cannot be acquired by insert-

ing in a contract made at public letting, a provision which authorizes extra work to be done and paid for at prices to be agreed on. The law itself seems to be very clear on this point, and it must also be evident that any different interpretation of the statute might lead to an entire disregard of the provisions of law requiring the public letting of contracts. If the Department has the power to make a private contract for the doing of extra work, involving an expenditure of one or two thousand dollars, the power would also exist to make such contracts to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars. I do not think that an interpretation of the statute which would lead to such results is admissible.

The question in regard to which you ask my advice, has repeatedly received my consideration, and I have heretofore uniformly advised the Department of Public Parks, and also other departments of the City Government in accordance with the views expressed.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

(Signed)

W. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.

(Minutes, April 3d, 1878, p. 708.)

Commissioner LANE moved that said communication be filed and printed at length in the minutes.

Adopted.

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and hereby is, requested for his opinion, whether the contractors for the improvement and construction of Riverside Avenue are required under the terms of their contract for said work, to build the piers and abutments for the trestle work or bridge; and, if so, what class of masonry work is required to be used in the construction of said piers and abutments.

Adopted.

140th Street.

From the Counsel to the Corporation stating that the proceedings taken for the opening of One Hundred and Fortieth Street, from Eighth Avenue to the Harlem River, were discontinued by the Court, upon the objections of a majority of the property owners interested in said improvement.

Filed.

Spuyten Duyvil Road.

From the Health Department calling the attention of the Department to the condition of Spuyten Duyvil Road, near the Rolling Mill office.

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

Lighting the Lamps on the Parks, &c.

From the Gas Commission, refusing to assume the care and control of the lamps on the parks this year, but stating that the subject will be considered next year.

(Minutes, April 10, 1878, p. 724.)

The PRESIDENT stated that on receipt of said communication he had directed the Secretary to publish the advertisement for proposals to light the lamps on the parks, as authorized at the last meeting ; and he moved said communication be filed.

Adopted.

Mowers. Stone-cutters. Horses and Carts.

From the Superintendent of Parks stating that, on account of the Spring season, the work of maintenance has increased very much on the Central and other Parks, and that he requires twenty laborers for mowing, and from four to six additional horses and carts.

Also recommending that two stone-cutters be employed to finish the cutting of the granite coping for the fountain at Sixty-third Street and the Boulevard.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to employ twenty mowers at the rate of \$1.60 per day each, six laborers with horses and carts at the rate of \$2.75 per day each, and two stone cutters.

(Minutes, April 10, 1878, p. 715.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Madison Square Fountain.

From the Superintendent of Parks stating that the coping around the fountain in Madison Square is not sufficiently high

to prevent children from falling into the basin, and recommending that a cast iron railing of an appropriate design be placed on top of the coping.

(Minutes, June 20, 1877, p. 128.)

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to shut off the water from said fountain until further order.

Adopted.

Riverside Avenue—Emil Bleyer.

From the Superintending Engineer of the work of constructing and improving Riverside Avenue, stating that he requires the assistance of another chainman.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Emil Bleyer be, and hereby is, appointed a chainman upon the work of constructing and improving Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$65 per month.

(Minutes, February 14 and September 19, 1877, pp. 616 and 298.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Museum of Natural History.

From Messrs. W. A. Haines and F. W. Stevens, Committee on Plans of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting that the following items of work in establishing and equipping the Museum building be ordered, viz. :

- 1st. Window shades, with two rollers to each window on the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th or attic stories and curator's rooms, and one roller on gallery story with drop fixtures, like specimens at the Museum, at a cost not to exceed. \$660 00
- 2d. Four dozen rubber spittoons, like specimens at the Museum, at a cost not to exceed. 58 00
- 3d. Eight ash extention tables, 10 feet long, 4 feet wide, 3¼ inch legs turned similar to those in the Museum; beaded or moulded rails; square tops, corners rounded; finished, castored and fastened, complete, at a cost not to exceed. 120 00

Also requesting that plans and specifications be prepared for fitting up the middle room on the western side of the attic story of the Museum building, with cases suitable for a library. Also from the Superintending Architect, recommending that the window shades, spittoons and extension tables be furnished, and that book-cases be placed in the attic story as requested.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the window shades, spittoons and extension tables mentioned in said communication from Messrs. Haines & Stevens be ordered, at a cost not exceeding the amounts stated therein, and that the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare and submit to the Board plans and specifications for fitting up the middle room on the western side of the attic story of the Museum of Natural History building with cases suitable for a library, together with an estimate of the cost of the work.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

L. A. Risse.

From Mr. L. A. Risse, Draughtsman, asking that his title be changed from "Draughtsman" to that of "Assistant Engineer and Draughtsman", inasmuch as he performs both duties.

Endorsed on said communication is a recommendation from Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., that the request be granted.

Commissioner LANE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the title of Mr. L. A. Risse be, and hereby is, changed from that of "Draughtsman" to that of "Assistant Engineer and Draughtsman" without any additional pay.

(Minutes, September 27, 1876, p. 311.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Mott Avenue.

From Mr. John Demarest and sixteen others, owners of property fronting on Mott Avenue, requesting that the grade of the avenue near One Hundred and Forty-fourth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, be changed.

Filed.

Laying out the 23d and 24th Wards and North End of the Island

From Messrs. Maclay & Davies, Civil Engineers and City Surveyors, proposing to complete the work of surveying and laying out the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the north end of the island, by contract.

Filed.

Menagerie. Normal College.

From Mr. Wm. R. Powell, offering to re-stock the dove cot at the Menagerie with fancy pigeons of pure breed, on condition that the common pigeons now in it be removed, that the cot be made rat-tight, be thoroughly cleaned, and that a feed and water box be placed above the platform, and that he be permitted to enter the cot from time to time, and make suggestions concerning the treatment of the birds.

Also, requesting the Department to place some plants, &c., in the grounds of the Normal College, in Sixty-ninth street.

The PRESIDENT moved that the offer of Mr. Wm. R. Powell, to re-stock the dove cot with fancy pigeons, be accepted, with the thanks of the Department, upon the conditions which he mentions; that the dove cot be put in order, and that Mr. Powell be permitted to enter it, from time time, under the direction of the Director of the Menagerie.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Commissioner LANE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the President, with power, to lend to institutions in the City, such plants, &c., belonging to the Department, as are not required on the parks.

Adopted.

Sedgwick Avenue.

From Mr. Jonathan Edwards, trustee of the estate of Gerard W. Morris, requesting that the grade of Sedgwick Avenue, between Mott Avenue and Cromwell Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, be changed so as to make it less steep.

Also from Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., reporting upon said application, and stating that Sedgwick Avenue is not graded between Mott Avenue and Cromwell Avenue, and has no buildings upon it, and submitting a plan and profile of such a change as he would recommend to be made in the grade of the avenue.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that said subject be referred back to Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., to report what alterations would be rendered necessary in the cross streets should the grade of said avenue be changed as recommended.

Adopted.

Wall of Third Avenue Bridge.

From Mr. Henry Hart, requesting that the wall connected with the Third Avenue Bridge over Harlem river, and extending from One Hundred and Thirtieth Street to Harlem River, on the north side of Third Avenue, be removed, and an iron railing erected in place of it.

Also from Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., reporting on said application, and stating that the wall is an obstruction in passing from the street to the adjacent property, that an iron railing would not obviate this inconvenience, and that if the Department should decide to act on the application, he would recommend that an opening of ten feet be made at the northern

end of the wall; but that it is questionable whether said wall is under the jurisdiction of this Department or the Department of Public Works, and that on this point he will make a further report.

Laid over.

Road leading from Broadway to Spuyten Duyvil Station.

From Mr. Hiram Barney and twenty-one other owners of real estate on or near the proposed parkway from the railway station at Spuyten Duyvil to Riverdale Avenue, altering their request presented to the Board on the 6th of March, 1878, and asking that proceedings be taken to acquire the title to the land for the proposed parkway from the northeasterly side of the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad, at Spuyten Duyvil to Broadway, near Mosholu.

(Minutes, March 6, 1878, p. 642.)

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board in relation to the acquiring of title of the proposed parkway from the railway station at Spuyten Duyvil to Riverdale Avenue, on the 6th March, 1878, and printed on page 642 of the minutes, be, and hereby is, altered and amended to read as follows, namely :

Resolved, That the counsel to the Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized and requested to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for the purpose of acquiring the title to the road or street and parkway running from the northeast side of the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad at Spuyten Duyvil to Broadway, near Mosholu, and crossing Riverdale Avenue at or near the land of Hiram Barney, as the same has been heretofore laid out by this Department as a first class road or 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

The New York Elevated Railroad Company. Battery.

From Mr. W. T. Pelton, Vice-President of the New York Elevated Railroad Company, asking permission for said company to extend its lines over the south portion of the Battery Park, so as to connect with a dock or pier near the foot of Whitehall Street.

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

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the application of the New York Elevated Railroad Company be received, and the same referred to the Treasurer to report upon.

Adopted.

John H. Beckett.

From the Superintending Gardener, requesting that an additional Division Gardener be appointed, and recommending John H. Beckett, at present a gardener in the employment of the Department, for the position.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That John H. Beckett, gardener, be, and hereby is, promoted and appointed a Division Gardener.

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 voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane.—3.

Laborers in Menagerie.

From G. L. McGowan, Thomas Farrell, Peter Shannon, Patrick Lannan, and Philip Holmes, laborers employed in the Menagerie, stating that they are employed for ten and a half hours each day, but only allowed for eight hours, and asking to be allowed for the extra time they work.

(Minutes, January 31, 1877, p. 591.)

Filed.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

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

Am. Dist. Telg. Co., rent and services . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.		\$6 90
Arnold, D. P., meat and vegetables.	Maint. and Govmt P. & P.		253 68
Beach, Son & Co., seed.	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.		11 08
Central Gas Light Co., gas, March.	Harlem R. B., Reps., Imp. & Maint.		46 67
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.	\$54 97	
	City Parks Impt. F.	230 55	
		<hr/>	285 52
Devlin, Jno. B., gravel.	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.		749 52
Early & Lane, horse pails.	Maint. and Govmt P. and P.		3 00
Gillespie, H. J., coal.	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.	\$99 44	
	City Parks Impt. F.	9 00	
		<hr/>	108 44
Gold and Stock Telg. Co., rent of line. . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.		62 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., Gas, March.	Maint. and Govt. P. & P.	\$69 12	
	Harlem River B. Impt. & Maint..	39 50	
		<hr/>	108 62
Keuffel & Esser, drawing matl.	Survg. Layg. out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		7 27

Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, March. Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.	\$141 45
Murphy & Nesbit, brick.	Museum of Art. . .	22 50
Mullane, John, feed, oats, &c.	Maint. and Govt. . .	
	P. and P.	297 55
New York Gas Light Co., gas, March. . .	Maint. and Govmt	
	P. and P.	328 50
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas,		
March	Maint. and Govmt	
	P. and P.	298 45
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., meter		
gas.	Maint. and Govmt	
	P. and P.	40 75
Noonan, Michael, materials and labor. . .	Drainage Dist.,	
	24th Ward,	
	bounded by	
	Fordham Ave.,	
	&c.	1,051 90
Oakley, Fred. C., coal.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	53 00
O'Donnell, John, milk.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	9 92
Patent Water & Gas Pipe Co., pipe.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	13 74
Rogers, H. A., hammer and nails.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	\$6 00
	City Parks Impt.	
	F.	30 00
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		36 00
Shaw & Venn, painting, &c.	Museum of Art. . .	50 00
Skidmore, Jeremiah & Sons, coal.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P. . . .	\$54 00
	Surv. Layg. uo t,	
	etc., 23d and	
	24th Wards. . .	4 75
	Art Museum.	75
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		59 50
Woodward, B., disenfectant.	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.	14 75
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		4,061 21
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places,	\$2,568 32	
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.	86 17	
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, etc.	12 02	
City Parks Improvement Fund.	269 55	
Museum of Art.	73 25	
Drainage district 24th Ward, bounded by Fordham Ave- nue, &c.	105 90	
		<u>\$4,061 21</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand and sixty-one dollars and twenty-one cents.

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } *Auditing
Committee.*

New York, Wednesday, April 17th, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Treasurer's Report.

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

Department of Public Parks In account with Smith E. Lane, Treasurer.

Cr.		
April 3.	By balance.	\$77 50
April 3 to 16.	" cash received from permits and licenses,	48 06
		<u>\$125 56</u>
Dr.		
April 3 to 16.	To amount paid into City Treasury.	\$115 56
April 16.	" balance.	10 00
		<u>\$125 56</u>

(Signed) S. E. LANE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, April 17, 1878.

9:30 A. M.

Botanical Garden.

The Treasurer, Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred the memorial of the "Trustees of the Botanical Garden in the City of New York," presented the following report :

To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

"The undersigned reports favorably upon the memorial of the 'Trustees of the Botanical Garden in the City of New York,' for leave to occupy the northerly portion of Manhattan Square, and recommends that the Trustees be requested to state to the Department the plans and estimates of the work they propose to do; and that when those plans and estimates are approved by the Department, and the Trustees have obtained subscriptions to a sufficient extent to carry them out, and a proper per centage of the subscriptions are paid in, that the agreement proposed by said Trustees be executed by them and the Department.

"The undersigned appends to this report the memorial of said Trustees; their communication dated April 9, 1878; their By-Laws, and the proposed agreement, and offers the following resolution :

"*Resolved,* That the report be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

"Respectfully submitted,

"(Signed) S. E. LANE.

"Dated New York, 16 April, 1878."

(Minutes, March 6th, 1878, p. 637.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Special Patrolmen.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint twelve special patrolmen on the police force, during the pleasure of the Board, and that their pay be fixed at \$2 per day, each.

(Minutes, October 31, 1877, p. 377.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

John Johnson.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That John Johnson be, and he is hereby, restored to work, as a mason, from this date.

(Minutes, April 10, 1878, p 718.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Laying out 23d and 24th Wards, Central District.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places within the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, shown on a map or plan entitled "Plan of Streets, Roads and Avenues, and Public Parks and Places in the 'Central District' of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York," dated "New York, 28th March, 1878," and signed "J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, are designated on said map or plan by red lines and figures and by color, the same being such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, seem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues, and public parks or places, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, where the same are not already so designated, and also cause three similar maps or plans of the same to be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned.

(Minutes, April 10, 1878, p. 718.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Mineral Springs. C. H. Schultz.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Treasurer, to examine and report upon the condition of the lease or license of the "Springs" in Central Park, heretofore granted to Carl H. Schultz; the amount due for rent or license fees on account thereof; and what action, if any, is necessary to be taken in the matter.

(Minutes, March 27, 1878, p. 693.)

Adopted.

On motion of the President, the Board adjourned at 1.30 o'clock P. M. to meet on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:15 o'clock A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 17th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and read :

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Comptroller of the City, forwarding a copy of a letter which he had received from Mr. J. J. R. Croes, calling his attention to the fact that the estimate of the work done by the contractors for the construction of the sewer in Brook Avenue, during the month of March, had not been certified to by him ; and asking the Department if the certificate of Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, engineer, &c., who had certified said estimate, complies with the provisions of the contract.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had replied to the Comptroller, giving him a statement of Mr. Croes' connection with the Department, which he had reason to believe satisfied him that Mr. Van Winkle's certificate complied with the provisions of the contract.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Engineer E. B. Van Winkle, be, and he is hereby, placed in temporary charge of all the work heretofore in charge of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, without any additional compensation.

(Minutes, March 27, 1878, p. 699.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Museum of Art. Museum of Natural History.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that it is necessary for the Department to make a further requisition for the issue of Museum of Art and Natural History stock, authorized by Sec. 2, Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York hereby make requisition upon the Comptroller of the City of New York, for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the construction of a Museum of Art, and a Museum of Natural History, as provided by Section 2, Chapter 290 Laws, of 1871.

(Minutes, June 28, 1876, p. 161.)

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 Wenman, Wetmore Conover, Lane—4.

Museum of Art.

From the Comptroller of the City, stating that Messrs. Moran and Armstrong had recovered a judgment against the City for \$5,082.41 for extra work upon the Museum of Art building, and

asking that the Department would make requisition for its payment from the proper fund.

(Minutes, May 23, 1877, p. 53.)

Laid over.

Trees on 110th Street.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, stating that the employèes of the Department of Public Works had been stopped by the police of this Department in the work of planting trees on the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth Street, between Fifth and Eighth Avenues; that this portion of One Hundred and Tenth Street forms part of the Eastern Boulevard, and that Chap. 528, Laws of 1873, placed this work entirely under the control of the Department of Public Works; that it is desirable that the trees all along the Boulevard should be uniform; that if the work be done by the Department of Public Works, the cost will be paid by assessment; and asking that the police be directed not to interfere with the work.

The PRESIDENT then stated that he had given permission to the Department of Public Works to plant the trees, but at the same time called the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works to Chap. 580, of the Laws of 1873, which gives this Department jurisdiction over the matter.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the action of the President be approved.

Adopted.

144th Street and Willis Avenue.

From the Health Department, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of the street crossing at One Hundred and Forty-fourth Street and Willis Avenue.

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

Boiler at the Museum.

From the Police Department, certifying to the inspection of the steam boiler in the Museum, Central Park.

Filed.

Croton Water pipes in Central Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that there have been frequent breaks in the Croton Water pipes in Central Park, especially in the upper section of the Park ; that the cost this season to repair the pipes has amounted to \$280 ; that the pipes are made of sheet-iron, covered with cement, and that they are laid at a depth of from eight to fourteen feet, which causes too great a weight upon them.

He therefore recommends that a series of four inch cast iron pipes be laid from the hanging rock near One hundred and Tenth Street to the first hydrant on the east side of the East Drive, about 1400 feet distance, as this section is the lowest and has the most pressure, and that the pipes be not laid at a greater depth than four feet. The cost of the work he estimates at \$700.

The PRESIDENT moved that a four inch cast iron pipe be laid from the hanging rock, near One hundred and Tenth Street, to the first hydrant on the east side of the East Drive, in the manner recommended by the Superintendent of Parks.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Spuyten Duyvil Parkway.

From Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., submitting three similar maps or plans prepared for filing of the grades of Spuyten Duyvil Parkway, extending from the Spuyten Duyvil station on the Hudson River Railroad, to Riverdale Avenue.

(Minutes, May 2, 1877, p. 2, and April 17, 1878, p. 735.)

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That James F. Wenman, the President, one of the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, designated and directed to certify and file, as provided by law, the three similar maps or plans, each comprising four sheets, and entitled " Plan and profiles showing the location, width, windings, courses, and grades of the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway, from the Hudson River to Riverdale Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as laid out and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of Chap. 604, of the Laws of 1874," dated " New York, 20th March, 1878," and signed " J. J. R. Croes, Civil and Topographical Engineer, 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—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Sedgwick Avenue.

From Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., reporting what alterations would be necessary in the grades of the cross streets, should the Department change the grade of Sedgwick Avenue, between Mott Avenue and Cromwell Avenue.

(Minutes, April 17, 1878, p. 734.)

Commissioner WETMORE then offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, or a majority of them deem the changes (specified on the map, or plan and profile hereinafter mentioned) in the grades of the streets, roads and avenues, as laid down and established by the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of Chap. 841, of the Laws of 1868, on a map of the same, filed in the office of the Register of the county of Westchester, on the 23d day of February, 1871, to be required ; therefore,

Resolved That, under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the said Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby alter, amend and establish the grades of the streets, roads and avenues within that part of the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, which formerly constituted the town of Morrisania, and which lies north and east of a line commencing at the termination of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, at or in the Hudson River, running thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and a prolongation of said line to the middle of Harlem River, running thence southerly along the middle of said Harlem River, to the Sound north of Randel's Island; shown on a map or plan and profile entitled "Map or plan and profile showing the grade of Sedgwick Avenue, from Mott Avenue to Cromwell Avenue in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York" dated "New York, April 16th, 1878" and signed "E. B. VanWinkle, Engineer and Surveyor, &c." of the extent and direction that said grades are designated on said plan and profile, and that the grades so altered, amended and established are such as to the said Commissioners, or a majority of them seem most conducive to the public good. And that the President of the Department cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board, three similar plans and profiles of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Wall of Third Avenue Bridge.

From Mr. E. B. VanWinkle, Engineer, &c., reporting that he had consulted with the Counsel to the Corporation who stated that in his opinion, Section 6 of Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, conferred upon this Department, jurisdiction of the wall at Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem River.

(Minutes, April 17, 1878, p. 734.)

The PRESIDENT then moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to remove ten feet of the northern portion of

the wall at Third Avenue Bridge, which extends on the north side of Third Avenue from One Hundred and Thirtieth Street, to the Harlem River.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

H. W. Vogel.

From Mr. E. B. VanWinkle, Engineer, &c., requesting that Mr. Henry W. Vogel, assistant in the office of the Civil and Topographical Engineer, be restored to his position, as he requires his services in making calculations for the proper placing in position of the monuments of the streets laid out in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

(Minutes, March 27, 1878, p. 699.)

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Henry W. Vogel be, and he is hereby, restored to his former position as assistant, from this date, and that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$2,50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

William Jackson.

From the Disbursing Clerk, stating that he requires additional assistance in his office.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. William Jackson be, and he is hereby, appointed a skilled laborer, and that his pay be fixed at \$2 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover Lane
—4.

Charles E. Pierce.

From the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue improvement, stating that he requires another chainman to act as an inspector.

(Minutes, March 23, 1878, p. 690.)

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Charles E. Pierce be, and he is hereby, appointed a Chainman, to act as an Inspector, upon the work of constructing and improving Riverside Avenue, and that his pay be fixed at \$78 per month.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

John Wrigley, Carpenter.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, stating that it is necessary for him to be able to employ a carpenter on short notice to make repairs, and requesting that he be allowed to place John Wrigley, carpenter, whom he had employed on an order from the Treasurer, upon his time returns for the 18th, 19th and 20th instants.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ Mr. John Wrigley, carpenter, from time to time, as he may require the services of a carpenter; that he be also authorized to return his time for the 18th, 19th and 20th insts., and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art.
American Museum of Natural History.

From Mr. D. Huntington and others, a Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of art, and also Mr. Percy R. Pyne and others, a Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, requesting the Department to divide the sum of \$20,000 allowed for the maintenance of said museums for 1878, equally between both institutions.

(Minutes, January 5, 1878, p. 486.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the request of said Committees be complied with.

Adopted.

Sewer in 134th Street.

From Mr. Lewis B. Brown and four others, owners of property on One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, requesting that a sewer be constructed in said street, from Third Avenue to a point $131\frac{1}{2}$ feet east of Alexander Avenue.

Referred to Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., for his report.

Sewer in 135th Street.

From Mr. Patrick O'Hare and five others, owners of property on One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street, requesting that the sewer in said street from Lincoln Avenue to a point 131 feet east of Alexander Avenue, be lowered to a proper grade.

Referred to Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, Engineer, &c., for his report.

Sewer Connections on Riverside Avenue.

From Mr. H. H. Cammann, asking permission to connect the waste pipes from three houses between One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth Streets near Riverside Avenue, with the sewer now being constructed in that avenue.

(Minutes, September 19, 1877, p. 297.)

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of Riverside Avenue improvement, for his report.

Christopher Street Park.

From Mr. Gilbert J. Bogert and seventeen others, residents and property owners of the Ninth Ward, calling the attention of the Department to the condition of the sidewalks, gutter, curb and railings around Christopher Street Park, and asking that the same be repaired.

(Minutes, June 27, 1877, p. 133.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that said communication and subject be referred to the President to report.

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

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

Baker, Voorhis & Co., Session Laws,

1877.....	Maint. and Govm't	
	P. and P.....	\$2 75
Beach, Son & Co., seed.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. & P.....	63 86

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Devlin, Jno. B., gravel.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. & P.....		739 32
Gibb & O'Reilly, materials and labor..	Museum Nat. Hist.		1,166 63
Harmer, Hays & Co., saddle irons, &c..	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	\$10 50	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	3 83	
		<hr/>	14 33
Jube, John P. & Co, shafts.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. & P.....		12 00
Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials....	City Parks Impmt.		
	Fund.....		10 05
McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Com-			
pany, plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		14 21
Sanderson Bros., Steel Co., steel.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		5 03
Salamander Works, vitrified pipe.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....		1 65
Walton Bros., shovels and chain.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards...	\$29 25	
	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....	1 50	
		<hr/>	30 75
Wetmore & Co., iron.....	Maint. and Govm't		
	P. and P.....		11 19
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			\$2,071 77
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$860 36
Museum Natural History.....	1,166 63
Maintenance &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.	34 73
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	10 05
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	\$2,071 77
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and seventy-one dollars and seventy-seven cents.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE, } Auditing
SAML. CONOVER, } Committee.

New York, April 24th, 1878.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

New York Elevated Railroad Co., Battery.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the application of the New York Elevated Railroad Company for permission to extend its lines over the south portion of the Battery Park, presented a report recommending that the license applied for be granted on the same terms, covenants and conditions as the original grant.

(Minutes, April 17, 1878, p. 736.)

Commissioner CONOVER moved that said report be received and filed.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the application of the New York Elevated Railroad Company for permission to extend its lines on the Battery Park, be, and hereby is, refused.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

D. S. Dickinson.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that Daniel S. Dickinson be, and he is hereby, transferred from the position of division

gardener and appointed a skilled laborer, and that his pay be fixed at \$2 per day.

(Minutes, April 3, 1878, p. 711.)

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

Botanical Garden.

Commissioner LANE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer upon the memorial of the "Trustees of the Botanical Garden in the City of New York," presented to the Board at its last meeting, together with the documents accompanying it, be printed as a document of the Board.

(Minutes, April 17, 1878, p. 740.)

See Document No. 79.

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 Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane
—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Board adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A.M., to meet on Friday, the 26th inst., at 9:30 o'clock A.M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary D. P. P.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1878.

ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 o'clock, A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the 24th instant was laid over.

Lighting the Lamps in the Parks, &c.

At the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M. the Comptroller of the City entered, and the meeting being opened to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller, and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and publicly opened and read all estimates or proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for furnishing illuminating material to and lighting, &c., all or any portion of the public lamps in the public parks and places, and on the bridges of the City of New York (except the ornamental lamps at the north side of Union Square), under the control of the Department of Public Parks, from the first

day of May, 1878, until the 31st day of December, 1878, both days inclusive.

(Minutes, April 17, 1878, p. 730.)

The following estimates or proposals were received:

BIDDERS.	For the illuminating material for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes, stand-pipes, burners and other appliances which may be used for a like purpose and cross-heads, lamp irons and lanterns thereto, and keeping each lamp and lamp-post in thorough repair, as required.	Illuminating Material proposed to be supplied.
1. New York Gas-Light Company.....	\$12.00	Gas.
2. Metropolitan Gas-Light Company.....	\$13.00	Gas.
3. The Harlem Gas-Light Company.....	\$13.42	Gas.
4. The New York Mutual Gas-Light Company..	\$6.66	Gas.

The portions of the City included in these proposals are as follows, viz.:

1ST.—THE NEW YORK GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

The district lying south of a line drawn through Grand, Sullivan and Canal Streets, from the East River to the North or Hudson River.

2ND.—THE METROPOLITAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York bounded as follows:

On the south by the centre line of Thirty-fourth Street; on the north by the centre line of Seventy-ninth street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2 in the Central Park; on the East by the East River, and on the West by the Hudson River.

3RD.—THE HARLEM GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

That portion of the City of New York bounded as follows:

By a line commencing at the intersection of the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street and the East River, running thence along the centre line of said Seventy-ninth Street and the centre line of Transverse Road No. 2, to the Hudson River; thence along said Hudson River to Spuyten Duyvil creek; thence along said creek to the Harlem River; thence along said Harlem River and through the draws in the Central and Third Avenue Bridges to the East River; thence along East River to the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street, the place of beginning.

4TH.—THE NEW YORK MUTUAL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

Union Square, bounded by Fourth Avenue, Broadway, Fourteenth Street and Seventeenth Street.

Madison Square, bounded by Madison Avenue, Broadway, Twenty-third Street and Twenty-sixth Street.

Tompkins Square, bounded by Avenue A, Avenue B, Seventh Street and Tenth Street.

Washington Square, bounded by Wooster Street, McDougal Street, Fourth Street and Waverly Place.

Jackson Square, bounded by Horatio Street, Greenwich and Eighth Avenues.

Cooper Institute Square, bounded by Third and Fourth Avenues and Seventh Street.

Worth Monument, bounded by Fifth Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street.

Washington Monument, at junction of Fourth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-Third Street.

Gasalier, at junction of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street.

The COMPTROLLER of the City then retired.

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposals (Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4), of the New York Gas Light Company, the Metropolitan Gas Light Company, the Harlem Gas Light Company and the New York Mutual Gas Light Company, to light the public lamps in the parks, squares, places and bridges under the control of this Department, with gas, from May 1st to December 31st, 1878, both days inclusive, be accepted as the lowest bids for the several portions of the City mentioned in their proposals; that the contracts for said portions of the City be, and hereby are, awarded to said companies therefor, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said contracts for and on behalf of this Department.

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

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

Ayes—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT the Board adjourned at 9:45 o'clock A. M., to meet on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1878, at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

WM. IRWIN,

Secretary, D. P. P.

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